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THE FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS commenced on this day, conformably to the Constitution; and the Senate met in its Chamber in the city of Washington.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013

The Honorable JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., VICE PRESIDENT of the United States and President of the Senate, called the Senate to order at 12:01 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the VICE PRESIDENT led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

CREDENTIALS OF SENATOR-DESIGNATE FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of Timothy Eugene Scott, appointed by the Governor of the State of South Carolina on January 2, 2013 to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the unexpired term ending January 3, 2017.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of South Carolina, I, Nikki Randhawa Haley, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint Timothy Eugene Scott a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the resignation of James Warren DeMint, is filled by election provided by law.

Witness: Her excellency our governor, Nikki Randhawa Haley, and our seal hereto affixed at the capitol in the City of Columbia, State of South Carolina this 2nd day of January, in the year of our Lord 2013.

By the Governor:

NIKKI HALEY,
Governor.

MARK HAMMOND,
Secretary of State.

CREDENTIALS OF SENATORS-ELECT FOR SIX YEAR TERM

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of the following Senators-elect, duly chosen by the qualified electors of their respective States for the term of six-years beginning January 3, 2013; which were deemed read and ordered placed on file:

STATE OF WISCONSIN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM, UNITED STATES SENATOR,

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Tammy Baldwin was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor Scott Walker, and our seal hereto affixed at Madison this 6th day of December 2012.

By the Governor:

SCOTT WALKER,
Governor.

DOUGLAS LAFOLLETTE,
Secretary of State.

WYOMING
SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2012, John Barrasso was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our governor, Matthew H. Mead, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 15th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the governor:

MATTHEW H. MEAN,
Governor.

MAX MAXFIELD,
Secretary of State.

THE STATE OF OHIO
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
U.S. SENATOR

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2012, Sherrod Brown was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbus, Ohio, this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the governor:

JOHN R. KASICH,
Governor.

JON HUSTED,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF WASHINGTON
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that at the General Election held in the state of Washington on the 6th day of November, 2012, Maria Cantwell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the state of Washington as United States Senator from the State of Washington to represent the state of Washington in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor Christine Gregoire, and our seal hereto affixed at Olympia, Washington this 5th day of December, 2012.

By the Governor:

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE,
Governor.

SAM REED,

Secretary of State.

THE STATE OF MARYLAND
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Ben Cardin was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maryland a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Martin O'Malley and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Annapolis, this 12th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

MARTIN O'MALLEY,
Governor.

JOHN P. MCDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF DELAWARE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

To All Persons To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings:

Whereas, an election was held in the State of Delaware, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, in that behalf for the purpose of choosing by ballot a Senator for the people of said State in the United States Senate for the term of six years commencing January 3, 2013.

And Whereas, the official certificates or returns of said election, held in the several counties of the said State, in due manner made out, signed and executed, have been delivered to me according to the laws of the said State, by the Superior Court of said counties; and having examined said returns, and enumerated and ascertained the number of votes for each and every candidate or person voted for, for United States Senate, I have found Thomas R. Carper to be the person highest in vote, and therefore duly elected and chosen United States Senator of this State.

I, The Said Jack A. Markell, Governor aforesaid, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of this State in that behalf do hereby, therefore, declare, make known and certify that the said Thomas R. Carper has received the highest vote at the election aforesaid and therefore is the legally elected United States Senator for the State of Delaware.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the said State, the 5th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America two hundred thirty-seven.

By the Governor:

JACK A. MARKELL,
Governor.

JEFFREY W. BULLOCK,
Secretary of State.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
DECEMBER 10, 2012

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2012, Bob Casey, Jr. was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a United States Senator to represent Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Tom Corbett, and our seal hereto affixed at Harrisburg this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2012.

TOM CORBETT,
Governor.

CAROL AICHELE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify, that on the sixth day of November, 2012, Bob Corker was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Tennessee a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, Bill Haslam, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this fifth day of December, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.

By the Governor:

BILL HASLAM,
Governor.

TRE HARGETT,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF TEXAS
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Ted Cruz was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Texas, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor Rick Perry, and our seal hereto affixed at Austin, Texas this 6th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my Office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 6th day of December, 2012.

By the Governor:

RICK PERRY,
Governor.

JOHN STEEN,
Secretary of State.

THE STATE OF INDIANA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

Be it known by these presents:

Whereas, according to certified statements submitted by the Circuit Court Clerks of the several counties to the Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State of Indiana, and based upon tabulation of those statements performed by the Election Division, the canvass prepared by the Election Division states that at the General Election conducted on the sixth day of November, 2012, the electors chose Joe Donnelly to serve the People of the State of Indiana as United States Senator from Indiana.

Now, Therefore, in the Name of and by the Authority of the State of Indiana, I Certify the Following in Accordance With Title 2 United States Code Section 1:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November 2012, Joe Donnelly was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Indiana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr, and our seal hereto affixed at Indianapolis, this the twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012,

By the Governor:

MITCH DANIELS, JR.,
Governor.

CONNIE LAWSON,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States of America:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Dianne Feinstein was duly

chosen by the qualified electors of the State of California as a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 15th day of December 2012.

EDMUND G. BROWN, JR.,
Governor of California.

DEBRA BOWEN,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEBRASKA
CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012 Deb Fischer was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nebraska a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor Dave Heineman, and our seal hereto affixed at 2:30 p.m. this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

DAVE HEINEMAN,
Governor.

JOHN A. GALE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2012, Jeff Flake was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arizona a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning the 3rd day of January 2013.

Witness: His excellency the Acting Governor of Arizona, and the Great Seal of the State of Arizona hereto affixed at the Capitol in Phoenix this 3rd day of December 2012.

KEN BENNETT,
Acting Governor.

JIM DRAKE,
Acting Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

To the President of the Senate:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand twelve, Kirsten E. Gillibrand was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New York a Senator from said State to represent the State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand thirteen.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and our seal hereto affixed at Albany, New York, this tenth day of December in the year two thousand twelve.

By the Governor:

ANDREW CUOMO,
Governor,

CESAR A. PERALES,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF UTAH
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2012, Orrin G. Hatch was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Utah a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor Gary R. Herbert, and our seal hereto affixed at Salt Lake City, this 26th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

GARY R. HERBERT,
Governor.

GREG BELL,
Lieutenant Governor.

THE CANVASSING BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Martin T. Heinrich was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Mexico a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor Susana Martinez and our seal hereto affixed at Santa Fe this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

SUSANA MARTINEZ,
Governor.

DIANNA J. DURAN,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2012, Heidi Heitkamp was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of North Dakota a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2013.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands in the Capitol City of Bismarck this 9th day of November 2012, and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota.

JACK DALRYMPLE,
Governor.

ALVIN A. JAEGER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEVADA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of United States:

This is to certify that on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, 2012, Dean Heller was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nevada a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Now, therefore, I Brian Sandoval, Governor of the State of Nevada, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, and do hereby Commission him, the said Dean Heller, as a Member of the United States Senate, and authorize him to discharge the duties of said office according to law, and to hold and enjoy the same, together with all powers, privileges and emoluments thereunto appertaining.

In Testimony Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol at Carson City, Nevada on this 10th day of December, two thousand twelve.

BRIAN SANDOVAL,
Governor of the State of Nevada.

ROSS MULER,
Secretary of the State of Nevada.

STATE OF HAWAII
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2012, Mazie Hirono was duly chosen by the qualified election of the State of Hawaii a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years,

beginning at noon on the 3rd day of January 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Neil Abercrombie, and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu this 26th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

NEIL ABERCROMBIE,
Governor.

SCOTT T. NAGO,
Chief Election Officer.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Timothy Kaine was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Robert F. McDonnell and our seal hereto affixed at Richmond, Virginia, this 12th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2012.

ROBERT F. MCDONNELL,
Governor of Virginia.

JANET VESTAL KELLY,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

STATE OF MAINE

Greeting:

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

Know Ye, That This is to certify that on the sixth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, Angus King was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maine, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, in the year Two Thousand and thirteen.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Paul R. LePage, and our seal hereto affixed at Augusta, Maine this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twelve.

By the Governor:

PAUL R. LEPAGE,
Governor.

CHARLES E. SUMMERS, JR.,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2012, Amy Klobuchar was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Minnesota a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor Mark Dayton, and our seal hereto affixed at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 10th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

MARK DAYTON,
Governor.

MARK RITCHIE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, Two Thousand Twelve, Joe Manchin III was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of West Virginia, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the third day of January, Two Thousand Thirteen.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Earl Ray Tomblin, and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.

By the Governor:

EARL RAY TOMBLIN,
Governor.

NATALIE TENNANT,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MISSOURI
GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Claire McCaskill was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Missouri a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Jefferson this 10th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON,
Governor.

ROBIN CARNAHAN,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November 2012, Robert Menendez, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2013.

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventh day of December two thousand and twelve.

By the Governor:

CHRIS CHRISTIE,
Governor.

KIMBERLY M. GUADAGNO,
Lt. Governor/Secretary of State.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

This is to Certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand and twelve Christopher S. Murphy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Connecticut as Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January two thousand and thirteen.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, Daniel P. Malloy and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.

DANNEL P. MALLOY,
Governor.

DENISE MERRILL,
Secretary of the State.

STATE OF FLORIDA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Bill Nelson was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Florida from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Rick Scott, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

RICK SCOTT,
Governor.

KEN DETZNER,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF VERMONT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To The President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Bernie Sanders was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Vermont to be a Senator from Vermont to represent Vermont in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: Governor Peter Shumlin this 13th day of December, 2012.

PETER SHUMLIN,
Governor.

JIM CONDOS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Debbie Stabenow was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Michigan a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 6th day of December, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Twelve.

By the Governor:

RICHARD D. SNYDER,
Governor.

RUTH JOHNSON,
Secretary of State.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE

I, Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that Jon Tester was duly chosen on November 6th, 2012, by the qualified electors of the State of Montana as a United States Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States Senate. The six-year term commences on January 3rd, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Brian Schweitzer, and the official seal hereunto affixed at the City of Helena, the Capital, this 28th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor.

LINDA MCCULLOCH,
Secretary of State.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand and twelve Elizabeth A. Warren was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Senator from said Commonwealth to represent said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand and thirteen.

Witness: His Excellency, the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, and our seal hereto affixed at Boston, this twenty-eighth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.

DEVAL L. PATRICK,
By His Excellency, the Governor.

WILLIAM F. GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE,
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Sheldon Whitehouse was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our governor Lincoln D. Chafee, and our seal hereto affixed at Providence this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the governor:

LINCOLN D. CHAFEE,
Governor.

A. RALPH MOLLIS,
Secretary of State

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

In the name of the State of Mississippi, I, Phil Bryant, acting under the authority vested in the Governor, upon proper evidence received at the Office of the Secretary of State, do hereby certify that on the 6th day of November, Two Thousand Twelve Roger F. Wicker was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Mississippi a SENATOR from this State to represent the State of Mississippi in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, Two Thousand Thirteen.

Given Under My Hand, and our seal affixed hereto, at the City of Jackson, this the 3rd day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.

Attest:

PHIL BRYANT,
Governor.

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.,
Secretary of State.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO SENATORS-ELECT AND SENATORS-DESIGNATE

The following named Senator-Designate and Senators-Elect, whose credentials were this day laid before the Senate, appeared; and the oath of office prescribed by law having been administered to them by the VICE PRESIDENT, and subscribed by them, they took their seats in the Senate:

Ms. TAMMY BALDWIN, from the State of Wisconsin,

Mr. JOHN BARRASSO, from the State of Wyoming,

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio,

Ms. MARIA CANTWELL, from the State of Washington,

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland,

Mr. THOMAS R. CARPER, from the State of Delaware,

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

Mr. BOB CORKER, from the State of Tennessee,

Mr. TED CRUZ, from the State of Texas,

Mr. JOE DONNELLY, from the State of Indiana,

Mrs. DIANNE FEINSTEIN, from the State of California,

Mrs. DEB FISCHER, from the State of Nebraska,

Mr. JEFF FLAKE, from the State of Arizona,

Mrs. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, from the State of New York,

Mr. ORRIN G. HATCH, from the State of Utah,

Mr. MARTIN HEINRICH, from the State of New Mexico,

Ms. HEIDI HEITKAMP, from the State of North Dakota,

Mr. DEAN HELLER, from the State of Nevada,

Ms. MAZIE K. HIRONO, from the State of Hawaii,

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Mr. ANGUS S. KING, JR., from the State of Maine,

Ms. AMY KLOBUCHAR, from the State of Minnesota,

Mr. JOE MANCHIN III, from the State of West Virginia,

Mrs. CLAIRE MCCASKILL, from the State of Missouri,

Mr. ROBERT MENENDEZ, from the State of New Jersey,

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut,

Mr. BILL NELSON, from the State of Florida,

Mr. BERNARD SANDERS, from the State of Vermont,

Mr. TIM SCOTT, from the State of South Carolina,

Ms. DEBBIE STABENOW, from the State of Michigan,

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana,

Ms. ELIZABETH WARREN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,

Mr. ROGER F. WICKER, from the State of Mississippi.

QUESTION OF A QUORUM

Mr. REID raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The VICE PRESIDENT directed the roll to be called;

When

Eighty-four Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 1]

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kaine, Kerry, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

The VICE PRESIDENT announced that a quorum is present.

ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS

The foregoing 90 responding Senators signified their attendance in the Senate at the first session of the 113th Congress on this day.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT THAT A QUORUM OF EACH HOUSE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 1) informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 1,

The VICE PRESIDENT appointed Mr. REID and Mr. MCCONNELL to join a committee of two Senators to join such Committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 2) informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR THE COUNTING OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) to provide for the counting on January 4, 2013, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 3) fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORITIES FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DURATION OF THE 113TH CONGRESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That for the duration of the 113th Congress, the Select Committee on Ethics be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 113th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any rollcall vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7 1/2 minutes, and when rollcall votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded of the last 7 1/2 minutes;

Ordered further, That, during the 113th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate;

Ordered further, That, the majority and minority leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of, the Journal;

Ordered further, That, the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives and his four assistants be given the privileges of the floor during the 113th Congress;

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific

request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed;

Ordered further, That, the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 113th Congress to file reports during adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend rule XVI, pursuant to rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 113th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 113th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and, with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions, messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 113th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows:

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 113th Congress; it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day; and

Ordered further, That, for the remainder of the 113th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

ORDER FOR INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the first day for introduction of bills and joint resolutions for the 113th Congress be on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RESOLUTION OVER, UNDER THE RULE

Mr. TOM UDALL (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. MERKLEY) asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider a resolution (S. Res. 4) to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process, intended to be proposed by him.

Mr. ALEXANDER objected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HAGAN in the chair) stated that the (proposed) resolution would go over under the rule.

RESOLUTION OVER, UNDER THE RULE

Mr. TOM UDALL for Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider a resolution (S. Res. 5) to modify extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process, intended to be proposed by Mr. HARKIN.

Mr. ALEXANDER objected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that the (proposed) resolution would go over under the rule.

RESOLUTION OVER, UNDER THE RULE

Mr. MERKLEY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider a resolution (S. Res. 6) to modify extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process, intended to be proposed by him.

Mr. ALEXANDER objected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that the (proposed) resolution would go over under the rule.

RESOLUTION OVER, UNDER THE RULE

Mr. MERKLEY (for Mr. LAUTENBERG) asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider a resolution (S. Res. 7) to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased, intended to be proposed by Mr. Lautenberg.

Mr. ALEXANDER objected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that the (proposed) resolution would go over under the rule.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

At 1:08 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 4:08 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1. A communication from the Director of Legal Affairs and Policy, Office of the Federal Register, National Archives, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Certificates of Ascertainment of the electors of the President and Vice President of the United States; ordered to lie on the table.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 1. A resolution informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 2. A resolution informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 3. A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 4. A resolution to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process; submitted and read.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI)):

S. Res. 5. A resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate; submitted and read.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. Res. 6. A resolution to modify extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process; submitted and read.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 7. A resolution to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased; submitted and read.

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

S. Con. Res. 1. A concurrent resolution to provide for the counting on January 4, 2013, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 2. A concurrent resolution extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 3. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 1, resolving that Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives, and that Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida, be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, and that Daniel J. Strodel of the District of Columbia, be, and is hereby chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, and that Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Florida, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 2, resolving that the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, that JOHN A. BOEHNER, a Representative from the State of Ohio, has been elected SPEAKER, and Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress.

The message further announced that a committee of two Members be appointed by the SPEAKER on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

COMMUNICATION TRANSMITTING CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE FINAL ASCERTAINMENT OF ELECTORS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a communication from the Director of the National Archives, transmitting, pursuant to law, certified copies of the final ascertainment of the Electors for President and Vice President, which was ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERS FOR RECESS UNTIL 12:30 P.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it recess until 12:30 p.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following the remarks of the leaders, the Senate recess for a joint session for the counting of electoral votes.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 4:09 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, under its order of today, until 12:30 p.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2013

(Legislative day of Thursday, January 3, 2013)

Mr. TOM UDALL, from the State of New Mexico, called the Senate to order at 12:30 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TOM UDALL led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. TOM UDALL took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

LEADER TIME RESERVED

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair, to reassemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives to conduct a joint session for counting of electoral votes; and that, upon dissolution of the joint session, the Senate reassemble in its Chamber.

JOINT SESSION FOR COUNTING OF ELECTORAL VOTES

Pursuant to the foregoing order, and the provisions of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) to provide for the counting on January 4, 2013, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States,

At 12:33 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair; and

The Senate proceeded in a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of counting the electoral ballots for President and Vice President of the United States; and

The two Houses being assembled,

At 1:06 p.m.,

The VICE PRESIDENT called the joint session to order.

The certificates of the electors of the several States and the District of Columbia for President and Vice President were opened by the President of the Senate and handed to the tellers appointed for the purpose who, having read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, made a list thereof; and the votes having been ascertained and counted, the result was delivered to the President of the Senate as follows:

The undersigned, CHARLES E. SCHUMER and LAMAR ALEXANDER, tellers on the part of the Senate, CANDICE S. MILLER and ROBERT A. BRADY, tellers on the part of the House of Representatives, report the following as the result of the ascertainment and counting of the electoral vote for President and Vice President of the United States for the term beginning on the twentieth day of January, two thousand and thirteen:

Electoral votes of each State	For President		For Vice President	
	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Joseph Biden	Paul Ryan
Alabama—9	.....	9	.....	9
Alaska—3	.....	3	.....	3
Arizona—11	.....	11	.....	11
Arkansas—6	.....	6	.....	6
California—55	55	.....	55	.....
Colorado—9	9	.....	9	.....
Connecticut—7	7	.....	7	.....
Delaware—3	3	.....	3	.....
District of Columbia—3	3	.....	3	.....
Florida—29	29	.....	29	.....
Georgia—16	.....	16	.....	16
Hawaii—4	4	.....	4	.....
Idaho—4	.....	4	.....	4
Illinois—20	20	.....	20	.....
Indiana—11	.....	11	.....	11
Iowa—6	6	.....	6	.....
Kansas—6	.....	6	.....	6
Kentucky—8	.....	8	.....	8
Louisiana—8	.....	8	.....	8
Maine—4	4	.....	4	.....
Maryland—10	10	.....	10	.....
Massachusetts—11	11	.....	11	.....
Michigan—16	16	.....	16	.....
Minnesota—10	10	.....	10	.....
Mississippi—6	.....	6	.....	6
Missouri—10	.....	10	.....	10
Montana—3	.....	3	.....	3
Nebraska—5	.....	5	.....	5
Nevada—6	6	.....	6	.....
New Hampshire—4	4	.....	4	.....
New Jersey—14	14	.....	14	.....
New Mexico—5	5	.....	5	.....
New York—29	29	.....	29	.....
North Carolina—15	.....	15	.....	15
North Dakota—3	.....	3	.....	3
Ohio—18	18	.....	18	.....
Oklahoma—7	.....	7	.....	7
Oregon—7	7	.....	7	.....
Pennsylvania—20	20	.....	20	.....
Rhode Island—4	4	.....	4	.....
South Carolina—9	.....	9	.....	9
South Dakota—3	.....	3	.....	3
Tennessee—11	.....	11	.....	11
Texas—38	.....	38	.....	38
Utah—6	.....	6	.....	6
Vermont—3	3	.....	3	.....
Virginia—13	13	.....	13	.....
Washington—12	12	.....	12	.....
West Virginia—5	.....	5	.....	5
Wisconsin—10	10	.....	10	.....
Wyoming—3	.....	3	.....	3
Total—538	.....	.....	.....	.....

CHARLES E. SCHUMER,
LAMAR ALEXANDER,
Tellers on the part of the Senate.
CANDICE S. MILLER,
ROBERT A. BRADY,
Tellers on the part of the House of Representatives.

The VICE PRESIDENT and PRESIDENT of the Senate made the following announcement:

"The whole number of the electors appointed to vote for President of the United States is 538, of which a majority is 270.

"Barack Obama of the State of Illinois has received for President of the United States 332 votes.

"Mitt Romney of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has received 206 votes.

"The state of the vote for Vice President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows:

"The whole number of the electors appointed to vote for Vice President of the United States is 538, of which a majority is 270.

"JOSEPH BIDEN of the State of Delaware has received for Vice President of the United States 332 votes.

"Paul Ryan of the State of Wisconsin has received 206 votes.

"This announcement of the state of the vote by the President of the Senate shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected President and Vice President of the United States each for the term beginning on the 20th day of January, 2013, and shall be entered, together with the list of the votes, on the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives.

"The purpose of the joint session having been concluded, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, 113th Congress, the Chair declares the joint session dissolved."

(Thereupon, at 1:29 p.m., the joint session of the two Houses of Congress dissolved.)

AT 1:56 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 41. An act to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the National Flood Insurance Program.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 1. Concurrent resolution to provide for the counting on January 4, 2013, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

S. Con. Res. 2. Concurrent resolution extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

S. Con. Res. 3. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 1. Concurrent resolution regarding consent to assemble outside the seat of government.

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. BRADY of Texas and Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

TEMPORARILY INCREASING THE BORROWING AUTHORITY OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 41) to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the National Flood Insurance Program, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, from today through Monday, January 21, 2013, he be authorized

to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it recess until 11:30 a.m. on Monday, January 21, 2013, as pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 3, for the Joint Session for the Inaugural Ceremonies; that, upon conclusion of said ceremonies, the Senate then recess until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2013; that, on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that following the remarks of the leaders, the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 2:11 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 3, until 11:30 a.m. on Monday, January 21, 2013.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2013

(Legislative day of Thursday, January 3, 2013)

ATTENDANCE AT INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Pursuant to the provisions of the order of Friday, January 4, 2013,

The Senate was considered convened at 11:26 a.m. in joint session on the inaugural platform at the west front of the Capitol to attend the ceremonies arranged, under authority of Senate Concurrent Resolution 35 (112th Congress), for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

Hon. Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, administered to the Vice President-elect, Hon. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., the oath of office prescribed by law.

The oath of office prescribed by the Constitution having been administrated by the Hon. John G. Roberts, Jr., Chief Justice of the United States, to the President-elect, Hon. Barack Hussein Obama, he thereupon delivered the following address:

"Vice President BIDEN, Mr. Chief Justice, Members of the U.S. Congress, distinguished guests, and fellow citizens, each time we gather to inaugurate a President, we bear witness to the enduring strength of our Constitution. We affirm the promise of our democracy. We recall that what binds this Nation together are not the colors of our skin or the tenets of our faith or the origins of our names. What makes us exceptional—what makes us American—is our allegiance to an idea, articulated in a declaration made more than two centuries ago:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

"Today we continue a never-ending journey to bridge the meaning of those words with the realities of our time, for history tells us that while these truths may be self-evident, they have never been self-executing; that while freedom is a gift from God, it must be secured by His people here on Earth.

"The patriots of 1776 did not fight to replace the tyranny of a king with the privileges of a few or the rule of a mob. They gave to us a republic, a government of and by and for the people, entrusting each generation to keep safe our founding creed. For more than 200 years, we have. Through blood drawn by lash and blood drawn by sword, we learned that no union founded on the principles of liberty and equality could survive half slave and half free. We made ourselves anew and vowed to move forward together. Together, we determined that a modern economy requires railroads and highways to speed travel and commerce; schools and colleges to train our workers. Together, we discovered that a free market only thrives when there are rules to ensure competition and fair play. Together, we resolve that a great nation must care for the vulnerable and protect its people from life's worst hazards and misfortunes. Through it all, we have never relinquished our skepticism of central authority, nor have we succumbed to the fiction that all society's ills can be cured through government alone. Our celebration of initiative and enterprise, our insistence on hard work and personal responsibility, these are constants in our character.

"We have always understood that when times change, so must we; that fidelity to our founding principles requires new responses to new challenges; that preserving our individual freedoms ultimately requires collective action, for the American people can no more meet the demands of today's world by acting alone than American soldiers could have met the forces of fascism or communism with muskets and militias. No single person can train all the math and science teachers we will need to equip our children for the future or build the roads and networks and research labs that will bring new jobs to our shores. Now, more than ever, we must do these things together as one Nation and one people.

"This generation of Americans has been tested by crises that steeled our resolve and proved our resilience. A decade of war is now ending.

"An economic recovery has begun.

"America's possibilities are limitless, for we possess all the qualities this world without boundaries demands: youth and drive, diversity and openness, an endless capacity for risk, and a gift for reinvention.

"My fellow Americans, we are made for this moment, and we will seize it so long as we seize it together.

"For we, the People, understand that our country cannot succeed when a shrinking few do very well and a growing many barely make it.

"We believe America's prosperity must rest upon the broad shoulders of a rising middle class. We know America thrives when every person can find independence and pride in their work, when the wages of honest labor liberate families from the brink of hardship. We are true to our creed when a little girl born into the bleakest poverty knows she has the same chance to succeed as anybody else because she is an American, she is free, and she is equal, not just in the eyes of God but also in our own.

"We understand outworn programs are inadequate to the needs of our time. We must harness new ideas in technology to remake our government, revamp our Tax Code, reform our schools, and empower our citizens with the skills they need to work harder, learn more, and reach higher. But while the means will change, our purpose endures. A nation that rewards the effort and determination of every single American, that is what this moment requires. That is what will give real meaning to our creed.

"We, the people, still believe that every citizen deserves a basic measure of security and dignity. We must make the hard choices to reduce the cost of health care and the size of our deficit. But we reject the belief that America must choose between caring for the generation that built this country and investing in the generation that will build its future.

"For we remember the lessons of our past, when twilight years were spent in poverty and parents of a child with a disability had

nowhere to turn. We do not believe, in this country, freedom is reserved for the lucky or happiness for the few. We recognize that no matter how responsibly we live our lives, any one of us, at any time, may face a job loss or a sudden illness or a home swept away in a terrible storm. The commitments we make to each other, through Medicare and Medicaid and Social Security, these things do not sap our Nation; they strengthen us.

"They do not make us a nation of takers; they free us to take the risks that make this country great.

"We, the people, still believe our obligations as Americans are not just to ourselves but to all posterity. We will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing the failure to do so would betray our children and future generations.

"Some may still deny the overwhelming judgment of science, but none can avoid the devastating impact of raging fires and crippling drought and more powerful storms. The path toward sustainable energy sources will be long and sometimes difficult, but America cannot resist this transition; we must lead it. We cannot cede to other Nations the technology that will power new jobs and new industries; we must claim its promise. That is how we will maintain our economic vitality and our national treasure, our forests and waterways, our croplands and snow-capped peaks. That is how we will preserve our planet, commanded to our care by God. That is what will lend meaning to the creed our Fathers once declared.

"We, the people, still believe that enduring security and lasting peace do not require perpetual war. Our brave men and women in uniform, tempered by the flames of battle, are unmatched in skill and courage. Our citizens, seared by the memory of those we have lost, know too well the price that is paid for liberty. The knowledge of their sacrifice will keep us forever vigilant against those who would do us harm. But we are also heirs to those who won the peace and not just the war, who turned sworn enemies into the surest of friends, and we must carry those lessons into this time as well.

"We will defend our people and uphold our values through strength of arms and rule of law. We will show the courage to try and resolve our differences with other Nations peacefully, not because we are naive about the dangers we face but because engagement can more durably lift suspicion and fear.

"America will remain the anchor of strong alliances in every corner of the globe, and we will renew those institutions that extend our capacity to manage crisis abroad, for no one has a greater stake in a peaceful world than its most powerful Nation. We will support democracy from Asia to Africa, from the Americas to the Middle East, because our interests and our conscience compel us to act on behalf of those who long for freedom. We must be a source of hope to the poor, the sick, the marginalized, the victims of prejudice, not out of mere charity but because peace in our time requires the constant advance of those principles that our common creed describes: tolerance and opportunity, human dignity and justice.

"We, the people, declare today that the most evident of truths, that all of us are created equal, is the star that guides us still, just as it guided our forebears through Seneca Falls and Selma and Stonewall, just as it guided all those men and women, sung and unsung, who left footprints along this great Mall to hear a preacher say we cannot walk alone, to hear a "King" proclaim that our individual freedom is inextricably bound to the freedom of every soul on Earth.

"It is now our generation's task to carry on what those pioneers began, for our journey is not complete until our wives, our mothers, and daughters can earn a living equal to their efforts.

"Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law, for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well.

"Our journey is not complete until no citizen is forced to wait for hours to exercise the right to vote. Our journey is not complete until we find a better way to welcome the striving, hopeful immigrants who still see America as a land of opportunity; until bright young students and engineers are enlisted in our workforce rather than expelled from our country.

"Our journey is not complete until all our children, from the streets of Detroit to the hills of Appalachia, to the quiet lanes of Newtown, know they are cared for and cherished and always safe from harm. That is our generation's task—to make these words, these rights, these values of life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness real for every American.

"Being true to our founding documents does not require us to agree on every contour of life. It does not mean we will all define liberty in exactly the same way or follow the same precise path to happiness. Progress does not compel us to settle centuries-long debates about the role of government for all time, but it does require us to act in our time.

"For now decisions are upon us, and we cannot afford delay. We cannot mistake absolutism for principle or substitute spectacle for politics or treat name-calling as reasoned debate. We must act, knowing our work will be imperfect. We must act, knowing today's victories will be only partial and that it will be up to those who stand here in 4 years and 40 years and 400 years hence to advance the timeless spirit once conferred to us in a spare Philadelphia hall.

"My fellow Americans, the oath I have sworn before you today, similar to the one recited by others who serve in this Capitol, was an oath to God and country, not party or faction, and we must faithfully execute that pledge during the duration of our service. But the words I spoke today are not so different from the oath that is taken each time a soldier signs up for duty or an immigrant realizes her dream. My oath is not so different from the pledge we all make to the flag that waves above and that fills our hearts with pride. They are the words of citizens and they represent our greatest hope.

"You and I, as citizens, have the power to set this country's course. You and I, as citizens, have the obligation to shape the debates of our time, not only with the votes we cast but with the voices we lift in defense of our most ancient values and enduring ideals. Let each of us now embrace, with solemn duty and awesome joy, what is our lasting birthright. With common effort and common purpose, with passion and dedication, let us answer the call of history and carry into an uncertain future that precious light of freedom.

"Thank you. God bless you, and may He forever bless these United States of America."

CONCLUSION OF INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Upon conclusion of the inaugural ceremonies,

At 12:31 p.m.,

The Joint Session was considered dissolved; and

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 4, 2013,

At 12:31 p.m.,

The Senate was considered recessed until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013

(Legislative day of Thursday, January 3, 2013)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 4, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

LEADER TIME RESERVED

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 4, 2013,

The times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 4, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 4, 2013, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 41. An act to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the National Flood Insurance Program.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bill was subsequently signed on January 4, 2013 by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluroxypyr; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9371-1), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contracting Activity Updates" ((RIN0750-AH81)(DFARS Case 2012-D045)), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Definition of Cost or Pricing Data" ((RIN0750-AH49)(DFARS Case 2011-D040)), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of four (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general and brigadier general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general and brigadier general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-11. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice and Procedure; Rules of Practice and Procedure in Adjudicatory Proceedings; Civil Money Penalty Inflation Adjustments" (RIN1557-AD61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-12. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lending Limits" (RIN1557-AD59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-13. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations" (RIN1557-AD60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-14. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the steps that the Federal Trade Commission has taken over the previous years to ensure compliance by payment card network companies with section 1075 of Dodd-Frank regulations promulgated thereunder; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-15. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-16. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Annual Report to Congress on Human Capital Planning"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-17. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Certification of Commercial and Industrial HVAC, Refrigeration and Water Heating Equipment" (RIN1904-AC90), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-18. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Energy

Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Residential Furnaces and Boilers (Standby Mode and Off Mode)" (RIN1904-AC44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-19. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for calendar year 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-20. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado; Revisions to New Source Review Rules" (FRL No. 9762-5), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-21. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; New Hampshire; Redesignation of the Southern New Hampshire 1997 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9768-7), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-22. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Smoke Management Requirements for Mandatory Class I Areas under 40 CFR 51. 309" (FRL No. 9636-6), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-23. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters" (FRL No. 9676-8), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-24. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9761-8), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-25. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide 4.22: 'Decommissioning Planning During Operations'" (RIN3150-AI55), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-26. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Issued at a Premium; Bond Premium Carryforward" (RIN1545-BK45 and RIN1545-BL29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-27. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure or Use of Information by Preparers of Returns" (RIN1545-BI85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-28. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System" (Revenue Procedure 2013-12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-29. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report on the continued compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan with the 1974 Trade Act's freedom of emigration provisions, as required under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-30. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of a manufacturing license agreement pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-120); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-31. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-164); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-32. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-155); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-33. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-153); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-34. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-174); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-35. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-142); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-36. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-159); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-37. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the International Labor Organization Recommendations concerning National Floors of Social Protection (No. 202), adopted by the 101st session of the International Labor Conference at Geneva; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-38. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to amendment to parts 120 and 126 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-39. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting,

pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-40. A communication from the Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criteria and Procedures for Proposed Assessment of Civil Penalties; Inflation Adjustment" (RIN1219-AB81), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-41. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2012 report (covering trade in calendar year 2011) relative to the impact of the Andean Trade Preference Act on U.S. trade and employment; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-42. A communication from the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the certification that the Department of Homeland Security has developed a plan for achieving a drug-free workplace; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-43. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-44. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Statistical Programs of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-45. A communication from the Acting Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of Privacy Act System of Records of the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) 'FBI Data Warehouse System, (JUSTICE/FBI-022)'" (CPCLO Order No. 014-2021), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-46. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuing need for bankruptcy judgeships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-47. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States Commission on Civil Rights renewing the charter of its federal advisory committees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-48. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-49. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-50. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayments for Medications in 2013" (RIN2900-AO58), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-51. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-486, "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Protection Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-52. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-487, "Driver Privacy Protection Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-53. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-489, "Comprehensive Impaired Driving and Alcohol Testing Program Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-54. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-490, "District Department of Transportation Accessible Vehicles Fund Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-55. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-491, "Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-56. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-512, "District of Columbia Official Code Title 29 Technical and Harmonizing Amendments Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-57. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-513, "Technology Sector Enhancement Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-58. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-514, "District Department of Transportation Parking Meter Fund Establishment Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-59. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-515, "Reckless Driving Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-60. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-516, "Allen Chapel A.M.E. Senior Residential Rental Project Property Tax Exemption Clarification Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-61. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-517, "Extension of Time to Dispose of the Eastern Avenue Property Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-62. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-518, "Extension of Time to Dispose of the Strand Theater Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-63. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of

Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-519, "General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes for Fiscal Years 2013-2018 Authorization Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-64. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-520, "Processing Sales Tax Clarifying Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-65. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-521, "Income Tax Withholding Statements Electronic Submission Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-66. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-522, "Clarification of Personal Property Tax Revenue Reporting Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-67. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-523, "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Time Delay Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-68. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-524, "Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-69. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-534, "Employee Transportation Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION

The following bills and joint resolution were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1. A bill to reform America's broken immigration system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2. A bill to reduce violence and protect the citizens of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 3. A bill to improve education and provide all students in the United States with the opportunity to succeed; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. COONS):

S. 4. A bill to create jobs and strengthen our economy by rebuilding our Nation's infrastructure; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 5. A bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COONS, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 6. A bill to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. COONS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 7. A bill to improve the resilience of the United States to extreme weather events and to prevent the worsening of extreme weather conditions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 8. A bill expressing the sense of the Senate on the need to enact legislation to eliminate wasteful tax loopholes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COONS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 9. A bill to strengthen our Nation's electoral system by ensuring clean and fair elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 10. A bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. COONS):

S. 21. A bill to secure the United States against cyber attack, to improve communication and collaboration between the private sector and the Federal Government, to enhance American

competitiveness and create jobs in the information technology industry, and to protect the identities and sensitive information of American citizens and businesses; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 22. A bill to establish background check procedures for gun shows; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 23. A bill to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 24. A bill to lower health premiums and increase choice for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 25. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 26. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 27. A bill to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 28. A bill to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 29. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 30. A bill to prevent the 2013 pay adjustment of persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government from being made and to prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year there is a budget deficit; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 31. A bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 32. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MURPHY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 33. A bill to prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 34. A bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 35. A bill to require face to face purchases of ammunition, to require licensing of ammunition dealers, and to require reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 36. A bill for the relief of Alemseghed Mussie Tesfamical; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 37. A bill to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 38. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 39. A bill to improve the health of Americans and reduce health care costs by reorienting the Nation's health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BURR, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COATS, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 40. A bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 41. A bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 42. A bill to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 43. A bill to require that any debt limit increase be balanced by equal spending cuts of the next decade; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 44. A bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 45. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. HELLER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. RISCH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 46. A bill to protect Social Security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COONS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 47. A bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; read the first time.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 48. A bill for the relief of Genesio Januario Oliveira; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 49. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 50. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 51. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 52. A bill to improve the energy and water efficiency of Federal buildings; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 53. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants to individuals that may be affected by a reported disease cluster; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 54. A bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 55. A bill to prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 56. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the credit for employers establishing workplace child care facilities, to increase the child care credit to encourage greater use of quality child care services, to provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities, and to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 57. A bill to establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt limit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 58. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 59. A bill to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 60. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Western States Trail for potential designation as a national historic trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 61. A bill to include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COONS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 62. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions and to make additional contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. COONS):

S. 63. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor to establish the Made In America Incentive Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE:

S.J. Res. 1. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

SENATE RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 4, a resolution to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 7

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 7, a resolution to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 22, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 152. An act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 219. An act to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 113th Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Mr. BOEHNER of Ohio, Mr. CANTOR of Virginia, and Ms. PELOSI of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Chairman.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Co-Chairman.

ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS

Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COATS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG attended the session of the Senate on today.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 4, 2013, as modified,

At 12:38 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, introduced today by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COONS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 152) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it recess until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein, until 12 noon.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 7:02 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013

(Legislative day of Thursday, January 3, 2013)

Ms. HEIDI HEITKAMP, from the State of North Dakota, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. HEITKAMP led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 23, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HEIDI HEITKAMP, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. HEITKAMP took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

LEADER TIME RESERVED

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-70. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval, Disapproval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Regional Haze Rule Requirements for Mandatory Class I Areas Under 40 CFR 51.309; Correction" (FRL No. 9771-9), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-71. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment for the San Francisco Bay Area Nonattainment Area for the 2006 Fine Particle Standard; California; Determination Regarding Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements" (FRL No. 9766-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-72. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment for the Nogales Nonattainment Area for the 2006 Fine Particle Standard; Arizona; Determination Regarding Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements" (FRL No. 9766-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-73. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Diego APCD, Northern Sierra AQMD, and Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD" (FRL No. 9732-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-74. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(I), Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Asbestos Management and Control; State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services" (FRL No. 9697-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-75. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Nevada; Redesignation of Clark County to Attainment for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9766-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-76. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment for the Yuba City-Marysville Nonattainment Area for the 2006 Fine Particle Standard; California; Determination Regarding Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements" (FRL No. 9768-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-77. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination to Stay Sanctions, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9766-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-78. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Substantial Inadequacy of Implementation Plan; Call for California State Implementation Plan Revision; South Coast" (FRL No. 9767-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-79. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units: Reconsideration and Final Amendments; Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials That Are Solid Waste: Final Rule" (FRL No. 9764-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-80. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry and Standards of Performance for Portland Cement Plants" (FRL No. 9758-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-81. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers" (FRL No. 9698-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-82. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9760-4), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-83. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Control of Sulfur Emissions from Stationary Boilers" (FRL No. 9772-6), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-84. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9755-9), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-85. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Purposes; Alabama; Redesignation of the Birmingham 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9771-2), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-86. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans;

Massachusetts and New Hampshire; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL No. 9754-6), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-87. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Alabama; Redesignation of the Birmingham 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9771-1), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-88. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labeling of Pesticide Products and Devices for Export; Clarification of Requirements" (FRL No. 9360-8), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-89. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines; New Source Performance Standards for Stationary Internal Combustion Engines" (RIN2060-AQ58), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-90. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; Revision to Increase Public Availability of the Administrative Record File" (FRL No. 9772-9), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-91. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Infrastructure and Interstate Transport Requirements for 2006 PM2. 5NAAQS" (FRL No. 9770-9), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-92. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Requirements for Determining General Conformity of Federal Actions to Applicable State Implementation Plans" (FRL No. 9770-4), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-93. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Reasonably Available Control Technology Requirements for Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 9770-6), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-94. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Findings of Failure to Submit a Complete State Implementation Plan for Section 110(a) Pertaining to the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9769-4), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-95. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Revisions to the New Source Review (NSR) State Implementation Plan (SIP); Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR) Permitting" (FRL No. 9770-8), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-96. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Enforcement, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dispositioning Boiling Water Reactor Licensee Noncompliance with Technical Specification Containment Requirements During Operations with a Potential for Draining the Reactor Vessel" (EGM 11-003, Rev 1), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-97. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Enforcement, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dispositioning Violations of NRC Requirements Implementing the Decommisioning Planning Rule" (EGM 12-002), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-98. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Enforcement, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment for RISK-INFORMED LICENSE Amendment Requests After Initial Fuel Load (ADAMS) Accession No. ML12193A107" (Updating SRP NUREG-0800 Guidance to Chapter 19.1 Rev. 3), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-99. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Enforcement, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Performing a Tsunami, Surge, or Seiche Hazard Assessment" (JLD-ISG-2012006), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-100. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2011 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-101. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Golden Nematode; Removal of Regulated Areas in Livingston and Steuben Counties, NY" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0079), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-102. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service,

Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Traceability for Livestock Moving Interstate" ((RIN0579-AD24)(Docket No. APHIS-2009-0091)), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-103. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Microloan Operating Loans" (RIN0560-AI17), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-104. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Epoxy Polymer; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9369-7), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-105. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spiromesifen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9374-3), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-106. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; New Qualifying Country--Poland" ((RIN0750-AH82)-(DFARS Case 2011-D049)), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-107. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the U.S. Army Audit Agency's review of an audit of the American National Red Cross's Annual Statement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-108. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed change by the Air Force Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2011 National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation (NGREA) procurement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-109. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-110. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Foreign Exchange Swaps and Foreign Exchange Forwards Under the Commodity Exchange Act" received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-111. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-112. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lost Security Holders and Unresponsive Payees" (RIN3235-AL11), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-113. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Persons From the Entity List Based on Removal Request; Implementation of Entity List Annual Review Changes; and Implementation of Modifications and Corrections to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AF82), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-114. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Existing Validated End User Authorizations: Advanced Micro Devices China, Inc., Lam Research Corporation, SK hynix Semiconductor (China) Ltd., and SK hynix Semiconductor (Wuxi) Ltd. in the People's Republic of China; Clarification of Scope of Entries in Supplement No. 7 to Part 748 of the EAR" (RIN0694-AF84), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-115. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Chile; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-116. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to South Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-117. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for fiscal year 2012 of the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-118. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Commerce's 2013 Report of Foreign Policy-Based Export Controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-119. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Electric Reliability Organization Definition of Bulk Electric System and Rules of Procedure" (RIN1902-AD51), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-120. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-SERC-01--Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding Requirements" (RIN1902-AE53), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-121. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of Medicare Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2010"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-122. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Limited Supplier Solicitation of Prescribing Physicians Under Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-123. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement of the Results of the 2011-2012 Allocation Round of the Qualifying Advance Coal Project Program" (Announcement 2013-2), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-124. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to Certain Tax Items" (Rev. Proc. 2013-15), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-125. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patel v. Commissioner" (AOD 2012-05), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-126. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-2), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-127. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-128. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-129. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-130. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-188); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-131. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-089); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-132. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0000 - 2013-0006); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-133. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Provisional Unlawful Presence Waivers of Inadmissibility for Certain Immediate Relatives" (RIN1615-AB99), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-134. A communication from the Clerk of Court, United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Court's annual report for the year ended September 30, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-135. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees" (RIN0651-AC54), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 64. A bill to prohibit authorized committees and leadership PAC's from employing the spouse or immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 65. A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 66. A bill to establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and project delivery efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for authorized civil works flood control and navigation construction projects of the Corps of Engineers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 67. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 68. A bill to enhance the security of chemical facilities and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 69. A bill for the relief of Anton Dodaj, Gjyljana Dodaj, Franc Dodaj, Kristjan Dodaj, and Kanto Macotaj; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 70. A bill for the relief of Marcos Antonio Sanchez-Diaz; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 71. A bill for the relief of Josephina Valera Lopez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 72. A bill for the relief of Luay Hadad; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 73. A bill for the relief of Miguel Santillan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 74. A bill for the relief of Momo Krcic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 75. A bill for the relief of Ibrahim Parlak; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 76. A bill for the relief of Guy Vang, Genevieve Chong Foung, Caroline Vang, and Melanie Vang; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 77. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to

negotiate for lower prices for Medicare prescription drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 78. A bill for the relief of Hussein Bazzi; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 79. A bill for the relief of Al-Housseynou Ba; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BURR, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 80. A bill to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and to establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 81. A bill to provide guidance and priorities for Federal Government obligations in the event that the debt limit is reached; read the first time.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 82. A bill to provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 83. A bill to provide for continuing operations of Government in a fiscally responsible manner; read the first time.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 84. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 85. A bill to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 86. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home school education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 87. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax deduction for itemizers and nonitemizers for expenses relating to home schooling; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 88. A bill to amend the public charter school provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 89. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to authorize hunting under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 90. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to allow workers who attain age 65 after 1981 and before 1992 to choose either lump sum payments over four years totaling $5,000 or an improved benefit computation formula under a new 10-year rule governing the transition to the changes in benefit computation rules enacted in the Social Security Amendments of 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 91. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 92. A bill to require that the Government give priority to payment of all obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt limit is reached; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 93. A bill to provide tax relief with respect to the Hurricane Isaac disaster area; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 94. A bill to terminate the $1 presidential coin program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 95. A bill to withhold United States contributions to the United Nations until the United Nations formally retracts the final report of the "United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 96. A bill to authorize the use of certain offshore oil and gas platforms in the Gulf of Mexico for artificial reefs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 97. A bill to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 98. A bill to ensure efficiency and fairness in the awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 99. A bill to provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 100. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to repeal certain designation authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, to repeal the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 101. A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to State and local governments for payment of obligations, to prohibit the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from financially assisting State and local governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 102. A bill to reduce the amount of financial assistance provided to the Government of Mexico in response to the illegal border crossings from Mexico into the United States, which serve to dissipate the political discontent with the higher unemployment rate within Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 103. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 104. A bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 105. A bill to direct the General Accountability Office to conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 106. A bill to provide for the establishment, on-going validation, and use of an official set of data on the historical temperature record, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 107. A bill to prohibit the regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the United States until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 108. A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 109. A bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 110. A bill to establish a procedure to safeguard the Social Security Trust Funds; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 111. A bill to require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 112. A bill to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 113. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 114. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 115. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for increasing payroll; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 116. A bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 117. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 118. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 119. A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 120. A bill to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 121. A bill to establish the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking to review Federal Government policy on human trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 122. A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. COONS):

S. 123. A bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 124. A bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills; read the first time.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S.J. Res. 2. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S.J. Res. 3. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve to 3 in the House of Representatives and 2 in the Senate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to United States citizenship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 8. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress holds the sole authority to borrow money on the credit of the United States and shall not cede this power to the President; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 9. A resolution designating January 2013 as "National Mentoring Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. Res. 10. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and its actions relating to the Stanford Financial Group fraud; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. Res. 11. A resolution expressing support for prayer at school board meetings; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 4

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 4, a bill to create jobs and strengthen our economy by rebuilding our Nation's infrastructure.

S. 5

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 5, supra.

S. 6

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 6, a bill to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 8

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 8, a bill expressing the sense of the Senate on the need to enact legislation to eliminate wasteful tax loopholes.

S. 10

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

S. 21

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to secure the United States against cyber attack, to improve communication and collaboration between the private sector and the Federal Government, to enhance American competitiveness and create jobs in the information technology industry, and to protect the identities and sensitive information of American citizens and businesses.

S. 29

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 29, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 32

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 32, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 40

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 40, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 41

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to require that any debt limit increase be balanced by equal spending cuts of the next decade.

S. 47

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 51

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 4, a resolution to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 5

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 5, a resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate.

SENATE RESOLUTION 7

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 7, a resolution to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 23, 2013, at 9 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "Benghazi: The Attacks and the Lessons Learned."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on January 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:43 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 307. An act to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes.

At 4:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised

statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. JOHNSON of Texas and Mr. COLE of Oklahoma.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 307. An act to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS

Mr. VITTER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. BURR, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. CHAMBLISS attended the session of the Senate on today.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, from today through Monday, January 28, 2013, he be authorized to sign duty enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 81) to provide guidance and priorities for Federal Government obligations in the event that the debt limit is reached, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 82) to provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 83) to provide for continuing operations of Government in a fiscally responsible manner, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 124) to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills, introduced today by Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. VITTER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it recess until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the next 30 minutes therein.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:39 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013

(Legislative day of Thursday, January 3, 2013)

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 24, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

LEADER TIME RESERVED

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-136. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approved Tests for Bovine Tuberculosis in Cervids" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0087), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-137. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-138. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-139. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4044), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-140. A communication from the Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations" (RIN0583-AD05), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-141. A communication from the Executive Secretary, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's Annual Report for 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-142. A communication from the Executive Director, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for calendar year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-143. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to financial integrity for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-144. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3356-EM in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania having exceeded the $5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-145. A communication from the Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-146. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to competitions initiated or conducted in fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-147. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's annual report relative to compliance with the Sunshine Act for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-148. A communication from the Inspector General of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012 ; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-149. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Report of the United States Government"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-150. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-151. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress Under Section 319 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-152. A communication from the Chair of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Panel's annual report for 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-153. A communication from the Acting Director, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Resumption of the Population Estimates Challenge Program" (RIN0607-AA51), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-154. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Major Capital Investment Projects" (RIN2132-AB02), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-155. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Tignall, Georgia)" (MB Docket No. 12-237; RM-11672), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-156. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Maysville, Georgia)" (MB Docket No. 12-270; RM-11676), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-157. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Westley, California)" (DA 12-1976), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-158. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Hebbronville, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 11-38; RM-11621), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-159. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support" (DA 12-1777), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-160. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief of the Policy Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum and Adopt Service Rules and Procedures to Govern the Use of Vehicle-Mounted Earth Stations in Certain Frequency Bands Allocated to the Fixed Satellite Service" ((IB Docket No. 07-101)(FCC 13-1)), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-161. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Salmon" (RIN0648-BB77), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-162. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery" (RIN0648-BC21), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-163. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Transshipping, Bunkering, Reporting, and Purse Seine Discard Requirements" (RIN0648-BA85), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-164. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Framework Adjustment 5" (RIN0648-BC08), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-165. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2013-2014 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures" (RIN0648-BC35), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-166. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Electronic Dealer Reporting Requirements; Correction" (RIN0648-BA75), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-167. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Generic Annual Catch Limits/Accountability Measures Amendment for the Gulf of Mexico; Correction" (RIN0648-AY22), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-168. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013-2014 Summer Flounder and Scup Specifications; 2013 Black Sea Bass Specifications; Preliminary 2013 Quota Adjustments; 2013 Summer Flounder Quota for Delaware" (RIN0648-XC287), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-169. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2013 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Season" (RIN0648-XC106), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-170. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; 2012 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Specifications; Correction" (RIN0648-XA795), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-171. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Elephant Trunk Area" (RIN0648-BC67), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-172. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XC396), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of

the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-173. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska Management Area" (RIN0648-XC415), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-174. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XC394), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-175. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of New Jersey" (RIN0648-XC404), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-176. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Big Skate in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC405), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-177. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BC61), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-178. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2012 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Atlantic Wahoo" (RIN0648-XC381), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-179. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC376), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-180. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Available for the State of New York To Reopen Fishery" (RIN0648-XC391), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-181. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2013 Gulf of Alaska Pollock and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts" (RIN0648-XC422), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-182. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2013 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pollock, Atka Mackerel, and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts" (RIN0648-XC423), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-183. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Health Care Support Mechanism" ((RIN3060-AI85)-(FCC 12-150)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-184. A communication from the Chief of the Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 200-2020 MHz and 2180-2200 MHz Bands, etc." ((WT Docket No. 12-70, 10-142)(FCC 12-151)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-185. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT and T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services" ((RIN3060-AJ80)(FCC 12-153)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-186. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XC382), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-187. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Fishing Restrictions and Observer Requirements in Purse Seine Fisheries for 2009-2011 and Turtle Mitigation Requirements in Purse Seine Fisheries" (RIN0648-AX60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 125. A bill to direct the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, the

National Park Service, and the United States Geological Survey, to lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 126. A bill to prohibit earmarks; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 127. A bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 128. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 129. A bill to save money and reduce tragedies through prevention grants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 130. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 131. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 132. A bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 133. A bill to protect all patients by prohibiting the use of data obtained from comparative effectiveness research to deny or delay coverage of items or services under Federal health care programs and to ensure that comparative effectiveness research accounts for advancements in personalized medicine and differences in patient treatment response; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. JOHANNS, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 134. A bill to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 135. A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 136. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 137. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 138. A bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 139. A bill to impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 140. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans, to improve the coordination of veteran job training services between the Department of Labor, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense, to require transparency for Executive departments in meeting the Government-wide goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 141. A bill to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 142. A bill to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 143. A bill to prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, provide coverage for, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 144. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to authorize additional funding for the pregnancy assistance fund; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 145. A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to authorize National Guard support for State and local efforts to keep schools safe from violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 146. A bill to enhance the safety of America's schools; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 147. A bill to establish minimum standards for States that allow the carrying of concealed firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 148. A bill to safeguard America's schools by using community policing strategies to prevent school violence and improve student and school safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 149. A bill to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 150. A bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHANNS:

S. 151. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the maximum rate on the income of corporations to 20 percent; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 152. A bill to require the Secretary of the Air Force to retain the current leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson Air Force Base and to require reports on proposed activities at such installation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BENNET, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. COONS):

S. 153. A bill to amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 154. A bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that the coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in Exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 12. A resolution recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WARNER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 13. A resolution congratulating the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for 100 years of service to communities throughout the United States and the world, and commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for its promotion of sisterhood, scholarship, and service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 14. A resolution raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by designating January 2013 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 15. A resolution to improve procedures for the consideration of legislation and nominations in the Senate; submitted and read.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 16. A resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate; submitted and read.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 17. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 18. A resolution making minority party appointments for the 113th Congress; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 4

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 4, a bill to create jobs and strengthen our economy by rebuilding our Nation's infrastructure.

S. 6

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 6, a bill to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 22

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to establish background check procedures for gun shows.

S. 29

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 29, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 31

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 31, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 32

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 32, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 33

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes.

S. 40

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 40, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to require that any debt limit increase be balanced by equal spending cuts of the next decade.

S. 46

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 46, a bill to protect Social Security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

S. 47

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 66

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 66, a bill to establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and project delivery efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for authorized civil works

flood control and navigation construction projects of the Corps of Engineers.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 117

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 122

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 4, a resolution to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 6, a resolution to modify extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 8

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 8, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress holds the sole authority to borrow money on the credit of the United States and shall not cede this power to the President.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Assessing the State of America's Mental Health System" on January 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 24, 2013, at 10 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 24, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 325. An act to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, and for other purposes.

ORDER FOR RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 12:21 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS

Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. CRAPO attended the session of the Senate on today.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider resolutions S. Res. 5, S. Res. 15, and S. Res. 16, en bloc; that the time until 7:55 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the resolutions; that the only amendment in order to be proposed be an amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE, to resolution S. Res. 15; that, upon conclusion of said concurrent debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to resolution S. Res. 5; that, upon disposition of said resolution, the question recur on agreeing to resolution S. Res. 15; that the Senate vote in relation to the amendment to be proposed by Mr. LEE thereto; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the resolution, as may be amended; that, upon disposition of said resolution, the question recur on agreeing to resolution S. Res. 16; and that the Senate vote thereon.

Ordered further, That resolution S. Res. 15 receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that resolution S. Res. 16 receive the votes of two-thirds of those Senators present and voting to be agreed to; that no other amendment, motion, or point of order be in order to a resolution prior to its vote; and that no resolution be divisible.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS, EN BLOC

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolutions (S. Res. 5) amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate, submitted by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. SCHATZ), (S. Res. 15) to improve procedures for the consideration of legislation and nominations in the Senate, submitted by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MCCAIN), and (S. Res. 16) amending the Standing Rules of the Senate, submitted by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MCCAIN); and

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions, en bloc.

Pending debate,

AMENDING THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to resolution S. Res. 5.

The resolution was not agreed to.

IMPROVING PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION AND NOMINATIONS IN THE SENATE

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to resolution S. Res. 15.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. LEE to amend the resolution, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3).

The amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the resolution.

On the question, Shall the Senate agree to the resolution?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 78, nays... 16

[Rollcall Vote No. 1 Leg.]

YEAS --- 78

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Kerry, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 16

Crapo, Cruz, Flake, Hatch, Heller, Johnson (WI), Lee, Paul, Risch, Rubio, Sanders, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey, Vitter.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDING THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

The question being on agreeing to resolution S. Res. 16.

On motion by Mr. CORKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the resolution.

On the question, Shall the Senate agree thereto?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 86, nays... 9

[Rollcall Vote No. 2 Leg.]

YEAS --- 86

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Kerry, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 9

Cruz, Johnson (WI), Lee, Paul, Rubio, Sanders, Scott, Sessions, Shelby.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 152

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2013, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 152) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes; that an amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE, be the only amendment in order thereto; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on said amendment and the bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass; and that no other amendment, motion, or point of order be in order thereto.

CONSTITUTING MAJORITY PARTY MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 17) to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSTITUTING MINORITY PARTY MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 18) making minority party appointments for the 113th Congress, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 325) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, had appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe during the 113th Congress: Mr. CARDIN, as Chairman, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and in consultation with the ranking member of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 103-296, had appointed Bernadette Franks-Ongoy as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, had appointed the following individuals to the Congressional Award Board: Rita Vaswani, of Nevada, and Raul Magdaleno, of Texas.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate then proceed to consider bill H.R. 152, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 9 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2013.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KAINE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 28, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 24, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 24, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 24, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, introduced on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COONS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KING, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. STABENOW), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 152) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 81) to provide guidance and priorities for Federal Government obligations in the event that the debt limit is reached, introduced on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 82) to provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes, introduced on Wednesday, January

23, 2013 by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 83) to provide for continuing operations of Government in a fiscally responsible manner, introduced on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 124) to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills, introduced on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 by Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. VITTER), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 325) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, January 24, 2013, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 155. A bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Denali; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 156. A bill to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 157. A bill to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 158. A bill for the relief of Dr. Shakil Afridi; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 159. A bill to designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances in Lyon County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 160. A bill to exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 161. A bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COONS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 162. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 163. A bill to prohibit any regulation regarding carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gas emissions reduction in the United States until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 164. A bill to prohibit the United States from providing financial assistance to Pakistan until Dr. Shakil Afridi is freed; read the first time.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 165. A bill to provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 166. A bill to designate the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri and southwestern Illinois as the "Stan Musial Memorial Bridge"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S.J. Res. 5. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to authorizing regulation of contributions to candidates for State public office and Federal office by corporations, entities organized and operated for profit, and labor organization, and expenditures by such entities and labor organizations in support of, or opposition to such candidates; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. Res. 19. A resolution congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide for winning the 2012 Bowl Championship Series National Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. Con. Res. 4. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax is not in the economic interest of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 28

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 28, a bill to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes.

S. 29

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 29, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 46

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 46, a bill to protect Social Security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

S. 47

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 128

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 128, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

S. 133

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to protect all patients by prohibiting the use of data obtained from comparative effectiveness research to deny or delay coverage of items or services under Federal health care programs and to ensure that comparative effectiveness research accounts for advancements in personalized medicine and differences in patient treatment response.

S. 140

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans, to improve the coordination of veteran job training services between the Department of Labor, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense, to require transparency for Executive departments in meeting the Government-wide goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 9

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 9, a resolution designating January 2013 as "National Mentoring Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 12

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 12, a resolution recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 152

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That no point of order be in order relative to an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE to bill H.R. 152, or to the bill, prior to a vote on passage of the bill.

DISASTER RELIEF APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The hour of 4:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 24, 2013, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 152) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 24, 2013,

On motion by Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COATS, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. CRUZ) to amend the pending bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 4).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 35, nays... 62

[Rollcall Vote No. 3 Leg.]

YEAS --- 35

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

NAYS --- 62

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Inhofe, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Kerry, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO),

Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 24, 2013,

No further amendment being in order to be proposed,

The bill was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 62, nays... 36

[Rollcall Vote No. 4 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Kerry, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 36

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Thune, Toomey.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 9) designating January 2013 as "National Mentoring Month".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

On the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 19) congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide for winning the 2012 Bowl Championship Series National Championship, submitted today by Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 164) to prohibit the United States from providing financial assistance to Pakistan until Dr. Shakil Afridi is freed, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mrs. SHAHEEN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mrs. SHAHEEN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

At 7:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 164) to prohibit the United States from providing financial assistance to Pakistan until Dr. Shakil Afridi is freed, introduced on yesterday by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-188. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Air-Sea Battle Concept (ASBC) (OSS-2013-0090); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-189. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of nineteen (19) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-190. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13348 relative to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-191. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-192. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-193. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Escrow Requirements Under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA16)(Docket No. CFPB-2013-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-194. A communication from the Administrator, Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to compliance with the Arizona Terror Country Divestment Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-195. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisal Requirements for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Joint-Agency Rule" (RIN2590-AA58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-196. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Microwave Ovens" (RIN1904-AB78), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-197. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adequacy of Massachusetts Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit Program" (FRL No. 9771-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-198. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio and Indiana; Cincinnati-Hamilton, Ohio; Ohio and Indiana 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan Revisions to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9773-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-199. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections Regarding the Methods of Collection of Certain User Fees by CBP" (CBP Dec. 13-3), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-200. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to Certain Tax Items" (Rev. Proc. 2013-15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-201. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates -- February 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-202. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Guidance in Notice 2011-14 and Rev. Proc. 2011-55 for Participants in the HFA Hardest Hit Fund, the Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program, and Substantially Similar State Programs" (Notice 2013-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-203. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Relating to Information Reporting by Foreign Financial Institutions and Withholding on Certain Payments to Foreign Financial Institutions and Other Foreign Entities" ((RIN1545-BK68)(TD 9610)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-204. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Retroactive Increase in Excludible Transit Benefits" (Notice 2013-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-205. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Office of the Chairman, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2012 Competitive Sourcing annual report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-206. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance and Accountability Report for the Office of Government Ethics for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-207. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-208. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the 2012 Information Collection Budget of the United States Government (ICB); to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-209. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-210. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-211. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Internet Publication of Administrative Seizure and Forfeiture Notices" ((CBP Dec. 13-04)(RIN1651-AA94)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-212. communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Commercial Radio Operators" (FCC 13-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-213. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-214. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Relocation of and Spectrum Sharing by Federal Government Stations - Technical Panel and Dispute Resolution Boards" (RIN0660-AA26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-215. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Reporting Requirements Under Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 18a" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-216. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Reporting Requirements Under Section 8 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 19(a)(5)" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 167. A bill to suspend sales of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until certain conditions are met; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 168. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 169. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 170. A bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 171. A bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a Governmentwide shutdown occurs; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 172. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to address certain issues related to the extension of consumer credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 173. A bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and fairness for all Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 174. A bill to appropriately restrict sales of ammunition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 175. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve the use of certain registered pesticides; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 176. A bill to reject the final 5-year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for fiscal years 2013 through 2018 of the Administration and replace the plan with a 5-year plan that is more in line with the energy and economic needs of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COATS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LEE, Mr. HATCH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 177. A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely; read the first time.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S.J. Res. 6. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United

States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States during the previous calendar year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 20. A resolution designating Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to reduce violence and protect the citizens of the United States.

S. 5

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 5, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 6

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 6, a bill to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 46

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 46, a bill to protect Social Security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

S. 47

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 51

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

S. 63

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 63, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor to establish the Made In America Incentive Grant Program, and for other purposes.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 135

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 135, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 137

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 137, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 150

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 150, a bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

S. 152

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 152, a bill to require the Secretary of the Air Force to retain the current leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson Air Force Base and to require reports on proposed activities at such installation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax is not in the economic interest of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 12

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 12, a resolution recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti.

SENATE RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 13, a resolution congratulating the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for 100 years of service to communities throughout the United States and the world, and commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for its promotion of sisterhood, scholarship, and service.

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 13, supra.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. NELSON,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 29, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "30 Million New Patients and 11 Months to Go: Who Will Provide Their Primary Care?" on January 29, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 29, 2013, at 3 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:12 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of

Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. BECERRA of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

At 3:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. UPTON) had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 152. An act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 2:15 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of JOHN FORBES KERRY, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of State; that there be two hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no further intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order relative to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:30 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RESIGNATION OF MR. KERRY

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the following communication; which was deemed read and ordered placed on file:

Hon. JOSEPH R. BIDEN,

President of the United States Senate, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. VICE PRESIDENT: This letter is to inform you that with great gratitude to the people of Massachusetts for the privilege of serving them for over 28 years and with great pride in what I have been able to contribute to Massachusetts and our country, I hereby resign my seat in the United States Senate effective Friday, February 1st at 4 p.m. in order to assume the responsibility of Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

JOHN F. KERRY
U.S. Senator.

RAISING AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGING PREVENTION OF STALKING BY DESIGNATING "NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 14) raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by designating January 2013 as "National Stalking Awareness Month".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 20) designating Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 177) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COATS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LEE, Mr. HATCH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. SESSIONS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BROWN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of two hours for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the majority control the first hour therein, and the minority control the second hour therein.

Ordered further, That, at 2:30 p.m. on tomorrow, Mr. KERRY be recognized to speak for 30 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 6:47 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2013

Ms. HEIDI HEITKAMP, from the State of North Dakota, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. HEITKAMP led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 30, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HEIDI HEITKAMP, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. HEITKAMP took the chair.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 177) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COATS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LEE, Mr. HATCH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. MORAN), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-217. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-218. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-219. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternatives to the Use of Credit Ratings" (RIN3133-AD86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-220. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Troubled Condition" (RIN3133-AD97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-221. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prompt Corrective Action, Requirements for Insurance, and Promulgation of NCUA Rules and Regulations" (RIN3133-AE07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-222. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Fund Transfers (Regulation E) Temporary Delay of Effective Date" ((RIN3170-AA33)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0050)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-223. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2013 Commercial and Recreational Quotas for Red Snapper" (RIN0648-XC388), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-224. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Roseau River, Minnesota Flood Damage Reduction Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-225. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of New Reactors, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessing the Radiological Consequences of Accidental Releases of Radioactive Materials from Liquid Waste Tanks in Ground and Surface Waters for Combined License Applications" (DC/COL-ISG-014), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-226. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of New Reactors, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessing the Radiological Consequences of Accidental Releases of Radioactive Materials from Liquid Waste Tanks for Combined License Applications" (DC/COL-ISG-013), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-227. A communication from the Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pattern of Violations" (RIN1219-AB73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28,

2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-228. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practice Requirements for Combination Products" (Docket No. FDA-2009-N-0435), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-229. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Remaining Service-Life Indicator Performance Requirements" (RIN0920-AA38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-230. A communication from the Program Manager, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy, Security, Enforcement, and Breach Notification Rules Under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act; Other Modifications to the HIPAA Rules; Final Rule" (RIN0945-AA03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-231. A communication from the Program Manager, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy, Security, Enforcement, and Breach Notification Rules Under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act; Other Modifications to the HIPAA Rules" (RIN0945-AA03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-232. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Unallowability of Costs Associated with Foreign Contractor Excise Tax" (RIN9000-AM13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-233. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations" (RIN9000-AM22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-234. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Free Trade Agreement - Colombia" (RIN9000-AM24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-235. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Extension of Sunset Date For Protests of Task and Delivery Orders" (RIN9000-AM26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-236. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-65; Introduction" (FAC 2005-65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-237. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-65; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-238. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 178. A bill to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 179. A bill to prevent gun trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 180. A bill to delay the enforcement of any rulings of the National Labor Relations Board until there is a final resolution in pending lawsuits; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 181. A bill to authorize the establishment of the Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridors in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 182. A bill to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 183. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 184. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LEE, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 185. A bill to eliminate the automatic inflation increases for discretionary programs built into the baseline projections and require budget estimates to be compared with the

prior year's level; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 186. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where the 4 little Black girls lost their lives, which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 187. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to prohibit the distribution of any check or other negotiable instrument as part of a solicitation by a creditor for an extension of credit, to limit the liability of consumers in conjunction with such solicitations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 188. A bill to prevent certain individuals purportedly appointed to the National Labor Relations Board from receiving salaries, and to prevent an unconstitutional quorum of the Board from taking agency actions, until there is a final decision in pending lawsuits regarding the constitutionality of certain alleged recess appointments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 189. A bill to establish an employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish a business in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. Res. 21. A resolution designating February 14, 2013, as "National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. Res. 22. A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 29

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 29, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 32

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 32, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 43, a bill to require that any debt limit increase be balanced by equal spending cuts of the next decade.

S. 46

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 46, a bill to protect Social Security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

S. 47

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 51

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

S. 63

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 63, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor to establish the Made In America Incentive Grant Program, and for other purposes.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 123

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 124

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 124, a bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills.

S. 125

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 125, a bill to direct the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, and the United States Geological Survey, to lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries, and for other purposes.

S. 137

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 137, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 137, supra.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 138, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] were added as cosponsors of S. 154, a bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that the coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in Exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban.

S. 156

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 174, a bill to appropriately restrict sales of ammunition.

S. 175

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 175, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve the use of certain registered pesticides.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on January 30, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "What Should America Do About Gun Violence?"

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 325 ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following leader remarks on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 325) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, and for other purposes; and that the following be the only first-degree amendments in order to be proposed to the bill:

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. PORTMAN, relative to dollar for dollar cuts, being the text of the bill (S. 43) to require that any debt limit increase be balanced by equal spending cuts of the next decade;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. PORTMAN, relative to government shutdown prevention, being the text of the bill (S. 29) to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. TOOMEY, relative to full faith and credit;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL, relative to prohibition of F-16s to Egypt.

Ordered further, That the only motion to commit in order to the bill be a motion, by Mr. VITTER relative to spending cuts; that the time until 12:15 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the amendments, motion, and bill; that no amendment be in order to the amendments or motion, prior to votes thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments and motion, in the aforementioned order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that the amendments and motion each receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of the amendments and motion, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage thereof; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 13) congratulating the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for 100 years of service to communities throughout the United States and the world, and commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for its promotion of sisterhood, scholarship, and service.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE GOALS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AND HONORING THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 22) recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United State, submitted today by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. JOHANNS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-83, had appointed the following to serve as members of the National Council of the Arts: Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 83-420, as amended by Public Law 99-371, had

reappointed Mr. BROWN to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER
PRESIDENT'S EXPORT COUNCIL

The PRESIDING OFFICER, pursuant to Executive Order No. 12131, as amended and extended, had appointed the following to the President's Export Council: Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BEGICH, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to consider bill H.R. 325, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, following the first vote in relation to an amendment to bill H.R. 325, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. CHAMBLISS and Mr. ISAKSON.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:27 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013

Mr. HARRY REID, from the State of Nevada, called the Senate to order at 9:32 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. REID led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 31, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. REID took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ENSURING THE COMPLETE AND TIMELY PAYMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNTIL MAY 19, 2013

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 325) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN, by unanimous consent, to amend the bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendments considered en bloc and designated Numbers 6 and 7).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 7 to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY to amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 8).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. LEE) to amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 9).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 6 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 54, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 6 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Nelson, Paul, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 7 to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:45 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ENSURING THE COMPLETE AND TIMELY PAYMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNTIL MAY 19, 2013

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 325.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 7 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 7 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 8 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 53, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 8 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 9 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 79, nays... 19

[Rollcall Vote No. 9 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 19

Boozman, Coats, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Fischer, Grassley, Heller, Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back to the Senate within seven days with legislative language that makes changes in existing programs that reduce Federal spending by the increase amount required by section 2(b) (as estimated by CBO) over the period of fiscal years 2013 to 2021.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to lay the pending motion on the table.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 53, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 10 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion to table the motion to commit was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill.

The bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. BEGICH,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 64, nays... 34

[Rollcall Vote No. 11 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 34

Alexander, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Toomey, Vitter.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 47

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-239. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Styrene-2-Ethylhexyl Acrylate Copolymer; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9367-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-240. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Pyrrolidone, 1-ethenyl-, polymer with ethenol; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9376-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-241. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alpha-Cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9376-1A), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-242. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to assistance provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) for sporting events during calendar year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-243. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the elimination of the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-244. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-245. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-246. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-247. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustment of Civil Money Penalty Amounts" (RIN2501-AD59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-248. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, Test Procedures for Roof Trusses" (RIN2502-AI72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-249. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Exemptions for Security-Based Swaps" (RIN3235-AL17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-250. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to operation of the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-251. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Threatened Status for the Arctic, Okhotsk, and Baltic Subspecies of the Ringed Seal and Endangered Status for the Ladoga Subspecies of the Ringed Seal" (RIN0648-XZ59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-252. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of a Nonessential Experimental Population for Middle Columbia River Steelhead above the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project in the Deschutes River Basin, OR" (RIN0648-BB04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-253. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Threatened Status for the Beringia and Okhotsk Distinct Population Segments of the Erignathus barbatus nauticus Subspecies of the Bearded Seal" (RIN0648-XZ58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-254. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and State Grants Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Termination of the Southern Sea Otter Translocation Program" (RIN1018-AX51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-255. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Lost River Sucker and Shortnose Sucker" (RIN1018-AX41), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-256. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Beaumont/Port Arthur Ozone Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9775-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-257. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend" (FRL No. 9774-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-258. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley United Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9771-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-259. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting by Domestic Entities under Section 6038D with Respect to Specified Foreign Financial Assets" (Notice 2013-10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-260. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Zone Academy Bond Allocations for 2012 and 2013" (Notice 2013-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-261. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correction to Revenue Procedure 2013-6 Employee Plans Determination Letters" (Announcement 2013-13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-262. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Insurance Premium Tax Credit" (TD 9611), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-263. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Optional Safe Harbor Method for Deducting Expenses Attributable to Business Use of a Home" (Rev. Proc. 2013-13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LEE, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 190. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for certain activities of the National Labor Relations Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COATS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CORKER, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 191. A bill to codify and modify regulatory requirements of Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 192. A bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 193. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 194. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 195. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 196. A bill to assure equity in contracting between the Federal Government and small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 197. A bill to authorize improvements to flood damage reduction facilities adjacent to the American and Sacramento Rivers near Sacramento, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MORAN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. COATS):

S. 198. A bill to require a report on the designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 199. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported by pipeline to onshore facilities and to provide for the sharing of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 200. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the interment in national cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration of individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 201. A bill to prohibit the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F-16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt; read the first time.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. LEE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 202. A bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 203. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 204. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; read the first time.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 205. A bill to replace the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with a 5-person Commission, to bring the Bureau into the regular appropriations process, to provide for a safety and soundness check, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 206. A bill to expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by base realignment and closure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. JOHANNS, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 207. A bill to restrict the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F-16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON:

S. Res. 23. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a postage stamp should be issued to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon landing on Florida; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COBURN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WICKER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 24. A resolution commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 25. A resolution honoring Gonzaga University on its 125th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 29

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 29, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 33

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes.

S. 40

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 40, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to require that any debt limit increase be balanced by equal spending cuts of the next decade.

S. 47

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 109

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 109, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 171

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 171, a bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a Governmentwide shutdown occurs.

S. 180

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 180, a bill to delay the enforcement of any rulings of the National Labor Relations Board until there is a final resolution in pending lawsuits.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 188

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 188, a bill to prevent certain individuals purportedly appointed to the National Labor Relations Board from receiving salaries, and to prevent an unconstitutional quorum of the Board from taking agency actions, until there is a final decision in pending lawsuits regarding the constitutionality of certain alleged recess appointments.

S. 189

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 189, a bill to establish an employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish a business in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 12

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 12, a resolution recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 31, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 31, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, a hearing entitled "The Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and the Need to Invest in the Nation's Ports."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Pension Savings: Are Workers Saving Enough for Retirement?" on January 31, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on January 31, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMEMORATING THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOSS OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HAGAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 24) commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia, submitted today by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COBURN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WICKER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING GONZAGA UNIVERSITY ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 25) honoring Gonzaga University on its 125th anniversary, submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 201) to prohibit the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F-16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 204) to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 47; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2013.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 31, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 31, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 31, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 201) to prohibit the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F-16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt, introduced on Thursday, January 31, 2013 by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 204) to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities, introduced on Thursday, January 31, 2013 by Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. RISCH), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 1, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS) had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 325. An act to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bill was signed on February 4, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries:

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN OR IN RELATION TO COTE D'IVOIRE -- PM 1

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency, unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13396 of February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire is to continue in effect beyond February 7, 2013.

The situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire, which has been addressed by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution 1572 of November 15, 2004, and subsequent resolutions, has resulted in the massacre of large numbers of civilians, widespread human rights abuses, significant political violence and unrest, and fatal attacks against international peacekeeping forces. Since the inauguration of President Alassane Ouattara in May 2011, the Government of Cote d'Ivoire has made progress in advancing democratic freedoms and economic development. While the Government of Cote d'Ivoire and its people continue to make progress towards peace and prosperity, the situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in Cote d'Ivoire.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 4, 2013.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-264. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Certified Business Enterprise Expenditures of Public-Private Development Construction Projects for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-265. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-535, "Allen Chapel A.M.E. Senior Residential Rental Project Property Tax Exemption Clarification Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-266. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-536, "Hire Date Reporting Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-267. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-537, "Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Technical Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-268. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-538, "School-Based Enrichment Programs Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-269. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-539, "Office of the Chief Financial Officer Audit Report Transparency Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-270. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-546, "Health Benefits Plan Members Bill of Rights Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-271. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-547, "Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-272. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-548, "General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes for Fiscal Years 2013-2018 Authorization Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-273. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-549, "Medicaid Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-274. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-550, "Judicial Adjudication of Parentage Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-275. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-551, "District Department of Transportation Bicycle Sharing Fund Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-276. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-552, "Public Vehicle-for-Hire Educational Services Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-277. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-553, "Local Rent Supplement Program Voucher Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-278. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-554, "NoMA Residential Development Tax Abatement Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-279. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-555, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square N-515, S.O. 12-02073, Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-280. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-559, "District of Columbia Flag Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-281. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-560, "Water Quality Assurance Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-282. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-561, "District Department of Transportation Accessible Vehicles Fund Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-283. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-562, "Energy Innovation and Savings Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-284. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-563, "Alternative Service of Process Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-285. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-564, "Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-286. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-565, "Department of Motor Vehicles Reciprocity Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-287. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-573, "Parkside Parcel E and J Mixed-Income Apartments Tax Abatement Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-288. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-574, "Streetscape Reconstruction Second Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-289. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-575, "Phebbie Scott Way Designation Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-290. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-578, "911 Purity Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-291. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-579, "Senator Charles H. Percy Plaza Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-292. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-580, "Albert 'Butch' Hopkins Way Designation Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-293. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-588, "UDC Board Meeting Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 208. A bill to require the Federal Aviation Administration to prescribe regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas in Los Angeles County, California; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 209. A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 210. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 211. A bill to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 212. A bill to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 213. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 214. A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 215. A bill to ensure that the Federal Reserve conducts its policies to ensure long-term price stability and a low rate of inflation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 216. A bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 217. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COONS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 218. A bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 219. A bill to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 220. A bill to create a Citrus Disease Research and Developing Trust Fund to support research on diseases impacting the citrus industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 221. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 222. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 223. A bill to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 224. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 225. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 226. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. REED, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 227. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at United States embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 228. A bill to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 29

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 29, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to require that any debt limit

increase be balanced by equal spending cuts of the next decade.

S. 47

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 56

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 56, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the credit for employers establishing workplace child care facilities, to increase the child care credit to encourage greater use of quality child care services, to provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities, and to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance.

S. 82

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 82, a bill to provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 109

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 109, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 113

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 113, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 123

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 128

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 128, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 157

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 157, a bill to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 177, a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 190

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 190, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for certain activities of the National Labor Relations Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes.

S. 200

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 200, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the interment in national cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration of individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975, and for other purposes.

S. 204

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 207, a bill to restrict the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F-16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt.

SENATE RESOLUTION 24

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 24, a resolution commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 47

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 31, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, January 31, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 31, 2013, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 85, nays... 8

[Rollcall Vote No. 12 Leg.]

YEAS --- 85

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 8

Cruz, Johanns, Lee, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott.

So the motion was agreed to; and

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate was considered to have proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

EMBASSY SECURITY FUNDS TRANSFER ACT

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 227) to authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at United States embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. REED, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. PAUL), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 209) to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

COMMISSION ON LONG-TERM CARE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 112-240, had appointed the following as members of the Commission on Long-Term Care: Dr. Javaid Anwar, of Nevada, Laphonza Butler, of California, and Judith Feder, of Virginia.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2013; that, on Thursday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to consider bill S. 47; and that time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

At 6:41 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2013.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Monday, February 4, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Monday, February 4, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 209) to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes, introduced on Monday, February 4, 2013 by Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. TOOMEY), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of Monday, February 4, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

CREDENTIALS OF SENATOR-DESIGNATE FROM MASSACHUSETTS

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of William "Mo" Cowan, appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on February 1, 2013 to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the unexpired term ending January 3, 2015, which was read and ordered to be placed on file:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I, Deval L. Patrick, the Governor of said Commonwealth, do hereby appoint William "Mo" Cowan a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the resignation of John F. Kerry, is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His excellency our governor Deval L. Patrick, and our seal hereto affixed at Boston, Massachusetts this First day of February, in the year of our Lord 2013.

By the governor.

DEVAL L. PATRICK,
Governor.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of Commonwealth.

Mr. Cowan appeared, and the oath of office prescribed by law having been administered by the VICE PRESIDENT, and subscribed by him, he took his seat in the Senate.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

Pending debate,

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 47.

The question being on passage of the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following be the only first-degree amendments in order to be proposed to the pending bill:

An amendment (Numbered 14, in the nature of a substitute), intended to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY;

An amendment (Numbered 21), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY;

An amendment (Numbered 10), intended to be proposed by Mr. PORTMAN;

An amendment (Numbered 11), intended to be proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI;

An amendment (Numbered 13), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 15), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 16), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN.

Ordered further, That no amendment be in order to said amendments; that the time until 4 p.m. on today, be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on amendment No. 14 (in the nature of a substitute); and that, upon conclusion of debate thereon, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

Ordered further, That, following leader remarks on Monday, February 11, 2013, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 47; that time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the remaining amendments and bill; that Mr. CORNYN control 45 minutes of the time of the minority therein; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage thereof.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN for Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. JOHANNS) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 14, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 34, nays... 65

[Rollcall Vote No. 13 Leg.]

YEAS --- 34

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), McCain, McConnell, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 65

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was not agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-1. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Legislature of Luquillo, Puerto Rico relative to urging the President and the Congress of the United States of America to act on the results from the November 6, 2012 plebiscite by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which would assure democratic justice for 3.7 million U.S. citizens; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-2. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Legislature of Fajardo, Puerto Rico relative to urging the President and the Congress of the United States of America to act on the results from the November 6, 2012 plebiscite by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which would assure democratic justice for 3.7 million U.S. citizens; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-3. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Legislature of Naranjito, Puerto Rico relative to urging the President and the Congress of the United States of America to act on the results from the November 6, 2012 plebiscite by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which would assure democratic justice for 3.7 million U.S. citizens; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-4. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging the United States Senate and the House of Representatives to pass legislation granting tax relief to individuals and businesses who suffered financial loss due to Hurricane Sandy; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-5. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, forwarding

correspondence from the Chairman of the National Assembly of Vietnam expressing condolences to the Senate on the death of Senator Daniel Inouye; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-6. Communications from the Speaker of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic expressing condolences to the Senate on the death of Senator Daniel Inouye and also conveying wishes of continued friendly Kyrgyz-American relations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-7. A resolution adopted by the Township of Edison, New Jersey, urging the President, Governor and Legislators to enact more stringent gun laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 111th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs" (Rept. No. 113-1).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

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

S. 229. A bill to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 230. A bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 231. A bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BURR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 232. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 233. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID:

S. 234. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 235. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 236. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and physicians or practitioners to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 237. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 238. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to improve the functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Market Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 239. A bill to extend the frontier extended stay clinic demonstration; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 240. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 241. A bill to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 242. A bill to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 243. A bill to provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 244. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 245. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 246. A bill to prevent the escapement of genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 247. A bill to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 248. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling of genetically engineered fish; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 249. A bill to provide for the expansion of affordable refinancing of mortgages held by the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 250. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 251. A bill to amend the renewable fuel program under section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 252. A bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 253. A bill establishing the Committee to Reduce Government Waste; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 254. A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize and support the creation of cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources by the Secretary of Health and Human Services through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the dissemination of such materials and resources by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 255. A bill to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) (by request):

S. 256. A bill to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 257. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 258. A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 259. A bill to assure equity in contracting between the Federal Government and small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 260. A bill to require the collection of data by officers enforcing immigration law and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 261. A bill to establish and clarify that Congress does not authorize persons convicted of dangerous crimes in foreign courts to freely possess firearms in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 262. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs who are pursuing programs of education at institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 263. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to modify the discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 264. A bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 265. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 266. A bill to provide for the inclusion of Israel in the visa waiver program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 26. A resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 27. A resolution designating the week of February 4 through 8, 2013, as "National School Counseling Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 40

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 40, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 46

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 46, a bill to protect Social Security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

S. 47

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 54

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 54, a bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

S. 80

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 80, a bill to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and to establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System, and for other purposes.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 91

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 91, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit.

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 126

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 126, a bill to prohibit earmarks.

S. 134

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children.

S. 140

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans, to improve the coordination of veteran job training services between the Department of Labor, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense, to require transparency for Executive departments in meeting the Government-wide goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 146

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to enhance the safety of America's schools.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to prohibit the United States from providing financial assistance to Pakistan until Dr. Shakil Afridi is freed.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 190

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 190, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for certain activities of the National Labor Relations Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

S. 191

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 191, a bill to codify and modify regulatory requirements of Federal agencies.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 195, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 218

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 218, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 223

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 223, a bill to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 8

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 8, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress holds

the sole authority to borrow money on the credit of the United States and shall not cede this power to the President.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 7, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 7, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate office building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing on Implementation of Corps of Engineers Water Resources Policies."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "No Child Left Behind: Early Lessons from State Flexibility Waivers" on February 7, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 7, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in SD-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive meeting.

COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 7, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:34 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 225. An act to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions.

H.R. 297. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 11. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

At 11:42 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 444. An act to require that, if the President's fiscal year 2014 budget does not achieve balance in a fiscal year covered by such budget, the President shall submit a supplemental unified budget by April 1, 2013, which identifies a fiscal year in which balance is achieved, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 643(c) of The American Taxpayer Relief Act (Public Law 112-240), the Minority Leader appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Long-Term Care: Bruce Allen Chernof of Los Angeles, California, Judith Stein of Storrs, Connecticut, and George Vradenburg of Washington, DC.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 225. An act to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 297. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 444. An act to require that, if the President's fiscal year 2014 budget does not achieve balance in a fiscal year covered by such budget, the President shall submit a supplemental unified budget by April 1, 2013, which identifies a fiscal year in which balance is achieved, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 11) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 27) designating the week of February 4 through 8, 2013, as "National School Counseling Week", submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. LEVIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the President of the Senate, after consultation with the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-286, as amended by Public Law 106-292, has reappointed the following members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MERKLEY.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84 and Public Law 106-292, had reappointed and appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 113th Congress: Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. FRANKEN.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER
WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 112-272, had appointed Jerry L. Hester, of North Carolina, to be a member of the World War I Centennial Commission.

AUTHORITY FOR PRINTING OF TRIBUTES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That tributes from the Congressional Record to retiring Members of the 112th Congress be printed as a Senate document.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following the remarks of the leaders, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 47, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:51 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2013.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013,

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) to amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 15).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013,

On motion by Mr. COBURN to amend the bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 13).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013,

On motion by Mr. COBURN to amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 16).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That, at 5:30 p.m., the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 13; that the Senate vote in relation thereto; and that, upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, following the remarks of the leaders, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 47; that time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on amendments, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013; that the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the following order: amendment No. 21, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY; amendment No. 10, intended to be proposed by Mr. PORTMAN; amendment No. 11, intended to be proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI; amendment No. 15; and amendment No. 16.

Ordered further, That each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that provisions of the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013, remain in effect.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 13 to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 31, nays... 59

[Rollcall Vote No. 14 Leg.]

YEAS --- 31

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Thune, Toomey.

NAYS --- 59

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 16 to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-294. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global

Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Proposed Obligations for Cooperative Threat Reduction, February 2013"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-295. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department in the position of Assistant Secretary for Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-296. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-297. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-298. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-299. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Luxembourg; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-300. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High-Cost Mortgage and Homeownership Counseling Amendments to the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and Homeownership Counseling Amendments to the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X)" ((RIN3170-AA12)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0029)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-301. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Congenital Disorders That Affect Multiple Body Systems" (RIN0960-AH04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-302. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0007 - 2013-0013); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-303. A communication from the Chief of the Policy Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of International Settlements Policy Reform; Joint Petition for Rulemaking of AT and T Inc., Sprint Nextel Corporation and Verizon; Modifying the Commission's Process to Avert Harm to U.S. Competition and U.S. Customers Caused by Anticompetitive Conduct" (FCC 12-145), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-304. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Policy Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Govern the Use of Earth Stations Aboard Aircraft Communicating with Fixed-Satellite Service Geostationary-Orbit Space Stations Operating in the 10.95-11.2 GHz, 11. 45-11.7 GHz, 11.7-12.2 GHz and 14.0-14.5 GHz Frequency Bands" (FCC 12-161), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-305. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" (FCC 13-13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-306. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; On the Waters in Kailua Bay, Oahu, HI" ((RIN1625-AA87)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-1038)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-307. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; 25th Annual North American International Auto Show" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1077)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-308. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Grain-Shipment Vessels, Columbia and Willamette Rivers" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1028)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-309. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone for Recovery Operations for East Jefferson Street Train Derailment, Mantua Creek; Paulsboro, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1060)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-310. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; New Year's Eve Fireworks Displays within the Captain of the Port Miami Zone, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-1041)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-311. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bone Island Triathlon, Atlantic Ocean; Key West, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0956)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-312. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; TEMCO Grain Facilities; Columbia and Willamette Rivers" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1068)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-313. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Hampton Harbor Channel Obstruction, Hampton Harbor; Hampton, NH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1055)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-314. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River MM 35.0 to MM 55.0; Thebes, IL and Cape Girardeau, MO, and MM 75.0 to MM 85.0; Grand Tower, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-0998)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-315. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bay Bridge Construction, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0945)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-316. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Gilmerton Bridge Center Span Float-in, Elizabeth River; Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Chesapeake, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0642)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-317. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bridge Demolition Project; Indiana Harbor Canal, East Chicago, Indiana" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1053)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-318. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Overhead Cable Replacement, Maumee River, Toledo, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0971)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-319. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Columbia Grain and United Grain Corporation Facilities; Columbia and Willamette Rivers" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1027)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-320. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Grain-Shipment Assistance Vessels; Columbia and Willamette Rivers" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-1029)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-321. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reconsideration of Letters of Recommendation for Waterfront Facilities Handling LNG and LHG" ((RIN1625-AB67)(Docket No. USCG-2011-0277)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-322. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adding International Energy Efficiency (IEE) Certificate to List of Certificates a Recognized Classification Society May Issue" ((RIN1625-AB90)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-0861)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-323. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; 2013 Orange Bowl Paddle Championship, Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1020)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-324. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; 2012 Holiday Boat Parades, Captain of the Port Miami Zone, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-0898)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-325. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Sacramento River, CA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2011-1138)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-326. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Apalachicola River, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0470)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-327. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; S99 Alford Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project, Mystic River, MA" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2011-1125)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-328. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Reporting Requirements for Barges Loaded With Certain Dangerous Cargoes, Inland Rivers, Eighth Coast Guard District; Extension of Stay (Suspension)" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1074)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-329. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Upper Mississippi River MM 0.0 to MM 185.0; Cairo, IL to St. Louis, MO" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1044)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-330. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Kelley's Island Swim, Lake Erie; Kelley's Island, Lakeside, OH" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-20120386-)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 267. A bill to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing through port State measures; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 268. A bill to reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 269. A bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 270. A bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to establish a United States Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 271. A bill to improve Arctic health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 272. A bill to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 273. A bill to modify the definition of fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 274. A bill to strengthen nutrition education for elementary school and secondary school students to promote healthy eating choices through developmentally appropriate lessons and activities integrated into the school day; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 275. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 276. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 277. A bill to replace the Budget Control Act sequester by eliminating tax loopholes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 278. A bill to replace the Budget Control Act sequester for fiscal year 2013 by eliminating tax loopholes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 279. A bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Res. 28. A resolution to provide sufficient time for legislation to be read; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 174, a bill to appropriately restrict sales of ammunition.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr.

WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 242, a bill to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes.

S. 249

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 249, a bill to provide for the expansion of affordable refinancing of mortgages held by the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

S. 252

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 252, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 643(c) of the American Taxpayer Relief Act (Public Law 112-240), the SPEAKER appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Long-Term Care: Ms. Judy Brachman of Bexly, Ohio, Mr. Stephen Guillard of Chatham, Massachusetts, and Ms. Grace-Marie Turner of Alexandria, Virginia.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

COMMISSION ON LONG-TERM CARE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 112-240, had appointed the following as members of the Commission on Long-Term Care: Bruce D, Greenstein, of Louisiana, Neil L. Pruitt, of Georgia, Mark J. Warshawsky, of Maryland.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. HAGAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following the remarks of the leaders, the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 47, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, following disposition of bill S. 47, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. HAGAN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. CORNYN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:39 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 16, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013, be further modified such that the Senate vote in relation to amendments to the pending bill at 11:30 a.m.; that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 15, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.; that, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 47, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013, as modified; and that provisions of said order, as modified, remain in effect.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 16 to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to modify amendment No. 21, intended to be proposed by him.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 16 to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013, as modified,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COONS, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. RUBIO) to amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 21).

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. LEAHY modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 21, as modified, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 93, nays... 5

[Rollcall Vote No. 15 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 5

Coburn, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Lee, Sessions.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. MANCHIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 16 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013, as modified,

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. ALEXANDER) to further amend the bill by striking section 302 and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 10).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 100, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 16 Leg.]

YEAS --- 100

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013, as modified,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY (for Ms. MURKOWSKI) to further amend the bill, on page 186, by striking all beginning on line 5 through line 3, on page 187, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 11).

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 15, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 17 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 53

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 16 to the bill, as amended.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified today,

At 12:41 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m. on today.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 47.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 16 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 57

[Rollcall Vote No. 18 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake,

Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 57

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 7, 2013,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 78, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 19 Leg.]

YEAS --- 78

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 22

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Coburn, Cornyn, Cruz, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Thune.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE UNION DELIVERED TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS ON FEBRUARY 12, 2013 -- PM 2

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was ordered to lie on the table:

To The Congress of the United States:

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, fellow citizens:

Fifty-one years ago, John F. Kennedy declared to this Chamber that "the Constitution makes us not rivals for power but partners for progress... It is my task," he said, "to report the State of the Union—to improve it is the task of us all."

Tonight, thanks to the grit and determination of the American people, there is much progress to report. After a decade of grinding war, our brave men and women in uniform are coming home. After years of grueling recession, our businesses have created over six million new jobs. We buy more American cars than we have in five years, and less foreign oil than we have in twenty. Our housing market is healing, our stock market is rebounding, and consumers, patients, and homeowners enjoy stronger protections than ever before.

Together, we have cleared away the rubble of crisis, and can say with renewed confidence that the State of our Union is stronger.

But we gather here knowing that there are millions of Americans whose hard work and dedication have not yet been rewarded. Our economy is adding jobs—but too many people still can't find full-time employment. Corporate profits have rocketed to all-time highs—but for more than a decade, wages and incomes have barely budged.

It is our generation's task, then, to reignite the true engine of America's economic growth—a rising, thriving middle class.

It is our unfinished task to restore the basic bargain that built this country—the idea that if you work hard and meet your responsibilities, you can get ahead, no matter where you come from, what you look like, or who you love.

It is our unfinished task to make sure that this Government works on behalf of the many, and not just the few; that it encourages free enterprise, rewards individual initiative, and opens the doors of opportunity to every child across this great Nation.

The American people don't expect Government to solve every problem. They don't expect those of us in this chamber to agree on every issue. But they do expect us to put the Nation's interests before party. They do expect us to forge reasonable compromise where we can. For they know that America moves forward only when we do so together; and that the responsibility of improving this Union remains the task of us all.

Our work must begin by making some basic decisions about our budget—decisions that will have a huge impact on the strength of our recovery.

Over the last few years, both parties have worked together to reduce the deficit by more than $2.5 trillion—mostly through spending cuts, but also by raising tax rates on the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans. As a result, we are more than halfway towards the goal of $4 trillion in deficit reduction that economists say we need to stabilize our finances.

Now we need to finish the job. And the question is, how?

In 2011, Congress passed a law saying that if both parties couldn't agree on a plan to reach our deficit goal, about a trillion dollars' worth of budget cuts would automatically go into effect this year. These sudden, harsh, arbitrary cuts would jeopardize our military readiness. They'd devastate priorities like education, energy, and medical research. They would certainly slow our recovery, and cost us hundreds of thousands of jobs. That's why Democrats, Republicans, business leaders, and economists have already said that these cuts, known here in Washington as "the sequester," are a really bad idea.

Now, some in this Congress have proposed preventing only the defense cuts by making even bigger cuts to things like education and job training; Medicare and Social Security benefits.

That idea is even worse. Yes, the biggest driver of our long-term debt is the rising cost of health care for an aging population. And those of us who care deeply about programs like Medicare must embrace the need for modest reforms—otherwise, our retirement programs will crowd out the investments we need for our children, and jeopardize the promise of a secure retirement for future generations.

But we can't ask senior citizens and working families to shoulder the entire burden of deficit reduction while asking nothing more from the wealthiest and most powerful. We won't grow the middle class simply by shifting the cost of health care or college onto families that are already

struggling, or by forcing communities to lay off more teachers, cops, and firefighters. Most Americans—Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—understand that we can't just cut our way to prosperity. They know that broad-based economic growth requires a balanced approach to deficit reduction, with spending cuts and revenue, and with everybody doing their fair share. And that's the approach I offer tonight.

On Medicare, I'm prepared to enact reforms that will achieve the same amount of health care savings by the beginning of the next decade as the reforms proposed by the bipartisan Simpson-Bowles commission. Already, the Affordable Care Act is helping to slow the growth of health care costs. The reforms I'm proposing go even further. We'll reduce taxpayer subsidies to prescription drug companies and ask more from the wealthiest seniors. We'll bring down costs by changing the way our Government pays for Medicare, because our medical bills shouldn't be based on the number of tests ordered or days spent in the hospital—they should be based on the quality of care that our seniors receive. And I am open to additional reforms from both parties, so long as they don't violate the guarantee of a secure retirement. Our Government shouldn't make promises we can't keep—but we must keep the promises we've already made.

To hit the rest of our deficit reduction target, we should do what leaders in both parties have already suggested, and save hundreds of billions of dollars by getting rid of tax loopholes and deductions for the well-off and well-connected. After all, why would we choose to make deeper cuts to education and Medicare just to protect special interest tax breaks? How is that fair? How does that promote growth?

Now is our best chance for bipartisan, comprehensive tax reform that encourages job creation and helps bring down the deficit. The American people deserve a tax code that helps small businesses spend less time filling out complicated forms, and more time expanding and hiring; a tax code that ensures billionaires with high-powered accountants can't pay a lower rate than their hard-working secretaries; a tax code that lowers incentives to move jobs overseas, and lowers tax rates for businesses and manufacturers that create jobs right here in America. That's what tax reform can deliver. That's what we can do together.

I realize that tax reform and entitlement reform won't be easy. The politics will be hard for both sides. None of us will get 100 percent of what we want. But the alternative will cost us jobs, hurt our economy, and visit hardship on millions of hardworking Americans. So let's set party interests aside, and work to pass a budget that replaces reckless cuts with smart savings and wise investments in our future. And let's do it without the brinksmanship that stresses consumers and scares off investors. The greatest Nation on Earth cannot keep conducting its business by drifting from one manufactured crisis to the next. Let's agree, right here, right now, to keep the people's Government open, pay our bills on time, and always uphold the full faith and credit of the United States of America. The American people have worked too hard, for too long, rebuilding from one crisis to see their elected officials cause another.

Now, most of us agree that a plan to reduce the deficit must be part of our agenda. But let's be clear: deficit reduction alone is not an economic plan. A growing economy that creates good, middle-class jobs—that must be the North Star that guides our efforts. Every day, we should ask ourselves three questions as a Nation: How do we attract more jobs to our shores? How do we equip our people with the skills needed to do those jobs? And how do we make sure that hard work leads to a decent living?

A year and a half ago, I put forward an American Jobs Act that independent economists said would create more than one million new jobs. I thank the last Congress for passing some of that agenda, and I urge this Congress to pass the rest. Tonight, I'll lay out additional proposals that are fully paid for and fully consistent with the budget framework both parties agreed to just 18 months ago. Let me repeat—nothing I'm proposing tonight should increase our deficit by a single dime. It's not a bigger Government we need, but a smarter Government that sets priorities and invests in broad-based growth.

Our first priority is making America a magnet for new jobs and manufacturing.

After shedding jobs for more than 10 years, our manufacturers have added about 500,000 jobs over the past three. Caterpillar is bringing jobs back from Japan. Ford is bringing jobs back from Mexico. After locating plants in other countries like China, Intel is opening its most advanced plant right here at home. And this year, Apple will start making Macs in America again.

There are things we can do, right now, to accelerate this trend. Last year, we created our first manufacturing innovation institute in Youngstown, Ohio. A once-shuttered warehouse is now a state-of-the art lab where new workers are mastering the 3D printing that has the potential to revolutionize the way we make almost everything. There's no reason this can't happen in other towns. So tonight, I'm announcing the launch of three more of these manufacturing hubs, where businesses will partner with the Departments of Defense and Energy to turn regions left behind by globalization into global centers of high-tech jobs. And I ask this Congress to help create a network of fifteen of these hubs and guarantee that the next revolution in manufacturing is Made in America.

If we want to make the best products, we also have to invest in the best ideas. Every dollar we invested to map the human genome returned $140 to our economy. Today, our scientists are mapping the human brain to unlock the answers to Alzheimer's; developing drugs to regenerate damaged organs; devising new material to make batteries ten times more powerful. Now is not the time to gut these job-creating investments in science and innovation. Now is the time to reach a level of research and development not seen since the height of the Space Race. And today, no area holds more promise than our investments in American energy.

After years of talking about it, we are finally poised to control our own energy future. We produce more oil at home than we have in 15 years. We have doubled the distance our cars will go on a gallon of gas, and the amount of renewable energy we generate from sources like wind and solar—with tens of thousands of good, American jobs to show for it. We produce more natural gas than ever before—and nearly everyone's energy bill is lower because of it. And over the last four years, our emissions of the dangerous carbon pollution that threatens our planet have actually fallen.

But for the sake of our children and our future, we must do more to combat climate change. Yes, it's true that no single event makes a trend. But the fact is, the 12 hottest years on record have all come in the last 15. Heat waves, droughts, wildfires, and floods—all are now more frequent and intense. We can choose to believe that Superstorm Sandy, and the most severe drought in decades, and the worst wildfires some states have ever seen were all just a freak coincidence. Or we can choose to believe in the overwhelming judgment of science—and act before it's too late.

The good news is, we can make meaningful progress on this issue while driving strong economic growth. I urge this Congress to pursue a bipartisan, market-based solution to climate change, like the one JOHN MCCAIN and Joe Lieberman worked on together a few years ago. But if Congress won't act soon to protect future generations, I will. I will direct my Cabinet to come up with executive actions we can take, now and in the future, to reduce pollution, prepare our communities for the consequences of climate change, and speed the transition to more sustainable sources of energy.

Four years ago, other countries dominated the clean energy market and the jobs that came with it. We've begun to change that. Last year, wind energy added nearly half of all new power capacity in America. So let's generate even more. Solar energy gets cheaper by the year—so let's drive costs down even further. As long as countries like

China keep going all-in on clean energy, so must we.

In the meantime, the natural gas boom has led to cleaner power and greater energy independence. That's why my Administration will keep cutting red tape and speeding up new oil and gas permits. But I also want to work with this Congress to encourage the research and technology that helps natural gas burn even cleaner and protects our air and water.

Indeed, much of our new-found energy is drawn from lands and waters that we, the public, own together. So tonight, I propose we use some of our oil and gas revenues to fund an Energy Security Trust that will drive new research and technology to shift our cars and trucks off oil for good. If a non-partisan coalition of CEOs and retired generals and admirals can get behind this idea, then so can we. Let's take their advice and free our families and businesses from the painful spikes in gas prices we've put up with for far too long. I'm also issuing a new goal for America: let's cut in half the energy wasted by our homes and businesses over the next twenty years. The States with the best ideas to create jobs and lower energy bills by constructing more efficient buildings will receive Federal support to help make it happen.

America's energy sector is just one part of an aging infrastructure badly in need of repair. Ask any CEO where they'd rather locate and hire: a country with deteriorating roads and bridges, or one with high-speed rail and internet; high-tech schools and self-healing power grids. The CEO of Siemens America—a company that brought hundreds of new jobs to North Carolina—has said that if we upgrade our infrastructure, they'll bring even more jobs. And I know that you want these job-creating projects in your districts. I've seen you all at the ribbon-cuttings.

Tonight, I propose a "Fix-It-First" program to put people to work as soon as possible on our most urgent repairs, like the nearly 70,000 structurally deficient bridges across the country. And to make sure taxpayers don't shoulder the whole burden, I'm also proposing a Partnership to Rebuild America that attracts private capital to upgrade what our businesses need most: modern ports to move our goods; modern pipelines to withstand a storm; modern schools worthy of our children. Let's prove that there is no better place to do business than the United States of America. And let's start right away.

Part of our rebuilding effort must also involve our housing sector. Today, our housing market is finally healing from the collapse of 2007. Home prices are rising at the fastest pace in six years, home purchases are up nearly 50 percent, and construction is expanding again.

But even with mortgage rates near a 50-year low, too many families with solid credit who want to buy a home are being rejected. Too many families who have never missed a payment and want to refinance are being told no. That's holding our entire economy back, and we need to fix it. Right now, there's a bill in this Congress that would give every responsible homeowner in America the chance to save $3,000 a year by refinancing at today's rates. Democrats and Republicans have supported it before. What are we waiting for? Take a vote, and send me that bill. Right now, overlapping regulations keep responsible young families from buying their first home. What's holding us back? Let's streamline the process, and help our economy grow.

These initiatives in manufacturing, energy, infrastructure, and housing will help entrepreneurs and small business owners expand and create new jobs. But none of it will matter unless we also equip our citizens with the skills and training to fill those jobs. And that has to start at the earliest possible age.

Study after study shows that the sooner a child begins learning, the better he or she does down the road. But today, fewer than 3 in 10 four-year-olds are enrolled in a high-quality preschool program. Most middle-class parents can't afford a few hundred bucks a week for private preschool. And for poor kids who need help the most, this lack of access to preschool education can shadow them for the rest of their lives.

Tonight, I propose working with states to make high-quality preschool available to every child in America. Every dollar we invest in high-quality early education can save more than seven dollars later on—by boosting graduation rates, reducing teen pregnancy, even reducing violent crime. In States that make it a priority to educate our youngest children, like Georgia or Oklahoma, studies show students grow up more likely to read and do math at grade level, graduate high school, hold a job, and form more stable families of their own. So let's do what works, and make sure none of our children start the race of life already behind. Let's give our kids that chance.

Let's also make sure that a high school diploma puts our kids on a path to a good job. Right now, countries like Germany focus on graduating their high-school students with the equivalent of a technical degree from one of our community colleges, so that they're ready for a job. At schools like P-Tech in Brooklyn, a collaboration between New York Public Schools, the City University of New York, and IBM, students will graduate with a high school diploma and an associate's degree in computers or engineering.

We need to give every American student opportunities like this. Four years ago, we started Race to the Top—a competition that convinced almost every state to develop smarter curricula and higher standards, for about 1 percent of what we spend on education each year. Tonight, I'm announcing a new challenge to redesign America's high schools so they better equip graduates for the demands of a high-tech economy. We'll reward schools that develop new partnerships with colleges and employers, and create classes that focus on science, technology, engineering, and math—the skills today's employers are looking for to fill jobs right now and in the future.

Now, even with better high schools, most young people will need some higher education. It's a simple fact: the more education you have, the more likely you are to have a job and work your way into the middle class. But today, skyrocketing costs price way too many young people out of a higher education, or saddle them with unsustainable debt.

Through tax credits, grants, and better loans, we have made college more affordable for millions of students and families over the last few years. But taxpayers cannot continue to subsidize the soaring cost of higher education. Colleges must do their part to keep costs down, and it's our job to make sure they do. Tonight, I ask Congress to change the Higher Education Act, so that affordability and value are included in determining which colleges receive certain types of Federal aid. And tomorrow, my Administration will release a new "College Scorecard" that parents and students can use to compare schools based on a simple criterion: where you can get the most bang for your educational buck.

To grow our middle class, our citizens must have access to the education and training that today's jobs require. But we also have to make sure that America remains a place where everyone who's willing to work hard has the chance to get ahead.

Our economy is stronger when we harness the talents and ingenuity of striving, hopeful immigrants. And right now, leaders from the business, labor, law enforcement, and faith communities all agree that the time has come to pass immigration reform.

Real reform means strong border security, and we can build on the progress my Administration has already made—putting more boots on the southern border than at any time in our history, and reducing illegal crossings to their lowest levels in 40 years.

Real reform means establishing a responsible pathway to earned citizenship—a path that includes passing a background check, paying taxes and a meaningful penalty, learning English, and going to the back of the line behind the folks trying to come here legally.

And real reform means fixing the legal immigration system to cut waiting periods, reduce bureaucracy, and attract the highly skilled entrepreneurs and engineers that will help create jobs and grow our economy.

In other words, we know what needs to be done. As we speak, bipartisan groups in both chambers and working diligently to draft a bill, and I applaud their efforts. Now let's get this done. Send me a comprehensive immigration reform bill in the next few months, and I will sign it right away.

But we can't stop there. We know our economy is stronger when our wives, mothers, and daughters can live their lives free from discrimination in the workplace, and free from the fear of domestic violence. Today, the Senate passed the Violence Against Women Act that JOE BIDEN originally wrote almost 20 years ago. I urge the House to do the same. And I ask this Congress to declare that women should earn a living equal to their efforts, and finally pass the Paycheck Fairness Act this year.

We know our economy is stronger when we reward an honest day's work with honest wages. But today, a full-time worker making the minimum wage earns $14,500 a year. Even with the tax relief we've put in place, a family with two kids that earns the minimum wage still lives below the poverty line. That's wrong. That's why, since the last time this Congress raised the minimum wage, nineteen states have chosen to bump theirs even higher.

Tonight, let's declare that in the wealthiest Nation on Earth, no one who works full-time should have to live in poverty, and raise the Federal minimum wage to $9.00 an hour. This single step would raise the incomes of millions of working families. It could mean the difference between groceries or the food bank; rent or eviction; scraping by or finally getting ahead. For businesses across the country, it would mean customers with more money in their pockets. In fact, working folks shouldn't have to wait year after year for the minimum wage to go up while CEO pay has never been higher. So here's an idea that Governor Romney and I actually agreed on last year: let's tie the minimum wage to the cost of living, so that it finally becomes a wage you can live on.

Tonight, let's also recognize that there are communities in this country where no matter how hard you work, it's virtually impossible to get ahead. Factory towns decimated from years of plants packing up. Inescapable pockets of poverty, urban and rural, where young adults are still fighting for their first job. America is not a place where chance of birth or circumstance should decide our destiny. And that is why we need to build new ladders of opportunity into the middle class for all who are willing to climb them.

Let's offer incentives to companies that hire Americans who've got what it takes to fill that job opening, but have been out of work so long that no one will give them a chance. Let's put people back to work rebuilding vacant homes in run-down neighborhoods. And this year, my Administration will begin to partner with 20 of the hardest-hit towns in America to get these communities back on their feet. We'll work with local leaders to target resources at public safety, education, and housing. We'll give new tax credits to businesses that hire and invest. And we'll work to strengthen families by removing the financial deterrents to marriage for low-income couples, and doing more to encourage fatherhood—because what makes you a man isn't the ability to conceive a child; it's having the courage to raise one.

Stronger families. Stronger communities. A stronger America. It is this kind of prosperity—broad, shared, and built on a thriving middle class—that has always been the source of our progress at home. It is also the foundation of our power and influence throughout the world.

Tonight, we stand united in saluting the troops and civilians who sacrifice every day to protect us. Because of them, we can say with confidence that America will complete its mission in Afghanistan, and achieve our objective of defeating the core of al Qaeda. Already, we have brought home 33,000 of our brave servicemen and women. This spring, our forces will move into a support role, while Afghan Security forces take the lead. Tonight, I can announce that over the next year, another 34,000 American troops will come home from Afghanistan. This drawdown will continue. And by the end of next year, our war in Afghanistan will be over.

Beyond 2014, America's commitment to a unified and sovereign Afghanistan will endure, but the nature of our commitment will change. We are negotiating an agreement with the Afghan government that focuses on two missions: training and equipping Afghan forces so that the country does not again slip into chaos, and counter-terrorism efforts that allow us to pursue the remnants of al Qaeda and their affiliates.

Today, the organization that attacked us on 9/11 is a shadow of its former self. Different al Qaeda affiliates and extremist groups have emerged—from the Arabian Peninsula to Africa. The threat these groups pose is evolving. But to meet this threat, we don't need to send tens of thousands of our sons and daughters abroad, or occupy other nations. Instead, we will need to help countries like Yemen, Libya, and Somalia provide for their own security, and help allies who take the fight to terrorists, as we have in Mali. And, where necessary, through a range of capabilities, we will continue to take direct action against those terrorists who pose the gravest threat to Americans.

As we do, we must enlist our values in the fight. That is why my Administration has worked tirelessly to forge a durable legal and policy framework to guide our counterterrorism operations. Throughout, we have kept Congress fully informed of our efforts. I recognize that in our democracy, no one should just take my word that we're doing things the right way. So, in the months ahead, I will continue to engage with Congress to ensure not only that our targeting, detention, and prosecution of terrorists remains consistent with our laws and system of checks and balances, but that our efforts are even more transparent to the American people and to the world.

Of course, our challenges don't end with al Qaeda. America will continue to lead the effort to prevent the spread of the world's most dangerous weapons. The regime in North Korea must know that they will only achieve security and prosperity by meeting their international obligations. Provocations of the sort we saw last night will only isolate them further, as we stand by our allies, strengthen our own missile defense, and lead the world in taking firm action in response to these threats.

Likewise, the leaders of Iran must recognize that now is the time for a diplomatic solution, because a coalition stands united in demanding that they meet their obligations, and we will do what is necessary to prevent them from getting a nuclear weapon. At the same time, we will engage Russia to seek further reductions in our nuclear arsenals, and continue leading the global effort to secure nuclear materials that could fall into the wrong hands—because our ability to influence others depends on our willingness to lead.

America must also face the rapidly growing threat from cyber-attacks. We know hackers steal people's identities and infiltrate private e-mail. We know foreign countries and companies swipe our corporate secrets. Now our enemies are also seeking the ability to sabotage our power grid, our financial institutions, and our air traffic control systems. We cannot look back years from now and wonder why we did nothing in the face of real threats to our security and our economy.

That's why, earlier today, I signed a new Executive Order that will strengthen our cyber defenses by increasing information sharing, and developing standards to protect our national security, our jobs, and our privacy. Now, Congress must act as well, by passing legislation to give our government a greater capacity to secure our networks and deter attacks.

Even as we protect our people, we should remember that today's world presents not only dangers, but opportunities. To boost American exports, support American jobs, and level the playing field in the growing markets of Asia, we intend to complete negotiations on a Trans-Pacific Partnership. And tonight, I am announcing that we will launch talks on a comprehensive Transatlantic Trade and Investment

Partnership with the European Union—because trade that is free and fair across the Atlantic supports millions of good-paying American jobs.

We also know that progress in the most impoverished parts of our world enriches us all. In many places, people live on little more than a dollar a day. So the United States will join with our allies to eradicate such extreme poverty in the next two decades: by connecting more people to the global economy and empowering women; by giving our young and brightest minds new opportunities to serve and helping communities to feed, power, and educate themselves; by saving the world's children from preventable deaths; and by realizing the promise of an AIDS-free generation.

Above all America must remain a beacon to all who seek freedom during this period of historic change. I saw the power of hope last year in Rangoon—when Aung San Suu Kyi welcomed an American President into the home where she had been imprisoned for years; when thousands of Burmese lined the streets, waving American flags, including a man who said, "There is justice and law in the United States. I want our country to be like that."

In defense of freedom, we will remain the anchor of strong alliances from the Americas to Africa; from Europe to Asia. In the Middle East, we will stand with citizens as they demand their universal rights, and support stable transitions to democracy. The process will be messy, and we cannot presume to dictate the course of change in countries like Egypt; but we can—and will—insist on respect for the fundamental rights of all people. will keep the pressure on a Syrian regime that has murdered its own people, and support opposition leaders that respect the rights of every Syrian. And we will stand steadfast with Israel in pursuit of security and a lasting peace. These are the messages I will deliver when I travel to the Middle East next month.

All this work depends on the courage and sacrifice of those who serve in dangerous places at great personal risk—our diplomats, our intelligence officers, and the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. As long as I'm Commander in Chief, we will do whatever we must to protect those who serve their country abroad, and we will maintain the best military in the world. We will invest in new capabilities, even as we reduce waste and wartime spending. We will ensure equal treatment for all service members, and equal benefits for their families—gay and straight. We will draw upon the courage and skills of our sisters and daughters, because women have proven under fire that they are ready for combat. We will keep faith with our veterans—investing in world-class care, including mental health care, for our wounded warriors; supporting our military families; and giving our veterans the benefits, education, and job opportunities they have earned. And I want to thank my wife Michelle and Dr. Jill Biden for their continued dedication to serving our military families as well as they serve us.

But defending our freedom is not the job of our military alone. We must all do our part to make sure our God-given rights are protected here at home. That includes our most fundamental right as citizens: the right to vote. When any Americans—no matter where they live or what their party—are denied that right simply because they can't wait for five, six, or seven hours just to cast their ballot, we are betraying our ideals. That's why, tonight, I'm announcing a non-partisan commission to improve the voting experience in America. And I'm asking two long-time experts in the field, who've recently served as the top attorneys for my campaign and for Governor Romney's campaign, to lead it. We can fix this, and we will. The American people demand it. And so does our democracy.

Of course, what I've said tonight matters little if we don't come together to protect our most precious resource—our children.

It has been two months since Newtown. I know this is not the first time this country has debated how to reduce gun violence. But this time is different. Overwhelming majorities of Americans—Americans who believe in the 2nd Amendment—have come together around commonsense reform—like background checks that will make it harder for criminals to get their hands on a gun. Senators of both parties are working together on tough new laws to prevent anyone from buying guns for resale to criminals. Police chiefs are asking our help to get weapons of war and massive ammunition magazines off our streets, because they are tired of being outgunned.

Each of these proposals deserves a vote in Congress. If you want to vote no, that's your choice. But these proposals deserve a vote. Because in the two months since Newtown, more than a thousand birthdays, graduations, and anniversaries have been stolen from our lives by a bullet from a gun.

One of those we lost was a young girl named Hadiya Pendleton. She was 15 years old. She loved Fig Newtons and lip gloss. She was a majorette. She was so good to her friends, they all thought they were her best friend. Just three weeks ago, she was here, in Washington, with her classmates, performing for her country at my inauguration. And a week later, she was shot and killed in a Chicago park after school, just a mile away from my house.

Hadiya's parents, Nate and Cleo, are in this chamber tonight, along with more than two dozen Americans whose lives have been torn apart by gun violence. They deserve a vote.

Gabby Giffords deserves a vote.

The families of Newtown deserve a vote.

The families of Aurora deserve a vote.

The families of Oak Creek, and Tucson, and Blacksburg, and the countless other communities ripped open by gun violence—they deserve a simple vote.

Our actions will not prevent every senseless act of violence in this country. Indeed, no laws, no initiatives, no administrative acts will perfectly solve all the challenges I've outlined tonight. But we were never sent here to be perfect. We were sent here to make what difference we can, to secure this Nation, expand opportunity, and uphold our ideals through the hard, often frustrating, but absolutely necessary work of self-government.

We were sent here to look out for our fellow Americans the same way they look out for one another, every single day, usually without fanfare, all across this country. We should follow their example.

We should follow the example of a New York City nurse named Menchu Sanchez. When Hurricane Sandy plunged her hospital into darkness, her thoughts were not with how her own home was faring—they were with the twenty precious newborns in her care and the rescue plan she devised that kept them all safe.

We should follow the example of a North Miami woman named Desiline Victor. When she arrived at her polling place, she was told the wait to vote might be six hours. And as time ticked by, her concern was not with her tired body or aching feet, but whether folks like her would get to have their say. Hour after hour, a throng of people stayed in line in support of her. Because Desiline is 102 years old. And they erupted in cheers when she finally put on a sticker that read "I Voted."

We should follow the example of a police officer named Brian Murphy. When a gunman opened fire on a Sikh temple in Wisconsin, and Brian was the first to arrive, he did not consider his own safety. He fought back until help arrived and ordered his fellow officers to protect the safety of the Americans worshipping inside—even as he lay bleeding from twelve bullet wounds.

When asked how he did that, Brian said, "That's just the way we're made."

That's just the way we're made.

We may do different jobs, and wear different uniforms, and hold different views than the person beside us. But as Americans, we all share the same proud title:

We are citizens. It's a word that doesn't just describe our nationality or legal status. It describes the way we're made. It describes what we believe. It captures the enduring idea that this country only works when we accept certain obligations to one another and to future generations; that our rights are wrapped up in the rights of others; and that well into our third century as a Nation, it remains the task of us all, as citizens of these

United States, to be the authors of the next great chapter in our American story.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 12, 2013*.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-331. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Agency's proposed fiscal year 2014 budget; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-332. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9376-9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-333. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glycine max Herbicide-resistant Acetolactate Synthase; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9376-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-334. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9374-9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-335. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas (Splenetic) Fever in Cattle" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0069), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-336. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Bananas From the Philippines into the Continental United States" ((RIN0579-AD61)(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0028)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-337. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criteria Used to Order Administrative Detention of Food for Human or Animal Consumption" ((RIN0910-AG67)(Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0197)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 8, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-338. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-339. A joint communication from the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to maintaining the EP-3E Airborne Reconnaissance Integrated Electronic System II and the Special Projects Aircraft platform in a manner that meets the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance requirements of the Commanders of the Combatant Commands; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-340. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael D. Barbero, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-341. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-342. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Low-Income Status; Acceptance of Secondary Capital Accounts by Low-Income Designated Credit Unions" (RIN3133-AE09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-343. A communication from the Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-344. A communication from the Director of Insular Affairs, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "First Five-Year Review of the Compact of Free Association, As Amended, Between the Governments of the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-345. A communication from the Director of Insular Affairs, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "First Five-Year Review of the Compact of Free Association, As Amended, Between the Governments of the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-346. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Charges for Use of Government Lands" (Docket No. RM11-6-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-347. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Montana Regulatory Program" (Docket No. MT-032-FOR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-348. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah Regulatory Program" (Docket No. UT-047-FOR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-349. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tennessee Abandoned Mine Land Program" (Docket No. TN-001-FOR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-350. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming Regulatory Program" (Docket No.

WY-040-FOR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 8, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-351. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Amendments to Maryland's Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9777-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-352. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey and New York Ozone Attainment Demonstrations" (FRL No. 9778-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-353. A communication from the Chair of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Overview of Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-354. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Recovery Auditing in the Medicare and Medicaid Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-355. A joint communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-356. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Programs; Transparency Reports and Reporting of Physician Ownership or Investment Interests" (RIN0938-AR33), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 8, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-357. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 8, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-358. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reconsideration of Tax-Exempt AFR" (Notice 2013-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 8, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-359. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Noncompensatory Partnership Options" ((RIN1545-BA53)(TD 9612)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-360. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-016, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-361. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-002, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-362. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-363. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Technical Collection for the New START Treaty (OSS-2013-0163); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-364. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Quarantine; Import Regulations for Infectious Biological Agents, Infectious Substances, and Vectors" (RIN0920-AA37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-365. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of User Fees for Filovirus Testing of Nonhuman Primate Liver Samples" (RIN0920-AA47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-366. A communication from the Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pattern of Violations" (RIN1219-AB73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-367. A communication from the Director of the Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation Division, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Family and Medical Leave Act" (RIN1215-AB76, RIN1235-AA03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-368. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Agency Drug-Free Workplace Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-369. A communication from the Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Managing Public Employees in the Public Interest: Employee Perspectives on Merit Principles in Federal Workplaces"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-370. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to reservations made for internment at Arlington National Cemetery; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-371. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosures to Participate in State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs" (RIN2900-AO45), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 8, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 280. A bill to ensure effective control over the Congressional budget process; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 281. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 282. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a new counseling program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 283. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to invest in innovation for education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 284. A bill to transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 285. A bill to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 286. A bill to enhance civil penalties under the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 287. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 288. A bill to increase the participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and industry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 289. A bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 29. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 30. A resolution establishing the Committee to Reduce Government Waste; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to establish background check procedures for gun shows.

S. 33

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes.

S. 34

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 34, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 58

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 58, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 91

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 91, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 148

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 148, a bill to safeguard America's schools by using community policing strategies to prevent school violence and improve student and school safety.

S. 150

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

S. 168

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 168, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 174, a bill to appropriately restrict sales of ammunition.

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 223, a bill to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 263

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 263, a bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to modify the discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2013, at 9:45 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 12, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Proposals to Reduce Gun Violence: Protecting Our Communities While Respecting the Second Amendment."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

CONSTITUTING MAJORITY PARTY MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 29) to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF ESCORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the PRESIDENT pro tempore be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the Chamber of the House of Representatives for a joint session at 9 p.m. on today.

ORDERS FOR RECESS ON TODAY, FOR ADJOURNMENT FOLLOWING THE JOINT SESSION ON TODAY UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate recess until 8:30 p.m. on today; that, at 8:30 p.m., the Senate proceed as a body to the House of Representatives for the State of the Address, as pursuant to the provisions of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 11) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President; that, upon dissolution of the joint session, the Senate adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that following the remarks of the two leaders, the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the minority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the majority control the second 30 minutes therein.

RECESS

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

At 4 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 8:30 p.m.

AT 8:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE STATE OF THE UNION

At 8:30 p.m.,

The Senate proceeded in a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives to hear an address by the President of the United States, the Honorable Barack H. Obama.

The VICE PRESIDENT appointed the following committee of Senators to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the Chamber of the House of Representatives: Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BENNET, Ms. STABENOW Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MCCONNELL Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. MORAN.

The two Houses being assembled,

The President of the United States addressed them, as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, fellow citizens:

Fifty-one years ago, John F. Kennedy declared to this Chamber that "the Constitution makes us not rivals for power but partners for progress... It is my task," he said, "to report the State of the Union—to improve it is the task of us all."

Tonight, thanks to the grit and determination of the American people, there is much progress to report. After a decade of grinding war, our brave men and women in uniform are coming home. After years of grueling recession, our businesses have created over six million new jobs. We buy more American cars than we have in five years, and less foreign oil than we have in twenty. Our housing market is healing, our stock market is rebounding, and consumers, patients, and homeowners enjoy stronger protections than ever before.

Together, we have cleared away the rubble of crisis, and can say with renewed

confidence that the State of our Union is stronger.

But we gather here knowing that there are millions of Americans whose hard work and dedication have not yet been rewarded. Our economy is adding jobs—but too many people still can't find full-time employment. Corporate profits have rocketed to all-time highs—but for more than a decade, wages and incomes have barely budged.

It is our generation's task, then, to reignite the true engine of America's economic growth—a rising, thriving middle class.

It is our unfinished task to restore the basic bargain that built this country—the idea that if you work hard and meet your responsibilities, you can get ahead, no matter where you come from, what you look like, or who you love.

It is our unfinished task to make sure that this Government works on behalf of the many, and not just the few; that it encourages free enterprise, rewards individual initiative, and opens the doors of opportunity to every child across this great Nation.

The American people don't expect Government to solve every problem. They don't expect those of us in this chamber to agree on every issue. But they do expect us to put the Nation's interests before party. They do expect us to forge reasonable compromise where we can. For they know that America moves forward only when we do so together; and that the responsibility of improving this Union remains the task of us all.

Our work must begin by making some basic decisions about our budget—decisions that will have a huge impact on the strength of our recovery.

Over the last few years, both parties have worked together to reduce the deficit by more than $2.5 trillion—mostly through spending cuts, but also by raising tax rates on the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans. As a result, we are more than halfway towards the goal of $4 trillion in deficit reduction that economists say we need to stabilize our finances.

Now we need to finish the job. And the question is, how?

In 2011, Congress passed a law saying that if both parties couldn't agree on a plan to reach our deficit goal, about a trillion dollars' worth of budget cuts would automatically go into effect this year. These sudden, harsh, arbitrary cuts would jeopardize our military readiness. They'd devastate priorities like education, energy, and medical research. They would certainly slow our recovery, and cost us hundreds of thousands of jobs. That's why Democrats, Republicans, business leaders, and economists have already said that these cuts, known here in Washington as "the sequester," are a really bad idea.

Now, some in this Congress have proposed preventing only the defense cuts by making even bigger cuts to things like education and job training; Medicare and Social Security benefits.

That idea is even worse. Yes, the biggest driver of our long-term debt is the rising cost of health care for an aging population. And those of us who care deeply about programs like Medicare must embrace the need for modest reforms—otherwise, our retirement programs will crowd out the investments we need for our children, and jeopardize the promise of a secure retirement for future generations.

But we can't ask senior citizens and working families to shoulder the entire burden of deficit reduction while asking nothing more from the wealthiest and most powerful. We won't grow the middle class simply by shifting the cost of health care or college onto families that are already struggling, or by forcing communities to lay off more teachers, cops, and firefighters. Most Americans—Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—understand that we can't just cut our way to prosperity. They know that broad-based economic growth requires a balanced approach to deficit reduction, with spending cuts and revenue, and with everybody doing their fair share. And that's the approach I offer tonight.

On Medicare, I'm prepared to enact reforms that will achieve the same amount of health care savings by the beginning of the next decade as the reforms proposed by the bipartisan Simpson-Bowles commission. Already, the Affordable Care Act is helping to slow the growth of health care costs. The reforms I'm proposing go even further. We'll reduce taxpayer subsidies to prescription drug companies and ask more from the wealthiest seniors. We'll bring down costs by changing the way our Government pays for Medicare, because our medical bills shouldn't be based on the number of tests ordered or days spent in the hospital—they should be based on the quality of care that our seniors receive. And I am open to additional reforms from both parties, so long as they don't violate the guarantee of a secure retirement. Our Government shouldn't make promises we can't keep—but we must keep the promises we've already made.

To hit the rest of our deficit reduction target, we should do what leaders in both parties have already suggested, and save hundreds of billions of dollars by getting rid of tax loopholes and deductions for the well-off and well-connected. After all, why would we choose to make deeper cuts to education and Medicare just to protect special interest tax breaks? How is that fair? How does that promote growth?

Now is our best chance for bipartisan, comprehensive tax reform that encourages job creation and helps bring down the deficit. The American people deserve a tax code that helps small businesses spend less time filling out complicated forms, and more time expanding and hiring; a tax code that ensures billionaires with high-powered accountants can't pay a lower rate than their hard-working secretaries; a tax code that lowers incentives to move jobs overseas, and lowers tax rates for businesses and manufacturers that create jobs right here in America. That's what tax reform can deliver. That's what we can do together.

I realize that tax reform and entitlement reform won't be easy. The politics will be hard for both sides. None of us will get 100 percent of what we want. But the alternative will cost us jobs, hurt our economy, and visit hardship on millions of hardworking Americans. So let's set party interests aside, and work to pass a budget that replaces reckless cuts with smart savings and wise investments in our future. And let's do it without the brinksmanship that stresses consumers and scares off investors. The greatest Nation on Earth cannot keep conducting its business by drifting from one manufactured crisis to the next. Let's agree, right here, right now, to keep the people's Government open, pay our bills on time, and always uphold the full faith and credit of the United States of America. The American people have worked too hard, for too long, rebuilding from one crisis to see their elected officials cause another.

Now, most of us agree that a plan to reduce the deficit must be part of our agenda. But let's be clear: deficit reduction alone is not an economic plan. A growing economy that creates good, middle-class jobs—that must be the North Star that guides our efforts. Every day, we should ask ourselves three questions as a Nation: How do we attract more jobs to our shores? How do we equip our people with the skills needed to do those jobs? And how do we make sure that hard work leads to a decent living?

A year and a half ago, I put forward an American Jobs Act that independent economists said would create more than one million new jobs. I thank the last Congress for passing some of that agenda, and I urge this Congress to pass the rest. Tonight, I'll lay out additional proposals that are fully paid for and fully consistent with the budget framework both parties agreed to just 18 months ago. Let me repeat—nothing I'm proposing tonight should increase our deficit by a single dime. It's not a bigger Government we need, but a smarter Government that sets priorities and invests in broad-based growth.

Our first priority is making America a magnet for new jobs and manufacturing.

After shedding jobs for more than 10 years, our manufacturers have added about 500,000 jobs over the past three. Caterpillar is bringing jobs back from Japan. Ford is bringing jobs back from Mexico. After locating plants in other countries like China, Intel is opening its most advanced plant right

here at home. And this year, Apple will start making Macs in America again.

There are things we can do, right now, to accelerate this trend. Last year, we created our first manufacturing innovation institute in Youngstown, Ohio. A once-shuttered warehouse is now a state-of-the art lab where new workers are mastering the 3D printing that has the potential to revolutionize the way we make almost everything. There's no reason this can't happen in other towns. So tonight, I'm announcing the launch of three more of these manufacturing hubs, where businesses will partner with the Departments of Defense and Energy to turn regions left behind by globalization into global centers of high-tech jobs. And I ask this Congress to help create a network of fifteen of these hubs and guarantee that the next revolution in manufacturing is Made in America.

If we want to make the best products, we also have to invest in the best ideas. Every dollar we invested to map the human genome returned $140 to our economy. Today, our scientists are mapping the human brain to unlock the answers to Alzheimer's; developing drugs to regenerate damaged organs; devising new material to make batteries ten times more powerful. Now is not the time to gut these job-creating investments in science and innovation. Now is the time to reach a level of research and development not seen since the height of the Space Race. And today, no area holds more promise than our investments in American energy.

After years of talking about it, we are finally poised to control our own energy future. We produce more oil at home than we have in 15 years. We have doubled the distance our cars will go on a gallon of gas, and the amount of renewable energy we generate from sources like wind and solar—with tens of thousands of good, American jobs to show for it. We produce more natural gas than ever before—and nearly everyone's energy bill is lower because of it. And over the last four years, our emissions of the dangerous carbon pollution that threatens our planet have actually fallen.

But for the sake of our children and our future, we must do more to combat climate change. Yes, it's true that no single event makes a trend. But the fact is, the 12 hottest years on record have all come in the last 15. Heat waves, droughts, wildfires, and floods—all are now more frequent and intense. We can choose to believe that Superstorm Sandy, and the most severe drought in decades, and the worst wildfires some states have ever seen were all just a freak coincidence. Or we can choose to believe in the overwhelming judgment of science—and act before it's too late.

The good news is, we can make meaningful progress on this issue while driving strong economic growth. I urge this Congress to pursue a bipartisan, market-based solution to climate change, like the one JOHN MCCAIN and Joe Lieberman worked on together a few years ago. But if Congress won't act soon to protect future generations, I will. I will direct my Cabinet to come up with executive actions we can take, now and in the future, to reduce pollution, prepare our communities for the consequences of climate change, and speed the transition to more sustainable sources of energy.

Four years ago, other countries dominated the clean energy market and the jobs that came with it. We've begun to change that. Last year, wind energy added nearly half of all new power capacity in America. So let's generate even more. Solar energy gets cheaper by the year—so let's drive costs down even further. As long as countries like China keep going all-in on clean energy, so must we.

In the meantime, the natural gas boom has led to cleaner power and greater energy independence. That's why my Administration will keep cutting red tape and speeding up new oil and gas permits. But I also want to work with this Congress to encourage the research and technology that helps natural gas burn even cleaner and protects our air and water.

Indeed, much of our new-found energy is drawn from lands and waters that we, the public, own together. So tonight, I propose we use some of our oil and gas revenues to fund an Energy Security Trust that will drive new research and technology to shift our cars and trucks off oil for good. If a non-partisan coalition of CEOs and retired generals and admirals can get behind this idea, then so can we. Let's take their advice and free our families and businesses from the painful spikes in gas prices we've put up with for far too long. I'm also issuing a new goal for America: let's cut in half the energy wasted by our homes and businesses over the next twenty years. The States with the best ideas to create jobs and lower energy bills by constructing more efficient buildings will receive Federal support to help make it happen.

America's energy sector is just one part of an aging infrastructure badly in need of repair. Ask any CEO where they'd rather locate and hire: a country with deteriorating roads and bridges, or one with high-speed rail and internet; high-tech schools and self-healing power grids. The CEO of Siemens America—a company that brought hundreds of new jobs to North Carolina—has said that if we upgrade our infrastructure, they'll bring even more jobs. And I know that you want these job-creating projects in your districts. I've seen you all at the ribbon-cuttings.

Tonight, I propose a "Fix-It-First" program to put people to work as soon as possible on our most urgent repairs, like the nearly 70,000 structurally deficient bridges across the country. And to make sure taxpayers don't shoulder the whole burden, I'm also proposing a Partnership to Rebuild America that attracts private capital to upgrade what our businesses need most: modern ports to move our goods; modern pipelines to withstand a storm; modern schools worthy of our children. Let's prove that there is no better place to do business than the United States of America. And let's start right away.

Part of our rebuilding effort must also involve our housing sector. Today, our housing market is finally healing from the collapse of 2007. Home prices are rising at the fastest pace in six years, home purchases are up nearly 50 percent, and construction is expanding again.

But even with mortgage rates near a 50-year low, too many families with solid credit who want to buy a home are being rejected. Too many families who have never missed a payment and want to refinance are being told no. That's holding our entire economy back, and we need to fix it. Right now, there's a bill in this Congress that would give every responsible homeowner in America the chance to save $3,000 a year by refinancing at today's rates. Democrats and Republicans have supported it before. What are we waiting for? Take a vote, and send me that bill. Right now, overlapping regulations keep responsible young families from buying their first home. What's holding us back? Let's streamline the process, and help our economy grow.

These initiatives in manufacturing, energy, infrastructure, and housing will help entrepreneurs and small business owners expand and create new jobs. But none of it will matter unless we also equip our citizens with the skills and training to fill those jobs. And that has to start at the earliest possible age.

Study after study shows that the sooner a child begins learning, the better he or she does down the road. But today, fewer than 3 in 10 four-year-olds are enrolled in a high-quality preschool program. Most middle-class parents can't afford a few hundred bucks a week for private preschool. And for poor kids who need help the most, this lack of access to preschool education can shadow them for the rest of their lives.

Tonight, I propose working with states to make high-quality preschool available to every child in America. Every dollar we invest in high-quality early education can save more than seven dollars later on—by boosting graduation rates, reducing teen pregnancy, even reducing violent crime. In States that make it a priority to educate our youngest children, like Georgia or Oklahoma, studies show students grow up more likely to read and do math at grade level, graduate high school, hold a job, and form more stable families of their own. So let's do what works, and make sure none of our children start the

race of life already behind. Let's give our kids that chance.

Let's also make sure that a high school diploma puts our kids on a path to a good job. Right now, countries like Germany focus on graduating their high-school students with the equivalent of a technical degree from one of our community colleges, so that they're ready for a job. At schools like P-Tech in Brooklyn, a collaboration between New York Public Schools, the City University of New York, and IBM, students will graduate with a high school diploma and an associate's degree in computers or engineering.

We need to give every American student opportunities like this. Four years ago, we started Race to the Top—a competition that convinced almost every state to develop smarter curricula and higher standards, for about 1 percent of what we spend on education each year. Tonight, I'm announcing a new challenge to redesign America's high schools so they better equip graduates for the demands of a high-tech economy. We'll reward schools that develop new partnerships with colleges and employers, and create classes that focus on science, technology, engineering, and math—the skills today's employers are looking for to fill jobs right now and in the future.

Now, even with better high schools, most young people will need some higher education. It's a simple fact: the more education you have, the more likely you are to have a job and work your way into the middle class. But today, skyrocketing costs price way too many young people out of a higher education, or saddle them with unsustainable debt.

Through tax credits, grants, and better loans, we have made college more affordable for millions of students and families over the last few years. But taxpayers cannot continue to subsidize the soaring cost of higher education. Colleges must do their part to keep costs down, and it's our job to make sure they do. Tonight, I ask Congress to change the Higher Education Act, so that affordability and value are included in determining which colleges receive certain types of Federal aid. And tomorrow, my Administration will release a new "College Scorecard" that parents and students can use to compare schools based on a simple criterion: where you can get the most bang for your educational buck.

To grow our middle class, our citizens must have access to the education and training that today's jobs require. But we also have to make sure that America remains a place where everyone who's willing to work hard has the chance to get ahead.

Our economy is stronger when we harness the talents and ingenuity of striving, hopeful immigrants. And right now, leaders from the business, labor, law enforcement, and faith communities all agree that the time has come to pass immigration reform.

Real reform means strong border security, and we can build on the progress my Administration has already made—putting more boots on the souther border than at any time in our history, and reducing illegal crossings to their lowest levels in 40 years.

Real reform means establishing a responsible pathway to earned citizenship—a path that includes passing a background check, paying taxes and a meaningful penalty, learning English, and going to the back of the line behind the folks trying to come here legally.

And real reform means fixing the legal immigration system to cut waiting periods, reduce bureaucracy, and attract the highly skilled entrepreneurs and engineers that will help create jobs and grow our economy.

In other words, we know what needs to be done. As we speak, bipartisan groups in both chambers and working diligently to draft a bill, and I applaud their efforts. Now let's get this done. Send me a comprehensive immigration reform bill in the next few months, and I will sign it right away.

But we can't stop there. We know our economy is stronger when our wives, mothers, and daughters can live their lives free from discrimination in the workplace, and free from the fear of domestic violence. Today, the Senate passed the Violence Against Women Act that JOE BIDEN originally wrote almost 20 years ago. I urge the House to do the same. And I ask this Congress to declare that women should earn a living equal to their efforts, and finally pass the Paycheck Fairness Act this year.

We know our economy is stronger when we reward an honest day's work with honest wages. But today, a full-time workermaking the minimum wage earns $14,500 a year. Even with the tax relief we've put in place, a family with two kids that earns the minimum wage still lives below the poverty line. That's wrong. That's why, since the last time this Congress raised the minimum wage, nineteen states have chosen to bump theirs even higher.

Tonight, let's declare that in the wealthiest Nation on Earth, no one who works full-time should have to live in poverty, and raise the Federal minimum wage to $9.00 an hour. This single step would raise the incomes of millions of working families. It could mean the difference between groceries or the food bank; rent or eviction; scraping by or finally getting ahead. For businesses across the country, it would mean customers with more money in their pockets. In fact, working folks shouldn't have to wait year after year for the minimum wage to go up while CEO pay has never been higher. So here's an idea that Governor Romney and I actually agreed on last year: let's tie the minimum wage to the cost of living, so that it finally becomes a wage you can live on.

Tonight, let's also recognize that there are communities in this country where no matter how hard you work, it's virtually impossible to get ahead. Factory towns decimated from years of plants packing up. Inescapable pockets of poverty, urban and rural, where young adults are still fighting for their first job. America is not a place where chance of birth or circumstance should decide our destiny. And that is why we need to build new ladders of opportunity into the middle class for all who are willing to climb them.

Let's offer incentives to companies that hire Americans who've got what it takes to fill that job opening, but have been out of work so long that no one will give them a chance. Let's put people back to work rebuilding vacant homes in run-down neighborhoods. And this year, my Administration will begin to partner with 20 of the hardest-hit towns in America to get these communities back on their feet. We'll work with local leaders to target resources at public safety, education, and housing. We'll give new tax credits to businesses that hire and invest. And we'll work to strengthen families by removing the financial deterrents to marriage for low-income couples, and doing more to encourage fatherhood—because what makes you a man isn't the ability to conceive a child; it's having the courage to raise one.

Stronger families. Stronger communities. A stronger America. It is this kind of prosperity—broad, shared, and built on a thriving middle class—that has always been the source of our progress at home. It is also the foundation of our power and influence throughout the world.

Tonight, we stand united in saluting the troops and civilians who sacrifice every day to protect us. Because of them, we can say with confidence that America will complete its mission in Afghanistan, and achieve our objective of defeating the core of al Qaeda. Already, we have brought home 33,000 of our brave servicemen and women. This spring, our forces will move into a support role, while Afghan Security forces take the lead. Tonight, I can announce that over the next year, another 34,000 American troops will come home from Afghanistan. This drawdown will continue. And by the end of next year, our war in Afghanistan will be over.

Beyond 2014, America's commitment to a unified and sovereign Afghanistan will endure, but the nature of our commitment will change. We are negotiating an agreement with the Afghan government that focuses on two missions: training and equipping Afghan forces so that the country does not again slip into chaos, and counter-terrorism efforts that allow us to pursue the remnants of al Qaeda and their affiliates.

Today, the organization that attacked us on 9/11 is a shadow of its former self. Different al Qaeda affiliates and extremist groups have emerged—from the Arabian Peninsula to Africa. The threat these groups pose is evolving. But to meet this threat, we don't need to send tens of thousands of our sons and daughters abroad, or occupy other nations. Instead, we will need to help countries like Yemen, Libya, and Somalia provide for their own security, and help allies who take the fight to terrorists, as we have in Mali. And, where necessary, through a range of capabilities, we will continue to take direct action against those terrorists who pose the gravest threat to Americans.

As we do, we must enlist our values in the fight. That is why my Administration has worked tirelessly to forge a durable legal and policy framework to guide our counterterrorism operations. Throughout, we have kept Congress fully informed of our efforts. I recognize that in our democracy, no one should just take my word that we're doing things the right way. So, in the months ahead, I will continue to engage with Congress to ensure not only that our targeting, detention, and prosecution of terrorists remains consistent with our laws and system of checks and balances, but that our efforts are even more transparent to the American people and to the world.

Of course, our challenges don't end with al Qaeda. America will continue to lead the effort to prevent the spread of the world's most dangerous weapons. The regime in North Korea must know that they will only achieve security and prosperity by meeting their international obligations. Provocations of the sort we saw last night will only isolate them further, as we stand by our allies, strengthen our own missile defense, and lead the world in taking firm action in response to these threats.

Likewise, the leaders of Iran must recognize that now is the time for a diplomatic solution, because a coalition stands united in demanding that they meet their obligations, and we will do what is necessary to prevent them from getting a nuclear weapon. At the same time, we will engage Russia to seek further reductions in our nuclear arsenals, and continue leading the global effort to secure nuclear materials that could fall into the wrong hands—because our ability to influence others depends on our willingness to lead.

America must also face the rapidly growing threat from cyber-attacks. We know hackers steal people's identities and infiltrate private e-mail. We know foreign countries and companies swipe our corporate secrets. Now our enemies are also seeking the ability to sabotage our power grid, our financial institutions, and our air traffic control systems. We cannot look back years from now and wonder why we did nothing in the face of real threats to our security and our economy.

That's why, earlier today, I signed a new Executive Order that will strengthen our cyber defenses by increasing information sharing, and developing standards to protect our national security, our jobs, and our privacy. Now, Congress must act as well, by passing legislation to give our government a greater capacity to secure our networks and deter attacks.

Even as we protect our people, we should remember that today's world presents not only dangers, but opportunities. To boost American exports, support American jobs, and level the playing field in the growing markets of Asia, we intend to complete negotiations on a Trans-Pacific Partnership. And tonight, I am announcing that we will launch talks on a comprehensive Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership with the European Union—because trade that is free and fair across the Atlantic supports millions of good-paying American jobs.

We also know that progress in the most impoverished parts of our world enriches us all. In many places, people live on little more than a dollar a day. So the United States will join with our allies to eradicate such extreme poverty in the next two decades: by connecting more people to the global economy and empowering women; by giving our young and brightest minds new opportunities to serve and helping communities to feed, power, and educate themselves; by saving the world's children from preventable deaths; and by realizing the promise of an AIDS-free generation.

Above all America must remain a beacon to all who seek freedom during this period of historic change. I saw the power of hope last year in Rangoon—when Aung San Suu Kyi welcomed an American President into the home where she had been imprisoned for years; when thousands of Burmese lined the streets, waving American flags, including a man who said, "There is justice and law in the United States. I want our country to be like that."

In defense of freedom, we will remain the anchor of strong alliances from the Americas to Africa; from Europe to Asia. In the Middle East, we will stand with citizens as they demand their universal rights, and support stable transitions to democracy. The process will be messy, and we cannot presume to dictate the course of change in countries like Egypt; but we can—and will—insist on respect for the fundamental rights of all people. Will keep the pressure on a Syrian regime that has murdered its own people, and support opposition leaders that respect the rights of every Syrian. And we will stand steadfast with Israel in pursuit of security and a lasting peace. These are the messages I will deliver when I travel to the Middle East next month.

All this work depends on the courage and sacrifice of those who serve in dangerous places at great personal risk—our diplomats, our intelligence officers, and the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. As long as I'm Commander in Chief, we will do whatever we must to protect those who serve their country abroad, and we will maintain the best military in the world. We will invest in new capabilities, even as we reduce waste and wartime spending. We will ensure equal treatment for all service members, and equal benefits for their families—gay and straight. We will draw upon the courage and skills of our sisters and daughters, because women have proven under fire that they are ready for combat. We will keep faith with our veterans—investing in world-class care, including mental health care, for our wounded warriors; supporting our military families; and giving our veterans the benefits, education, and job opportunities they have earned. And I want to thank my wife Michelle and Dr. Jill Biden for their continued dedication to serving our military families as well as they serve us.

But defending our freedom is not the job of our military alone. We must all do our part to make sure our God-given rights are protected here at home. That includes our most fundamental right as citizens: the right to vote. When any Americans—no matter where they live or what their party—are denied that right simply because they can't wait for five, six, or seven hours just to cast their ballot, we are betraying our ideals. That's why, tonight, I'm announcing a non-partisan commission to improve the voting experience in America. And I'm asking two long-time experts in the field, who've recently served as the top attorneys for my campaign and for Governor Romney's campaign, to lead it. We can fix this, and we will. The American people demand it. And so does our democracy.

Of course, what I've said tonight matters little if we don't come together to protect our most precious resource—our children.

It has been two months since Newtown. I know this is not the first time this country has debated how to reduce gun violence. But this time is different. Overwhelming majorities of Americans—Americans who believe in the 2nd Amendment—have come together around commonsense reform—like background checks that will make it harder for criminals to get their hands on a gun. Senators of both parties are working together on tough new laws to prevent anyone from buying guns for resale to criminals. Police chiefs are asking our help to get weapons of war and massive ammunition magazines off our streets, because they are tired of being outgunned.

Each of these proposals deserves a vote in Congress. If you want to vote no, that's your

choice. But these proposals deserve a vote. Because in the two months since Newtown, more than a thousand birthdays, graduations, and anniversaries have been stolen from our lives by a bullet from a gun.

One of those we lost was a young girl named Hadiya Pendleton. She was 15 years old. She loved Fig Newtons and lip gloss. She was a majorette. She was so good to her friends, they all thought they were her best friend. Just three weeks ago, she was here, in Washington, with her classmates, performing for her country at my inauguration. And a week later, she was shot and killed in a Chicago park after school, just a mile away from my house.

Hadiya's parents, Nate and Cleo, are in this chamber tonight, along with more than two dozen Americans whose lives have been torn apart by gun violence. They deserve a vote.

Gabby Giffords deserves a vote.

The families of Newtown deserve a vote.

The families of Aurora deserve a vote.

The families of Oak Creek, and Tucson, and Blacksburg, and the countless other communities ripped open by gun violence—they deserve a simple vote.

Our actions will not prevent every senseless act of violence in this country. Indeed, no laws, no initiatives, no administrative acts will perfectly solve all the challenges I've outlined tonight. But we were never sent here to be perfect. We were sent here to make what difference we can, to secure this Nation, expand opportunity, and uphold our ideals through the hard, often frustrating, but absolutely necessary work of self-government.

We were sent here to look out for our fellow Americans the same way they look out for one another, every single day, usually without fanfare, all across this country. We should follow their example.

We should follow the example of a New York City nurse named Menchu Sanchez. When Hurricane Sandy plunged her hospital into darkness, her thoughts were not with how her own home was faring—they were with the twenty precious newborns in her care and the rescue plan she devised that kept them all safe.

We should follow the example of a North Miami woman named Desiline Victor. When she arrived at her polling place, she was told the wait to vote might be six hours. And as time ticked by, her concern was not with her tired body or aching feet, but whether folks like her would get to have their say. Hour after hour, a throng of people stayed in line in support of her. Because Desiline is 102 years old. And they erupted in cheers when she finally put on a sticker that read "I Voted."

We should follow the example of a police officer named Brian Murphy. When a gunman opened fire on a Sikh temple in Wisconsin, and Brian was the first to arrive, he did not consider his own safety. He fought back until help arrived and ordered his fellow officers to protect the safety of the Americans worshipping inside—even as he lay bleeding from twelve bullet wounds.

When asked how he did that, Brian said, "That's just the way we're made."

That's just the way we're made.

We may do different jobs, and wear different uniforms, and hold different views than the person beside us. But as Americans, we all share the same proud title:

We are citizens. It's a word that doesn't just describe our nationality or legal status. It describes the way we're made. It describes what we believe. It captures the enduring idea that this country only works when we accept certain obligations to one another and to future generations; that our rights are wrapped up in the rights of others; and that well into our third century as a Nation, it remains the task of us all, as citizens of these United States, to be the authors of the next great chapter in our American story.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless the United States of America."

Upon conclusion of the address,

At 10:24 p.m.

The Joint Session was dissolved; and

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:24 p.m.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate stood in adjournment, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Ms. HEIDI HEITKAMP, from the State of North Dakota, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. HEITKAMP led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 13, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HEIDI HEITKAMP, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. HEITKAMP took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries:

SIX-MONTH PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO LIBYA -- PM 3

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond February 25, 2013.

Colonel Muammar Qadhafi, his government, and close associates took extreme measures against the people of Libya, including by using weapons of war, mercenaries, and wanton violence against unarmed civilians. In addition, there was a serious risk that Libyan state assets would be misappropriated by Qadhafi, members of his government, members of his family, or his close associates if those assets were not protected. The foregoing circumstances, the prolonged attacks, and the increased numbers

of Libyans seeking refuge in other countries caused a deterioration in the security of Libya, posed a serious risk to its stability, and led me to declare a national emergency to deal with this threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

We are in the process of winding down the sanctions in response to developments in Libya, including the fall of Qadhafi and his government and the establishment of a democratically elected government. We are working closely with the new Libyan government and with the international community to effectively and appropriately ease restrictions on sanctioned entities, including by taking actions consistent with the U.N. Security Council's decision to lift sanctions against the Central Bank of Libya and two other entities on December 16, 2011. The situation in Libya, however, continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States and we need to protect against this threat and the diversion of assets or other abuse by certain members of Qadhafi's family and other former regime officials. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Libya.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 13, 2013*.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-372. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures" (RIN2132-AB03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-373. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule" (RIN3084-AB20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-374. A communication from the Federal Register and Regulatory Liaison Officer, Office of Protective Services, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Security and Protective Services Enforcement" (RIN2700-AD89), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-375. A communication from the Federal Register and Regulatory Liaison Officer, Office of Protective Services, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Information Security Protection" (RIN2700-AD61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-376. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Motorcycle Brake Systems" (RIN2127-AK16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-377. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Side Impact Protection" (RIN2127-AK82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-378. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties" (RIN2127-AL16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-379. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment" (RIN2127-AK99), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-380. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; New Pneumatic and Certain Specialty Tires" (RIN2127-AK42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-381. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 567 - Certification Authorized by 49 U.S.C. 30115" (RIN2127-AL18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-382. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Nonconforming Vehicles Decided to be Eligible for Importation" (Docket No. NHTSA-2011-0127), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-383. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consumer Information Regulations: Fees for Use of Traction Skid Pads" (RIN2127-AK06), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-384. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Event Data Recorders" (RIN2127-AL14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-385. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Make Inoperative Exemptions; Retrofit On-Off Switches for Air Bags" (RIN2127-AL19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-386. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs" (RIN2127-AL30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-387. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Matters Incorporated by Reference" (RIN2127-AK89), received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-388. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tire Fuel Efficiency Consumer Information Program" (RIN2127-AK83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-389. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Final Listing of 2013 Light Duty Truck Lines Subject to the Requirements of This Standard and Exempted Vehicle Lines for Model Year 2013" (RIN2127-AL21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-390. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees Authorized" (RIN2127-AL09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-391. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0530)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-392. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0488)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-393. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0643)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-394. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0829)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-395. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0846)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-396. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0493)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-397. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0830)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-398. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1128)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-399. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0794)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-400. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0340)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-401. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1104)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-402. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0143)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-403. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0216)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-404. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0679)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-405. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0806)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-406. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0428)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-407. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0518)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-408. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0498)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-409. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1168)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-410. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0652)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-411. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1188)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-412. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0728)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-413. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0427)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-414. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE SYSTEMS (OPERATIONS) LIMITED Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0642)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-415. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0592)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-416. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0719)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-417. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0726)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-418. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0146)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-419. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Division Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-0546)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-420. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0640)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-421. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Concept Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0798)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-422. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0856)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-423. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0619)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-424. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0144)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-425. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0596)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. JOHANNS, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 290. A bill to reduce housing-related health hazards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. JOHANNS, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 291. A bill to establish the Council on Healthy Housing and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 292. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a special rule for the period of admission of H-2A nonimmigrants employed as sheepherders, goat herders, or dairy farmers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 293. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 294. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 295. A bill to allow certain Indonesian citizens to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 296. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 297. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 298. A bill to prevent nuclear proliferation in North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 299. A bill to prohibit appropriated funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. LEE):

S. 300. A bill to prohibit the implementation of any program that grants temporary legal status to, or adjusts the status of, any individual who is unlawfully present in the United States until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies that the US-VISIT system has been fully implemented at every land, sea, and air port of entry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 301. A bill to amend section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify those classes of individuals born in the United States who are nationals and citizens of the United States at birth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 302. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 303. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 304. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 305. A bill to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 306. A bill to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. REED, Mr. NELSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 307. A bill to reduce the Federal budget deficit by closing big oil tax loopholes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 308. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, to provide for cash relief for years for which annual COLAs do not take effect under certain cash benefit programs, and to provide for Social Security benefit protection; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 309. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of

the Civil Air Patrol; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COONS, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 310. A bill to jump-start economic recovery through the formation and growth of new businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 311. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 312. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Carson National Forest, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. REED, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COONS, Mr. JOHANNS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 313. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 314. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 315. A bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 316. A bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 317. A bill to require the Inspector General of the Environmental Protection Agency to include certain assessments in reports; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. JOHANNS:

S. 318. A bill to rescind funds made available to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency if the Administrator fails to meet certain deadlines; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. JOHANNS:

S. 319. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide adequate data, modeling, and support in the development of a State implementation plan under the Clean Air Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PAUL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 320. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 321. A bill to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 322. A bill to set the United States on track to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 323. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KIRK, Mr. COATS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LEE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CRUZ, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S.J. Res. 7. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. NELSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COWAN, and Mr. REED):

S. Res. 31. A resolution celebrating Black History Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Res. 32. A resolution congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 33. A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of Emporia State University; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. Res. 34. A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of Kansas State University; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 3 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Solutions to the Crisis Facing the U.S. Postal Service."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 13, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Comprehensive Immigration Reform."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 13, 2013, at 3:15 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 4 p.m. in room 432 of the Russell Senate Office building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 235. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

H.R. 316. An act to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 235. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 316. An act to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of William J. Kayatta, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First District; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's

action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session (to consider the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense).

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 31) celebrating Black History Month, submitted today by Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. NELSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COWAN, and Mr. REED), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 32) congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title, submitted today by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 33) commemorating the 150th anniversary of Emporia State University, submitted today by Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 34) commemorating the 150th anniversary of Kansas State University, submitted today by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel to be Secretary of Defense.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

At 6:46 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Ed Kelaher, All Saints Church, Chevy Chase, Maryland, offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 14, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

The Senate was considered to have resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no further intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order relative to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 307. A bill to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 12. A resolution recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 252. A bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 298. A bill to prevent nuclear proliferation in North Korea, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 324. A bill to amend part B of the title XVIII of the Social Security Act to apply deemed enrollment to residents of Puerto Rico and to provide a special enrollment period and a reduction in the late enrollment penalties for certain residents of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 325. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 326. A bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 327. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 328. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow certain critical access hospitals and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy requirements with respect to having a physician available to stabilize an individual with an emergency medical condition under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 329. A bill to eliminate certain fuel subsidies and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain energy tax incentives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. COBURN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 330. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 331. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 332. A bill to address climate disruptions, reduce carbon pollution, enhance the use of clean energy, and promote resilience in the infrastructure of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 333. A bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 334. A bill to terminate agricultural direct payments beginning with the 2013 crop year; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 335. A bill to provide financing assistance for qualified water infrastructure projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CORKER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 336. A bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 337. A bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 338. A bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 339. A bill to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 340. A bill to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 341. A bill to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 342. A bill to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 343. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 344. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from approving the introduction into commerce of gasoline that contains greater than 10-volume-percent ethanol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CORKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 345. A bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 346. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 347. A bill to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 348. A bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 349. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 350. A bill to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. THUNE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 351. A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 352. A bill to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 353. A bill to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 354. A bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 355. A bill to require the United States Trade Representative to notify the World Trade Organization if any member of the World Trade Organization fails during 2 consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 356. A bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr.

BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 357. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 358. A bill to establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 359. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. COONS):

S. 360. A bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 361. A bill to require the lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 362. A bill to promote the mapping and development of United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 363. A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 364. A bill to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 365. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to carry out activities to manage the threat of Asian carp travelling up the Mississippi River in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 366. A bill to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 367. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 368. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. BURR, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 369. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 370. A bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. COWAN):

S. 371. A bill to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 372. A bill to provide for the reduction of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and the promotion of healthy relationships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 373. A bill to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 35. A resolution congratulating the Baltimore Ravens for winning Super Bowl XLVII; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 36. A resolution recognizing February 19, 2013 as the centennial of Mosaic, a faith-based organization that was founded in Nebraska and now serves more than 3,600 individuals with intellectual disabilities in 10 States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 37. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in disapproving the proposal of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 82

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 82, a bill to provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes.

S. 175

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 175, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve the use of certain registered pesticides.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 195, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 218

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 278

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 278, a bill to replace the Budget Control Act sequester for fiscal year 2013 by eliminating tax loopholes.

S. 290

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 290, a bill to reduce housing-related health hazards, and for other purposes.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to establish the Council on Healthy Housing and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 321

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 321, a bill to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 12

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 12, a resolution recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in room SR 328A of the Russell Senate office building.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing entitled "Drought, Fire and Freeze: The Economics of Disasters for America's Agricultural Producers," during the session of the Senate on February 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in room SR 328A of the Russell Senate office building.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 14, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 14, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Wall Street Reform: Oversight of Financial Stability and Consumer and Investor Protections."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 14, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate office building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Health Insurance Exchanges: Progress Report".

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 14, 2013, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 14, 2013, at 10 a.m., in

SD-226 of the Dirksen Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 14, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:35 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 267. An act to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

H.R. 592. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that houses of worship are eligible for certain disaster relief and emergency assistance on terms equal to other eligible private nonprofit facilities, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 267. An act to improve hydropower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SOLIDARITY DAY FOR COMPASSIONATE PATIENT CARE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 21) designating February 14, 2013, as "National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG) to amend the resolution on page 3, line 1, by striking “humanistic” and inserting “humane” (being amendment No. 22).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE BALTIMORE RAVENS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XLVII

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 35) congratulating the Baltimore Ravens for winning Super Bowl XLVII, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION MOSAIC

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 36) recognizing February 19, 2013 as the centennial of Mosaic, a faith-based organization that was founded in Nebraska and now serves more than 3,600 individuals with intellectual disabilities in 10 States, submitted today by Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR CONDITIONAL CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives containing a concurrent resolution providing for a recess or adjournment of the two Houses, and if it is identical to the text of the language at the desk, the concurrent resolution be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without further intervening action or debate.

ORDER FOR INTRODUCTION OF SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT BILLS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on Monday, February 25, 2013, or Tuesday, February 26, 2013, it be in order for the majority leader and the minority leader to each introduce a bill to replace the sequester required under the Budget Control Act; that if either leader so introduces a bill, it be placed on the calendar; and that motions to proceed to consider each bill be in order on the day introduced.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That from tomorrow through Monday, February 25, 2013, Mr. LEVIN be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, AND ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:45 a.m. on Friday, February 22, 2013, for a pro forma session; that no business be transacted on the aforementioned days; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013; that, on Monday, February 25, 2013, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following

morning business, the Senate then proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate agrees to an adjournment resolution, as pursuant to the order of today, the Senate adjourn, as pursuant to the provisions of said concurrent resolution, until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:57 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 12:01:00 p.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 15, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 15

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, it be in order for the Senate to proceed to consider concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 15.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND A CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 15) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on Monday, February 25, 2013, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Ordered further, That Ms. AYOTTE be recognized to deliver said Address; and that, upon conclusion of the reading, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:02:26 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 14, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 14, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, February 15, 2013,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that, pursuant to the order of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of Friday, February 15, 2013, Washington's Farewell Address would be read by the Senator heretofore designated for that purpose;

Whereupon,

The address was read by Ms. AYOTTE, from the State of New Hampshire.

Upon conclusion of address,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 15, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 15. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 14, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. Res. 38. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. Res. 39. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship for March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 40. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 374. A bill to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KING, Ms. WARREN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. REED, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 375. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 376. A bill to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 377. A bill to add the 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs to the list of exempt programs under PAYGO; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 378. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to provide travel and transportation allowances for members of the reserve components for long distance and certain other travel to inactive duty training; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. Res. 38. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. Res. 39. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship for March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. Res. 40. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 41. A resolution supporting the designation of March 2013, as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 6

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 6, a bill to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 175

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 175, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve the use of certain registered pesticides.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 190

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 190, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for certain activities of the National Labor Relations Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 195, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 230

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 230, a bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of

Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 252

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 252, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 278

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 278, a bill to replace the Budget Control Act sequester for fiscal year 2013 by eliminating tax loopholes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 298, a bill to prevent nuclear proliferation in North Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 4, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to United States citizenship.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet February 25, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2013, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in The President's Room off the Senate floor.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Mr. DUFFY of Wisconsin, Mr. AMASH of Michigan, Mr. PAULSEN of Minnesota, Mr. HANNA of New York, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. CUMMINGS of Maryland, and Mr. DELANEY of Maryland.

At 2:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 273. An act to eliminate the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 273. An act to eliminate the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 14, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 14, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session; that a motion to proceed to consider the motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion, entered by Mr. REID on Thursday, February 14, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense be considered made and agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be agreed to; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate in the usual form; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination, upon reconsideration.

NORTH KOREA NONPROLIFERATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 298) to prevent nuclear proliferation in North Korea, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 41) supporting the designation of March 2013, as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, submitted today by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel to be Secretary of Defense, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That, if said motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time during recess, morning business, and adjournment be counted against time for debate on the nomination, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

At 6:32 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 26, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (including the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense, involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-426. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Horses from Contagious Equine Metritis-Affected Countries" ((RIN0579-AD31)(Docket No. APHIS-2008-0112)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-427. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees" (RIN0572-AC06), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-428. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "3-decen-2-one; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9378-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-429. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, CA; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0035; FV12-987-1 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14,

2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-430. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Temporary Suspension of Handling Regulations" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0028; FV12-922-2 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-431. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program; Periodic Residue Testing" (Docket No. AMS-NOP-10-0102; NOP-10-10FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-432. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 1 (Scotch) and Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2012-2013 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0088; FV12-985-1A IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-433. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0094; FV12-915-1 FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-434. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in Designated Area of Southeastern California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0090; FV 12-925-1 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-435. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0027; FV12-922-1 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-436. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Assessment Rate Decrease for Processed Pears" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0031; FV12-927-2 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-437. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Modification of the Handling Regulation for Area No. 2" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0043; FV12-948-1 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-438. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Soybean Promotion and Research: Amend the Order To Adjust Representation on the United Soybean Board" (Docket No. AMS-LS-12-0022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-439. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-440. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on operations of the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-441. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Strategic and Critical Materials 2013 Report on Stockpile Requirements"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-442. A communication from the Surgeon General and Commanding General, US Army Medical Command, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Inspection of Facilities Used to House Warriors in Transition"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-443. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Hospital Mortgage Insurance Program--Refinancing Hospital Loans" (RIN2502-AI74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-444. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-445. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-446. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-447. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Israel; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-448. A communication from the Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guarantees for Bonds Issued for Community or Economic Development Purposes" (RIN1559-AA01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-449. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans" (RIN7100-AD90), received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-450. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans" ((RIN3170-AA11)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0031)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-451. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Records and Information" ((RIN3170-AA01)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0003)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-452. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ability-to-Repay and Qualified Mortgage Standards under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA17)(Docket No. CFPB-2011-0008, CFPB-2012-0022)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-453. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mortgage Servicing Rules under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA14)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0033)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-454. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mortgage Servicing Rules under the Real Estate Settlement Act (Regulation X)" ((RIN3170-AA14)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0034)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-455. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure and Delivery Requirements for Copies of Appraisals and Other Written Valuations under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)" ((RIN3170-AA26)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0032)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-456. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Originator Compensation Requirements under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA13)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0037)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. Res. 42. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 43. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. JOHNSON, of South Dakota, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 44. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. Res. 45. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 46. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. Res. 47. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 48. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON, from the Special Committee on Aging, without amendment:

S. Res. 49. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. Res. 50. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. Res. 51. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 52. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on the Budget, without amendment:

S. Res. 53. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

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

S. Res. 54. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. Res. 55. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 11. A bill to provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COATS:

S. 12. A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. COATS):

S. 13. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants on a competitive basis to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 14. A bill to provide for the partial settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 15. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 379. A bill to rescind $45 billion of unobligated discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 380. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and update the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative for grants to address the problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. NELSON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 381. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 382. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 383. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 384. A bill to exempt National Forest System land in the State of Alaska from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 385. A bill to deem the submission of certain claims to an Indian Health Service contracting officer as timely; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 386. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide and improve housing in the rural areas for educators, public safety officers, and medical providers, and their households, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 387. A bill to establish the American Infrastructure Investment Fund and other activities to facilitate investments in infrastructure projects that significantly enhance the economic competitiveness of the United States by improving economic output, productivity, or competitive commercial advantage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. REID)):

S. 388. A bill to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 389. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize long-term contracts for the procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels for the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. Res. 42. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services; from the Committee on Armed Services; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 43. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

S. Res. 44. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. Res. 45. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate; from the Committee on Environment and Public Works; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. Res. 46. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary; from the Committee on the Judiciary; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. Res. 47. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. Res. 48. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. Res. 49. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging; from the Special Committee on Aging; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 50. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. Res. 51. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. Res. 52. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; from the Committee on Indian Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. Res. 53. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget; from the Committee on the Budget; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. Res. 54. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental

Affairs; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. Res. 55. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BROWN):

S. Res. 56. A resolution recognizing the significance of the 100th anniversary of the death of Harriet Ross Tubman; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PRYOR, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. Res. 57. A resolution designating February 28, 2013, as "Rare Disease Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 175

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 175, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve the use of certain registered pesticides.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

SENATE RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 30, a resolution establishing the Committee to Reduce Government Waste.

SENATE RESOLUTION 37

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 37, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in disapproving the proposal of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2013, at 11:50 a.m., in room S-219 of the Capitol.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during

the session of the Senate on February 26, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2013 to 2023."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "State Leadership and Innovation in Disability Employment" on February 26, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2013, at 3:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 3 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2013. The Committee will meet in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building at 2 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 667. An act to redesignate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 667. An act to redesignate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 388

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 388) to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 388:

HARRY REID, B.A. MIKULSKI, PATTY MURRAY, S. WHITEHOUSE, MARK BEGICH, K.E. GILLIBRAND, JACK REED, SHERROD BROWN, PAT LEAHY, ROBERT P. CASEY, DICK DURBIN, JEAN SHAHEEN, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, BEN CARDIN, CHUCK SCHUMER, BARBARA BOXER, DEBBIE STABENOW.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF HARRIET ROSS TUBMAN

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 56) recognizing the significance of the 100th anniversary of the death of Harriet Ross Tubman, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BROWN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "RARE DISEASE DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 57) designating February 28, 2013, as "Rare Disease Day", submitted today by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PRYOR, and Mrs. HAGAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR INTRODUCTION OF SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT BILLS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the order of Thursday, February 14, 2013, that it be in order for each leader to introduce a sequester replacement bill, be modified such that it be in order for the minority leader to introduce a bill, consistent with language at the desk, on tomorrow; and that remaining provisions of said order remain in effect.

DESIGNATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, had designated the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. GRASSLEY.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then

proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business for one hour, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:43 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Ronald Derrick, National Chaplain for the American Legion, Rigby, Idaho, offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 27, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-457. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0051; FV12-966-1 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-458. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Change to Administrative Rules Regarding the Transfer and Storage of Excess Spearmint Oil" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0014; FV12-985-2 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-459. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Department of Defense counternarcotics support activities (OSS Control No. 2013-0256); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-460. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Alleged Crimes By or Against Contractor Personnel" ((RIN0750-AH57)(DFARS Case 2012-D006)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-461. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System" ((RIN0750-AG40)(DFARS Case 2009-D002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-462. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition of Tents and Other Temporary Structures" ((RIN0750-AH73)(DFARS Case 2012-D015)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-463. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, (15) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-464. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of the Air Force, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-465. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Army, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-466. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of the Navy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-467. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was declared with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-468. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-469. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-470. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-471. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans" (RIN1557-AD62), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 19, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-472. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Fair Housing Act's Discriminatory Effects Standard" (RIN2529-AA96), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-473. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) program for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-474. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of all extensions granted by Congress regarding the requirements of Section 13 of the Federal Power Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-475. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Independent Oversight Activities of the Department of Energy's Office of Health, Safety and Security for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-476. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual Implementation Report on Energy Conservation Standards Activities of the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-477. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report related to the Colorado River System Reservoirs for 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-478. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Bicycling" (RIN1024-AE11), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-479. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas Regulatory Program" (Docket No. TX-065-FOR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-480. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alabama Regulatory Program" (Docket No. AL-077-FOR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-481. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on the administration of the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-482. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of South Sudan to the Restricted Destinations List" (RIN3150-AJ21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-483. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Seismic Evaluation Guidance, Screening, Prioritization, and Implementation Details (SPID) for the Resolution of Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2. 1: Seismic" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-484. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality: Revision to Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds - Exclusion of trans 1-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-ene [Solstice 1233zd(E)]" (FRL No. 9779-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-485. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Alaska; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9756-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-486. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Revisions to Volatile Organic Compound Definition" (FRL No. 9780-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-487. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protections for Subjects in Human Research Involving Pesticides" (FRL No. 9353-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-488. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality: Revision to Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds - Exclusion of a Group of Four Hydrofluoropolyethers (HFPEs)" (FRL No. 9779-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-489. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination to Stay and Defer Sanctions, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9777-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-490. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Hawaii; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9712-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-491. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; Idle Reduction of Heavy-Duty Diesel Vehicles and Reduction of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Emissions for the Kansas City Ozone Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 9781-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-492. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Knox County Supplement Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget Update" (FRL No. 9782-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-493. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Restriction of Emission of Particulate Matter from Industrial Processes" (FRL No. 9781-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-494. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule: Revision to Best Available Monitoring Method Request Submission Deadline for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems Source Category" (FRL No. 9780-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-495. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; PBR and PTIO" (FRL No. 9771-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-496. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Findings of Failure to Submit a Complete State Implementation Plan for Section 110(a) Pertaining to the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9784-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-497. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Deferral for CO2 Emissions from Bioenergy and other Biogenic Sources Under the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Program" (FRL No. 9783-9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-498. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Permitting Authority and Tailoring Rule Revision" (FRL No. 9783-7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-499. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9785-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-500. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Revision to Allegheny County Regulations for Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9783-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-501. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham and Winston Salem Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9782-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-502. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for California" (FRL No. 9773-9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-005, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-504. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-004, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. Res. 59. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 16. A bill to provide for a sequester replacement; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LEE, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 17. A bill to stimulate the economy, produce domestic energy, and create jobs at no cost to the taxpayers, and without borrowing money from foreign governments for which our children and grandchildren will be responsible, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 18. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to replace the sequester established by the Budget Control Act of 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. VITTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HATCH, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 19. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. LEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 20. A bill to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 390. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to authorize a national toll-free referral line and website, to develop and disseminate child care consumer education information for parents and to help parents access child care in their community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 391. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 392. A bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 393. A bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 394. A bill to prohibit and deter the theft of metal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 395. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 396. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 397. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 398. A bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of the Treasury relating to taxable medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 58. A resolution authorizing the reporting of committee funding resolutions for the period March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. Res. 59. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance; from the Committee on Finance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 60. A resolution supporting women's reproductive health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. Res. 61. A resolution designating March 1, 2013, as "Read Across America Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 62. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 146

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to enhance the safety of America's schools.

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 172

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 172, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to address certain issues related to the extension of consumer credit, and for other purposes.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

S. 186

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 186, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where the 4 little Black girls lost their lives, which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 310

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 310, a bill to jump-start economic recovery through the formation and growth of new businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "The Power of Transparency: Giving Consumers the Information They Need to Make Smart Choices in the Health Insurance Market."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "Animal Drug User Fee Agreements: Advancing Animal Health for the Public Health" on February 27, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 27, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Hearing on the Assault Weapons Ban of 2013."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 27, 2013, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2013, at 10 a.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2013, in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 3 p.m.

AUTHORIZING THE REPORTING OF COMMITTEE FUNDING RESOLUTIONS

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 58) authorizing the reporting of committee funding resolutions for the period March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013, submitted today by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be

Secretary of the Treasury; that there be 8 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL S. 16

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That bill S. 16, introduced by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY) on today, be considered the bill to be introduced by him, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 14, 2013, as modified yesterday.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 16

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 14, 2013,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 16) to provide for a sequester replacement.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 16:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, PAT TOOMEY, J.M. INHOFE, JOHNNY ISAKSON, RICHARD BURR, JOHN THUNE, TOM COBURN, JEFF SESSIONS, ROGER WICKER, MIKE JOHANNS, MIKE CRAPO, PAT ROBERTS, RON JOHNSON, JAMES E. RISCH, JERRY MORAN, JOHN BARRASSO.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 16; that, if the motion is not agreed to, the motion to proceed be withdrawn; and that if the motion is agreed to, the motion to proceed be agreed to.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said motion to proceed, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 388) to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes, and for other purposes; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider said bill; and that, if said motion is agreed to, the motion to proceed to consider said bill be agreed to.

Ordered further, That, if the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 16 is agreed to, the Senate proceed to consider the bill; and that, upon disposition of said bill, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 388 if the motion to proceed to consider the bill was agreed to.

PANDEMIC AND ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 307) to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 61) designating March 1, 2013, as "Read Across America Day", submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 62) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following, the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 388, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:59 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 28, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-505. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - March 2013 (corrected)" (Rev. Rul. 2013-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-506. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dual-Use Notice" (Notice 2013-13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-507. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Shelter for Individuals Displaced by Hurricane Sandy" (Notice 2013-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-508. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Census Counts for Sections 42(h) and 146" (Notice 2013-15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-509. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "25 Year Average Segment Rates and Adjusted 24-Month Average Segment Rates Used for Pension Funding for Plan Years Beginning in 2013" (Notice 2013-11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-510. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Permitted Disparity in Employer-Provided Contributions or Benefits" (Rev. Rul. 2013-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-511. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eurex Deutschland" (Rev. Rul. 2013-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-512. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - March" (Rev. Rul. 2013-7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-513. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Notice 2000-45" (Rev. Proc. 2013-20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-514. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of List of Plants, Grown in Commercial Quantities in the United States, Having a Preproductive Period in Excess of Two Years Based on the Nationwide Weighted Average Preproductive Period for Such Plant" (Notice 2013-18), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-515. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Exhibit: Sample Notice to Interested Parties" (Announcement 2013-15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-516. A communication from the Chief of the Border Securities Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Port Limits of Green Bay, WI" (CBP Dec. 13-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-517. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report responding to a GAO report entitled "Agencies Could Benefit from a Shared and More Comprehensive Database on U.S. Efforts"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-518. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 13-010); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-519. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of waiver authority for Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-520. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report certifying for fiscal year 2013 that no United Nations agency or United Nations affiliated agency grants any official status, accreditation, or recognition to any organization which promotes and condones or seeks the legalization of pedophilia, or which includes as a subsidiary or member any such organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-521. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period October 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-522. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 13-001); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-523. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 13-020); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-524. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 13-021); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-525. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 13-006); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-526. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 13-013); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-527. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 13-025); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-528. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 13-007); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-529. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0014 - 2013-0031); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-530. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a performance report relative to the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-531. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a performance report relative to the Animal Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-532. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Developmental Disabilities Programs for fiscal years 2009-2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-533. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-534. A communication from the Chair, Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that includes recommendations for improving federally and privately funded Alzheimer's programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-535. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) two reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-536. A communication from the Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reorganization and Delegation of Authority; Technical Amendments" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-537. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Communicable Diseases; Foreign - Requirements for Importers of Nonhuman Primates (NHP)" (RIN0920-AA23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-538. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Communicable Diseases: Interstate; Scope and Definitions" (RIN0920-AA22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-539. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Communicable Diseases: Foreign; Scope and Definitions" (RIN0920-AA12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-540. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assistance to States for the Education of Children With Disabilities" (RIN1820-AB64), received on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-541. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-542. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Refugee Resettlement Program for Fiscal Year 2009"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-543. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Indiana Uplands Viticultural Area and Modification of the Ohio Valley Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB46), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-544. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and

Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Elkton Oregon Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB88), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-545. A communication from the Acting Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of Privacy Act System of Records of the Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, Inmate Central Records System (JUSTICE/BOP-005)'" (CPCLO Order No. 001-2013), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-546. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes To Implement the First Inventor To File Provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act" (RIN0651-AC77), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-547. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs Vehicle Fleet Report on Alternative Fuel Vehicles for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-548. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants for the Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (RVCP)" (RIN2900-AO35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-549. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program" (RIN2900-AN81), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 64. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 399. A bill to protect American job creation by striking the Federal mandate on employers to offer health insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 400. A bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to include the Corps of Engineers as a Federal land management agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REED, Mr. KING, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COWAN, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 401. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 402. A bill to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 403. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 404. A bill to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 405. A bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 406. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for new program review requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 407. A bill to provide funding for construction and major rehabilitation for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 408. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 409. A bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 410. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on certain trading transactions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 411. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. COWAN):

S. 412. A bill to authorize certain major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 413. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to

include human trafficking as a part 1 violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 414. A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to provide for expedited project implementation relating to the comprehensive Everglades restoration plan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 415. A bill to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 416. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 417. A bill to reduce the number of nonessential vehicles purchased and leased by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 418. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations regarding the collection and use of personal information obtained by tracking the online activity of an individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 419. A bill to limit the use of cluster munitions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 420. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to longstanding regulatory rule; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 421. A bill to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking any action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 422. A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 423. A bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care for their children; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 424. A bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 425. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 426. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of particular specialists determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to be directly related to the health needs stemming from environmental health hazards that have led to its declaration as a Public Health Emergency to be eligible under the National Health Service Corps in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 427. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 428. A bill to expedite the development of Arctic deepwater ports and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 429. A bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 430. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 431. A bill to authorize preferential treatment for certain imports from Nepal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 432. A bill to extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 433. A bill to establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 63. A resolution encouraging the Navy to commission the USS Somerset (LPD-25) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 64. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 65. A resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 66. A resolution designating the first week of April 2013 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 16

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 16, a bill to provide for a sequester replacement.

S. 19

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 19, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

S. 113

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 113, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 254, a bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize and support the creation of cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources by the Secretary of Health and Human Services through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the dissemination of such materials and resources by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 320

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 320, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] were added as cosponsors of S. 345, a bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 28, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 28, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Addressing FHA's Financial Condition and Program Challenges, Part II."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 28, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Delivery System Reform: Progress Report from CMS."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 28, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 28, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 28, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 28, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 47. An act to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Co-Chairman.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. PETRI of Wisconsin, Mr. CRENSHAW of Florida, Mr. LATTA of Ohio, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, and Mr. WHITFIELD of Kentucky.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 3166(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise: Ms. Heather Wilson of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 388

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 388) to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Ms. AYOTTE asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, and notwithstanding the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 388, and the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 16) to provide for a sequester replacement, it be in order for her to move to proceed to consider her bill, relative to sequestration; and that the Senate then vote on said motion, without intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 388.

Pending debate,

Mr. HATCH asked unanimous consent that, following votes on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the motions to proceed to consider bills S. 16 and S. 388, and notwithstanding the bill not presently being before the Senate, he be recognized to move to commit bill S. 388 to the Committee on Finance; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to said motion.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TOOMEY,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 388.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 16

The hour of 2:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 16) to provide for a sequester replacement; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 16.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 38, nays... 62

[Rollcall Vote No. 26 Leg.]

YEAS --- 38

Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 62

Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motion to proceed was withdrawn.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 388

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 388.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 388.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 27 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 49

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Pamela Ki Mai Chen, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Katherine Polk Failla, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 64

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the resolution (S. Res. 64) authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013; that an amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL, relative to striking provisions regarding the National Security Working Group, be the only amendment in order to be proposed; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment; and that, upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the resolution, as may be amended.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (HELSINKI)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. GILLIBRAND in the chair) announced that the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, had appointed the following Senator as a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 113th Congress: Mr. WICKER.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. HARKIN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:31 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013.

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 28, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 28, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 28, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013,

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by one of his secretaries on Friday, March 1, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate:

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE -- PM 4

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2013.

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions has not been resolved. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue this national emergency and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 1, 2013.*

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 1, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 47. An act to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on March 4, 2013, he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

S. 47. An act to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Monday, March 4, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 47. A bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-550. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpyrazamine; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9373-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-551. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyroxasulfone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9379-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-552. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetochlor; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9377-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-553. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyraflufen-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9379-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-554. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Identification of Additional Qualifying Renewable Fuel Pathways under the Renewable Fuel Standard Program" (FRL No. 9686-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-555. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; The 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Delaware Portion of the Philadelphia Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9786-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-556. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Declaration of Prion as a Pest Under FIFRA; Related Amendments; and Availability of Final Test Guidelines" (FRL No. 9372-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-557. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-558. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Extension of Authority for Use of Simplified Acquisition Procedures for Certain Commercial Items" (FAC 2013-007), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-559. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Changes to Time-and-Materials and Labor-Hour Contracts and Orders" (FAC 2011-025), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-560. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Definition of Contingency Operation" (FAC 2013-003), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-561. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-66; Introduction" (FAC 2005-66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-562. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-563. A communication from the General Counsel, National Mediation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Representation Procedures and Rulemaking Authority" (RIN3140-AZ01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-564. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-589, "The Elizabeth Ministry, Inc. Affordable Housing Initiatives Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-565. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-591, "Parkside Parcel E and J Mixed-Income Apartments Tax Abatement Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-566. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-592, "Public Library Hours Expansion Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-567. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-593, "Howard Town Center Real Property Tax Abatement Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-568. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-610, "Ignition Interlock Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-569. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-611, "Chuck Brown Park Designation Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-570. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-612, "Breath Test Admissibility in Criminal Proceedings Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-571. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-590, "Neighborhood Contractor Daytime Parking Permit Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-572. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-613, "Grandparent Caregivers Program Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-573. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-615, "Sustainable DC Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-574. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-616, "Controlled Substance, Alcohol Testing, Criminal Background Check and Background Investigation Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-575. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-625, "Access to Justice for Bicyclists Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-576. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-626, "Greater Mount Calvary Way Designation Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-577. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-627, "Child Sexual Abuse Reporting Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-578. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-628, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 393, S.O. 11-08780, Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-579. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-629, "District Department of Transportation DC Streetcar Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-580. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-630, "Reckless Driving Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-581. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-631, "Public Vehicle-for-Hire Innovation Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-582. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-633, "Regulation of Body Artists and Body Art Establishments Clarifying Amendments Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-583. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-634, "Excise Tax Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-584. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of

Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-637, "Affordable Dwelling Unit Hardship Waiver Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-585. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-638, "Pipefitting, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic Occupations Equality Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-586. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-639, "Department of Parks and Recreation Revenue Generation Clarification Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-587. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-640, "Foster Youth Statements of Rights and Responsibilities Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-588. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-641, "Criminal Fine Proportionality Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-589. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-642, "Basic Business License Renewal Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-590. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-643, "Autonomous Vehicle Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-591. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-644, "New and Used Tire Dealer License Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-592. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-645, "Department of Parks and Recreation Fee-based Use Permit Authority Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-593. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-646, "Pre-litigation Discovery of Insurance Coverage Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-594. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-647, "Consumer Protection Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-595. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-648, "Workforce Job Development Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-596. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the District's Workforce Development Programs"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the United States Senate During the 112th Congress pursuant to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate" (Rept. No. 113-2).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 434. A bill to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and the State of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 435. A bill to ban the exportation of crude oil or refined petroleum products derived from Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 436. A bill to require that the salaries of Members of Congress be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 437. A bill to authorize the Department of Housing and Urban Development to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities, by revitalizing severely distressed housing, and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, education opportunities, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH):

S. 438. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for professional school personnel in early childhood education, to expand the deduction for certain expenses of teachers to teachers in early childhood education, and to modify the credit for dependent care services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH):

S. 439. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 by establishing a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH):

S. 440. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for loan forgiveness for early childhood educators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH):

S. 441. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 by establishing a program to provide professional development activities for educators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH):

S. 442. A bill to establish a program to provide child care through public-private partnerships; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. KING):

S. 443. A bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 444. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 445. A bill to improve security at State and local courthouses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. THUNE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. CRAPO):

S.J. Res. 9. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 117

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 172

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 172, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to address certain issues related to the extension of consumer credit, and for other purposes.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 218

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 230

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 230, a bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

S. 237

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 325

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 325, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 379

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 379, a bill to rescind $45 billion of unobligated discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to protect American job creation by striking the

Federal mandate on employers to offer health insurance.

S. 415

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 28, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 28, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Caitlin Joan Halligan to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11:45 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider resolution S. Res. 64, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 28, 2013.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:32 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 5, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-597. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Carter F. Ham, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-598. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of a completion date of May 2013 for a report relative to the Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-599. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a meeting of the Economic Adjustment Committee (EAC) relative to considering additional funding sources for the Defense Access Roads (DAR) program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-600. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Ireland; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-601. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-602. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustments to Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-603. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-604. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-605. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska; Harvest Regulations for Migratory Birds in Alaska During the 2013 Season" (RIN1018-AY70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-606. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Special Rule for the Polar Bear Under Section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act" (RIN1018-AY40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-607. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Astragalus lentiginosus var. Coachellae (Coachella Valley milk-vetch" (RIN1018-AX40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-608. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Tidewater Goby" (RIN1018-AX39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-609. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Postponement of Deadline for Making an Election to Deduct for the Preceding Taxable Year Losses Attributable to Hurricane Sandy" (Announcement 2013-21), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-610. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reduced 2009 Estimated Income Tax Payments for Individuals with Small Business Income" ((RIN1545-BI67)(TD 9613)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-611. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2013 Trade Policy Agenda and 2012 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-612. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-018, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-613. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-003, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-614. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on United States Participation in the United Nations in 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-615. A communication from the Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 DHS Data Mining Report to Congress"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-616. A communication from the President, Chief Scout Executive, and the National Commissioner, Boy Scouts of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's 2012 annual report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-617. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 446. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to reduce Federal crop insurance subsidies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 447. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. LEE, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 448. A bill to allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040SR; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 449. A bill for the relief of Anton Dodaj, Gjyljana Dodaj, Franc Dodaj, and Kristjan Dodaj; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 450. A bill to require enhanced economic analysis and justification of regulations proposed by certain Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 451. A bill to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 452. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 453. A bill to require that certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that lead to an industry-recognized and nationally portable credential; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 454. A bill to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate use of assistance under sections 8 and 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 with public and private resources, to enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 455. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 456. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish an award program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in prekindergarten through higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 457. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 458. A bill to improve and extend certain nutrition programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 459. A bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. COWAN):

S. 460. A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 461. A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 462. A bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 463. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term "biobased product"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 464. A bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 465. A bill to permit flexibility in the application of the budget sequester by Federal agencies; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 466. A bill to assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 467. A bill to allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. WARREN):

S.J. Res. 10. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 67. A resolution designating April 5, 2013, as "Gold Star Wives Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. COWAN):

S. Con. Res. 5. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that John Arthur "Jack" Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 17

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 17, a bill to stimulate the economy, produce domestic energy, and create jobs at no cost to the taxpayers, and without borrowing money from foreign governments for which our children and grandchildren will be responsible, and for other purposes.

S. 20

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 33

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes.

S. 34

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 34, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 44

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 44, a bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

S. 77

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 77, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate for lower prices for Medicare prescription drugs.

S. 168

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 168, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 273

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 273, a bill to modify the definition of fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 336, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 344

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from approving the introduction into commerce of gasoline that contains greater than 10-volume-percent ethanol, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, supra.

S. 372

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 372, a bill to provide for the reduction of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and the promotion of healthy relationships, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 380

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr.

FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and update the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative for grants to address the problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to protect American job creation by striking the Federal mandate on employers to offer health insurance.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 427

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 427, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs, and for other purposes.

S. 443

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 443, a bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 60

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 60, a resolution supporting women's reproductive health.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 307) to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Mr. POE of Texas, Vice Chair, Mr. SHIMKUS of Illinois, Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida, Mr. GUTHRIE of Kentucky, Mr. MARINO of Pennsylvania, and Mr. COTTON of Arkansas.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 3166(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239), the Minority Leader appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise: Ellen Tauscher of Washington, DC.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Minority Leader appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. John A. Lawrence of Washington, DC.

At 3:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 307. An act to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEES

The hour of 11:45 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 28, 2013, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 64) authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution,

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 28, 2013,

On motion by Mr. PAUL to amend the pending resolution on various pages and lines, striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 25).

Pending debate,

Mr. PAUL requested the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 25 to the resolution.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 28, 2013, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 44, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 29 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennet, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Coons, Corker, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hagan, Heller, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Landrieu, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, Merkley, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Udall (NM), Vitter.

NAYS --- 53

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Blunt, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Cornyn, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:52 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99-498, as amended by Public Law 110-315, had appointed Roberta Johnson, of Iowa, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Caitlin Halligan; that the time until 10:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon, and that, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:15 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 6, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote, during which the following occurred:)

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO DOMESTIC DRONES AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. PAUL asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that, on tomorrow, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to a resolution, intended to be submitted by Mr. PAUL, relative to the use of domestic drones; that, upon disposition of said resolution, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; and that the Senate then vote on confirmation of said nomination.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

(The following occurred after 12 midnight, being Thursday, March 7, 2013)

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 468. A bill to protect the health care and pension benefits of our nation's miners; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 469. A bill to assist the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 470. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 471. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require the inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 472. A bill to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in the State of Nevada except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 473. A bill to ensure that Federal Register notices submitted to the Bureau of Land Management are reviewed in a timely manner; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 474. A bill to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 475. A bill to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 476. A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 477. A bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to modify a provision relating to gaming on land acquired after October 17, 1988; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 478. A bill to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 479. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 480. A bill to improve the effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 481. A bill to require that Federal Communications Commission to direct that wireless providers permit the unlocking of mobile devices; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 482. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 483. A bill to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 484. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 68. A resolution congratulating the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Con. Res. 6. A concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 135

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 135, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that the

coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in Exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 443

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 443, a bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

SENATE RESOLUTION 60

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 60, a resolution supporting women's reproductive health.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security at 10 Years: A Progress Report on Management."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENTUNTIL 10 A.M. ON TODAY, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on today; that, on today, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Ordered further, That, on today, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 12:41 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on today.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 7, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 6 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-618. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0026; FV12-923-1 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-619. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense taking essential steps to award a multiyear contract for 32 E-2D Advanced Hawkeye (AHE) aircraft, with a Variation in Quality-type clause of up to 37 aircraft, in fiscal years 2014 through 2018 in the second quarter of 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-620. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-621. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System, National Capital Region, Demonstrations and Special Events" (RIN1024-AD89), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-622. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System, Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Bicycle Routes" (RIN1024-AD94), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-623. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological Material from Belize" (RIN1515-AD94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-624. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Actuarial Report on the Financial Outlook for Medicaid"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-625. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual management report relative to its operations and financial condition; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-626. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, the fiscal year 2012 performance report relative to the Medical Device User Fee Act (MDUFA); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-627. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-628. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Department of Small and Local Business Development's Fiscal Year 2011 Performance Accountability Report"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-629. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residential, Business, and Wind and Solar Resource Leases on Indian Land; Correction" (RIN1076-AE73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-630. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Courts of Indian Offenses" (RIN1076-AF16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-631. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards: Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services" (RIN3245-AG27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-632. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Technology, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Regulations, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program" (RIN3245-AG46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-633. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards: Information" (RIN3245-AG26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-634. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Construction and Maintenance - Culvert Pipe Selection" (RIN2125-AF47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-635. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Labeling Rule" (RIN3084-AB15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-636. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Editorial Corrections to the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AF63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-637. A communication from the Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the submission of an operations update and a general and legislative annual report in March; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-638. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Chesapeake Bay Office Biennial Report to Congress; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-639. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Acquisition; Extension of Suspension and Debarment Exclusions, Grants and Cooperative Agreements" (RIN2700-AD81), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-640. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Greenup, Illinois)" (MB Docket No. 12-225; RM-11668; DA 12-1976), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-641. A communication from the Chief of the Policy Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Telecommunications Services; Amendment of Part 43 of the Commission's Rules" ((IB Docket No. 04-112)(FCC 13-6)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-642. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Commercial Radio Operators" (FCC 13-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-643. A communication from the Associate Division Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of the Emergency Alert System: Independent Spanish Broadcasters Association, the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc., and the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, Petition for Immediate Relief Randy Gehman Petition for Rulemaking" (FCC 12-41), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 19, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-644. A communication from the Associate Division Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 12 and 90 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Redundancy of Communications Systems: Backup Power Private Land Mobile Radio Services: Selection and Assignment of Frequencies, and Transition of the Upper 200 Channels in the 800 MHz Band to EA Licensing" (DA 11-1838), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-645. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Amdt. No. 505" (RIN2120-AA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-646. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Amdt. No. 505" (RIN2120-AA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-647. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Amdt. No. 3517" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-648. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Amdt. No. 3518" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-649. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (85); Amdt. No. 3519" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-650. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (25); Amdt. No. 3520" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-651. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0075)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-652. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lincoln, ME" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0764)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-653. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Engine Alliance Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1293)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-654. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Schweizer Aircraft Corporation" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0602)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-655. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1251)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-656. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters, Inc., Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0746)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-657. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0631)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-658. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1225)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-659. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S. p.A. (Type Certificate currently held by AgustaWestland S.p.A.) (Agusta) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1135)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-660. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1228)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-661. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0528)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-662. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Tri-Cities, TN; Revocation of Class E Airspace; Tri-City, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0621)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-663. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2010-0547)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-664. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada Corp Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1005)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-665. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1223)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-666. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1250)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-667. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DASSAULT AVIATION Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1037)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-668. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1273)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-669. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0725)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-670. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1056)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-671. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (Type Certificate Previously Held by Raytheon Aircraft Company; Beech Aircraft Corporation) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1111)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-672. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lindstrand Hot Air Balloons Ltd Appliances" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1134)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-673. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Schweizer Aircraft Corporation" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0602)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-674. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1251)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-675. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1055)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-676. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopter" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0339)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-677. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lycoming Engines and Continental Motors, Inc. Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1245)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-678. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1110)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-679. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Univair Aircraft Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0360)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-680. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0590)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-681. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada Corp. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-0942)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-682. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0075)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-683. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0722)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-684. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-1084)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-685. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0678)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-686. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0595)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-687. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0501)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-688. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopters Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0500)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-689. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0857)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-690. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0681)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-691. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Stemme GmbH and Co. KG Powered Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-0982)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-692. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GA 8 Airvan (Pty) Ltd Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1007)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-693. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0186)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-694. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0421)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-695. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0591)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-696. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1220)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-697. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Model Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1206)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-698. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0732)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-699. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace LP (Type Certificate Previously Held by Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd.) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0986)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-700. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0940)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-701. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0030)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-702. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc." ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0731)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-703. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0082)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-704. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0639)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-705. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0794)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-706. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters, Inc., Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0746)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-707. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1002)), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-708. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1070)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-709. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-098)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-710. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Trawl Rationalization Program; Emergency Rule Extension" (RIN0648-BC00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-711. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Specifications and Management Measures" (RIN0648-BC40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-712. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 38" (RIN0648-BC37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-713. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC457), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-714. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC452), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-715. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Greater Than or Equal To 60 Feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Pot Gear in the Bearing Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC458), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-716. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 Feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line or Pot Gear in the Bearing Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC487), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-717. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XC427), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-718. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC482), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-719. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XC441), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-720. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC481), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-721. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XC451), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-722. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC495), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-723. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Resources of the South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XC437), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-724. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustments for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XC456), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-725. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Vermillion Snapper" (RIN0648-XC468), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-726. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Ontonagon, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1404)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-727. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Kasigluk, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0952)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 485. A bill to exempt certain class A CDL drivers from the requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement while operating a service vehicle with a fuel tank containing 3,785 liters (1,000 gallons) or less of diesel fuel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 486. A bill to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 487. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under the maximum hours requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 488. A bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 489. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 490. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 491. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 492. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 493. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish dairy farm savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 494. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the types of livestock for which bonus depreciation is available; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 495. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to hire veterans, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 496. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 497. A bill to establish the San Juan Islands National Conservation Area in the San Juan Islands, Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 498. A bill to repeal the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 499. A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 500. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply payroll taxes to remuneration and earnings from self-employment up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of $250,000; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 501. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 502. A bill to assist States in providing voluntary high-quality universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 503. A bill to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 504. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure that valid generic drugs may enter the market; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 505. A bill to prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within the United States; read the first time.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 506. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 507. A bill to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 508. A bill to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve the enforcement, collection, and administration of child support payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 509. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 510. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. Res. 69. A resolution calling for the protections of religious minority rights and freedoms in the Arab world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. Res. 70. A resolution designating the last full week of July 2013 as "National Moth Week", recognizing the importance of moths in the United States, and recognizing the value of National Moth Week for promoting the conservation of moths and increasing the awareness, study, and appreciation of moths, their incredible biodiversity, and their importance to ecosystem health; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 71. A resolution designating the week of March 4 through March 8, 2013, as "Military and Veterans Caregiver Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 72. A resolution to observe the contributions of the American Chiropractic Association and to recognize the 50th anniversary of the founding of the organization; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 73. A resolution designating March 11, 2013, as "World Plumbing Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 269, a bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law

enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 370

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 427

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 427, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs, and for other purposes.

S. 445

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 445, a bill to improve security at State and local courthouses.

S. 448

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040SR.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 452, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 463

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 463, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term "biobased product".

S. 470

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 470, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 7, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 7, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Patterns of Abuse: Assessing Bank Secrecy Act Compliance and Enforcement."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 7, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Cybersecurity Partnership Between the Private Sector and Our Government: Protecting Our National and Economic Security."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 7, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 7, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing on U.S. policy toward North Korea.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 7, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Cybersecurity Partnership Between the Private Sector and Our Government: Protecting Our National and Economic Security."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 7, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 7, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 338. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

H.R. 668. An act to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, and for other purposes.

H.R. 933. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913 and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. WALZ of Minnesota.

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

H. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the

Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Professor Muhammad Yunus.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 338. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 668. An act to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

HOUSE BILL READ TWICE AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, be read twice and placed on the calendar.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit and Andrew Patrick Gordon to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

COMMISSION TO ELIMINATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FATALITIES

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 112-275, had appointed the following individuals to be members of the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities: Amy Ayoub, of Nevada, and Marilyn Zimmerman of Montana.

DESIGNATING "MILITARY AND VETERANS CAREGIVER WEEK"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 71) designating the week of March 4 through March 8, 2013, as "Military and Veterans Caregiver Week", submitted today by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. SANDERS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

OBSERVING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE AMERICAN CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 72) to observe the contributions of the American Chiropractic Association and to recognize the 50th anniversary of the founding of the organization, submitted today by Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "WORLD PLUMBING DAY"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 73) designating March 11, 2013, as "World Plumbing Day", submitted today by Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 505) to prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within the United States, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. PAUL), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 4:44 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 7, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 7, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 7, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 505) to prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within the United States, introduced on Thursday, March 7, 2013 by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. PAUL), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-728. A communication from the Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-729. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-479, "Compassionate Release Authorization Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-730. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-649, "Schedule H Property Tax Relief Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-731. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-651, "State Board of Education Personnel Authority Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-732. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-652, "Israel Senior Residences Tax Exemption Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-733. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-653, "Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-734. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-654, "Council Notification on Enforcement of Laws Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-735. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-655, "Retail Incentive Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-736. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-656, "Sign Regulation Authorization Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-737. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-657, "Re-entry Facilitation Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-738. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-658, "Motorized Bicycle Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-739. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-659, "Service Animals Access Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-740. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-660, "Bloomingdale and LeDroit Park Backwater Valve and Sandbag Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-741. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-661, "District of Columbia Flood Assistance Fund Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-742. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-662, "Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Accountability Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-743. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-663, "Administrative Disposition for Weapons Offenses Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-744. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-664, "United House of Prayer for All People Real Property Tax Exemption Technical Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-745. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-665, "Beulah Baptist Church Real Property Equitable Tax Relief Temporary Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-746. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-666, "Bad Actor Debarment and Suspension Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-747. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-667, "Uniform Commercial Code Revision Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-748. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-668, "Workplace

Fraud Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-749. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-650, "Equity in Survivor Benefits Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-750. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-669, "Uniform Commercial Code Article 9 Amendments Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-751. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-670, "Pharmacy Technician Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-752. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-671, "Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Establishment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-753. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-672, "Benefit Corporation Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-754. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-673, "Portable Electronics Insurance Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-755. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-674, "Safety-Based Traffic Enforcement Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-756. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-675, "Police Officers, Fire Fighters, and Teachers Retirement Benefit Replacement Act of 1998 Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-757. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-676, "Police Officers, Fire Fighters, and Teachers Retirement Benefit Replacement Act of 1998 Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-758. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-677, "Omnibus Criminal Code Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-759. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-678, "Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-760. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-679, "Fire and Emergency Medical Services Employee Presumptive Disability Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-761. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-680, "Retirement of Public-School Teachers Omnibus Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-762. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-681, "Retirement of Public-School Teachers Omnibus Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-763. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-682, "Police and Firefighter's Retirement and Disability Omnibus Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-764. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-13, "Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-765. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General George J. Flynn, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-766. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to meals sold by messes for United States Navy and Naval Auxiliary vessels; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-767. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to potential civilian furloughs within the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-768. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AF85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-769. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-770. A communication from the Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Sequestration for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-771. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Enforcement, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of NRC Enforcement Policy" (NRC-2013-0014), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-772. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; 110(a)(1) and (2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9787-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-773. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of

Implementation Plans; Kentucky; 110(a)(1) and (2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9788-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 54. A bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 511. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 512. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering the Nation's teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 513. A bill to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma regarding the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in the State of Oklahoma; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 514. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or an area that leads to employment in a high-demand occupation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 515. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 516. A bill to reduce disparities and improve access to effective and cost efficient diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer through advances in testing, research, and education, including through telehealth, comparative effectiveness research, and identification of best practices in patient education and outreach particularly with respect to underserved racial, ethnic and rural populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer, to establish a directive on what constitutes clinically appropriate prostate cancer imaging, and to create a prostate cancer scientific advisory board for the Office of the Chief Scientist at the Food and Drug Administration to accelerate real-time sharing of the latest research and accelerate movement of new medicines to patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEE, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 517. A bill to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 518. A bill to authorize the issuance of H2O nonimmigrant visas for aliens temporarily performing labor in the seafood processing industry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 519. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve early education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 520. A bill to strengthen Federal consumer protection and product traceability with respect to commercially marketed seafood, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 521. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 522. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 74. A resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 54

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 54, a bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

S. 123

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 195, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Idaho [Mr.

CRAPO] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 310

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 310, a bill to jump-start economic recovery through the formation and growth of new businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] were added as cosponsors of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 392, a bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education.

S. 445

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 445, a bill to improve security at State and local courthouses.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 463

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 463, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term "biobased product".

S. 464

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 464, a bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to assist the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 470, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal.

S. 478

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 478, a bill to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review.

S. 485

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 485, a bill to exempt certain class A CDL drivers from the requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement while operating a service vehicle with a fuel tank containing 3,785 liters (1,000 gallons) or less of diesel fuel.

S. 492

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 492, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 495

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 495, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require

Federal agencies to hire veterans, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 500

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply payroll taxes to remuneration and earnings from self-employment up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of $250,000.

S. 504

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure that valid generic drugs may enter the market.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within the United States.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 10, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 4, a resolution to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 7, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 7, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING THE "STAN MUSIAL MEMORIAL BRIDGE" OVER THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 166) to designate the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri and southwestern Illinois as the "Stan Musial Memorial Bridge".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PERMITTING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL IN COMMEMORATION OF THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

On the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 14) permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, March 7, 2013, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PERMITTING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO PROFESSOR MUHAMAD YUNUS

On the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 20) Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Professor Muhamad Yunus, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, March 7, 2013, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAGIC EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 12) recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the resolution.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the accompanying preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 74) supporting the goals of International Women's Day, submitted today by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Secretary of the Senate had appointed Sheryl B. Vogt, of Georgia, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP FOR THE 113TH CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, agreed to on March 5, 2013, had appointed the following Senators to serve as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 113th Congress: Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN (Majority co-chairman and majority administrative co-chairman), Mr. LEVIN (majority co-chairman), Ms. MIKULSKI (majority co-chairman), Mr. LAUTENBERG (majority co-chairman), Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. HEITKAMP.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

At 8:48 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 12, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN -- PM 5

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2013.

The crisis between the United States and Iran resulting from the actions and policies of the Government of Iran has not been resolved. The actions and policies of the Government of Iran are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Iran and to maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to deal with this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 12, 2013.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-774. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Amendments to the HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014" (RIN0938-AR74), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-775. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and

Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Extension of the Payment Adjustment for Low-volume Hospitals and the Medicare-dependent Hospital (MDH) Program Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS) for Acute Care Hospitals for Fiscal Year 2013" (RIN0938-AR12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-776. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014" (RIN0938-AR51), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-777. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2012 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-778. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding the Essential Health Benefits (EHB) requirements of the Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-779. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Health Insurance Market Rules; Rate Review" (RIN0938-AR40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-780. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Health Insurance Market Rules; Rate Review" (RIN0938-AR40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-781. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Standards Related to Essential Health Benefits, Actuarial Value, and Accreditation" (RIN0938-AR03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-782. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-783. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Safeguards for Children in Clinical Investigations of Food and Drug Administration-Regulated Products" ((RIN0910-AG71)(Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0009)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-784. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filings Required of Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements and Certain Other Related Entities" (RIN1210-AB51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-785. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ex Parte Cease and Desist and Summary Seizure Orders - Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements" (RIN1210-AB48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-786. A communication from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Learning from Iraq"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-787. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of Data Mining Activities by the Department of State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-788. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to compliance by the United States courts of appeals and district courts with the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-789. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Standards of Identity for Distilled Spirits" (RIN1513-AB33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-790. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs Annual Report to Congress for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-791. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Amendment 17 to the Salmon Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-BC28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-792. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC493), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-793. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC465), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-794. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC466), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-795. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Increase" (RIN0648-XC474), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 146. A bill to enhance the safety of America's schools.

S. 374. A bill to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 523. A bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 524. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 525. A bill proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the rights of the American people that were taken away by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case and related decisions, to protect the integrity of our elections, and to limit the corrosive influence of money in our democratic process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 526. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. COWAN):

S. 527. A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 528. A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to restrict institutions of higher education from using revenues derived from Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 529. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 530. A bill to make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 531. A bill to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Human Services of physical activity guidelines for Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 532. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 533. A bill to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06, Topsail, North Carolina; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 534. A bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 535. A bill to require a study and report by the Small Business Administration regarding the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 536. A bill to require a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the costs of Federal regulations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 537. A bill to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 538. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 539. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 540. A bill to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 541. A bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 75. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored

persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 54

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 54, a bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

S. 146

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to enhance the safety of America's schools.

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 177, a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 185

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to eliminate the automatic inflation increases for discretionary programs built into the baseline projections and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level.

S. 193

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 193, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 218

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 290

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 290, a bill to reduce housing-related health hazards, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 382, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 407

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to provide funding for construction and major rehabilitation for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 461

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 461, a bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas and for other purposes.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 464

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 464, a bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal.

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms.

MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 470, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2013, at 2:45 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing on oversight of the Federal Communications Commission.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Job Corps Budget Shortfall: Safeguarding Workforce Training for America's Disconnected Youth" on March 12, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 12, 2013, at 10:15 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to continue its executive business meeting from March 7, 2013.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2013, at 10 a.m.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 933

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:33 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:30 p.m.

AT 2:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 933

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 933.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 933:

HARRY REID, B.A. MIKULSKI, BEN CARDIN, SHERROD BROWN, DICK DURBIN, TOM HARKIN, PAT LEAHY, ANGUS S. KING, JR., TIM JOHNSON, ELIZABETH WARREN, DEBBIE STABENOW, PATTY MURRAY, MARY LANDRIEU, JACK REED, JEANNE SHAHEEN, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, agreed to on March 5, 2013, had appointed the following Senators to serve as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 113th, Congress: Mr. McConnell, Mr. Rubio (Minority co-chairman and minority administrative co-chairman), Mr. Cochran (minority co-chairman), Mr. Graham (minority co-chairman), Mr. Corker, Mr. Sessions, Mr. McCain, Mr. Risch, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Inhofe.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 933.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

At 6:49 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 13, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 933

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion be withdrawn; and that the motion be agreed to.

Whereupon,

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. SHELBY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 26, in the nature of a substitute).

Mr. REID modified the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That time until the managers of the bill are present be for debate only.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HELLER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. JOHANNS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, AND Mr. SESSIONS) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 30).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Ms. MIKULSKI and Mr. CRUZ, or their designees, on pending amendment No. 30; that, at 2 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; that no amendment be in order thereto prior to the vote thereon; and that**,** upon disposition of the amendment, it be in order for Mr. HARKIN to propose an amendment, relative to Labor-HHS Appropriation.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 30 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SHELBY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 34 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 52

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 53).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by striking sections 8039 and 8104 (being amendment No. 33).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between himself and Mr. MCCAIN, or their designees, on pending amendment No. 33; that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; and that no amendment be in order thereto prior to the vote thereon.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 33 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 48, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 35 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Wyden.

NAYS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 33 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 53 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. JOHANNS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title VII, division C, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 29).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, following the remarks of the leaders, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 933; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on amendment No. 53; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation thereto; that no other amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; and that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 29 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to bill H.R. 933:

HARRY REID, B. A. MIKULSKI, SHERROD BROWN, BARBARA BOXER, ROBERT MENENDEZ, PATTY MURRAY, AMY KLOBUCHAR, DEBBIE STABENOW, MAX BAUCUS, TIM JOHNSON, BEN CARDIN, JAY ROCKEFELLER, CHUCK SCHUMER, CARL LEVIN, DICK DURBIN, TOM CARPER, MARIA CANTWELL.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 933:

HARRY REID, B. A. MIKULSKI, SHERROD BROWN, BARBARA BOXER, ROBERT MENENDEZ, PATTY MURRAY, AMY KLOBUCHAR, DEBBIE STABENOW, MAX BAUCUS, TIM JOHNSON, BEN CARDIN, JAY ROCKEFELLER, CHUCK SCHUMER, CARL LEVIN, TOM CARPER, DICK DURBIN, MARIA CANTWELL.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorums under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 29 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-796. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maximum Interest Rates on Guaranteed Farm Loans" (RIN0560-AH66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-797. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Selection and Functions of Farm Service Agency State and County Committees" (RIN0560-AG90), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-798. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Nutrition Programs: Nondiscretionary Amendments Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-799. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Updated Trafficking Definition and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Dual Participation" (RIN0584-AD97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-800. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National School Lunch Program; Direct Certification Continuous Improvement Plans Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-801. A communication from the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation's fiscal year 2012 annual report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-802. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repeal of Disclosure Regulations" (RIN2590-AA64), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-803. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-NPCC-01--Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding" (RIN1902-AE54), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-804. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; New Source Review (NSR) Preconstruction Permitting Program; Clarification of EPA's Approval of the Sunland Park Section 110(a)-(1) Maintenance Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9788-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-805. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New York: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9693-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-806. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Federal Implementation Plan for Oil and Natural Gas Well Production Facilities; Fort Berthold Indian Reservation (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation), North Dakota" (FRL No. 9789-3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-807. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revise Shutdown Margin Definition to Address Advance Fuel Designs" (NUREG-1433 and 1434), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-808. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of jurisdictional control of certain classes of items currently on the United States Munitions List (USML) to the Commerce Control List (CCL); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-809. A communication from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a claim for equitable relief under the Meritorious Claims Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-810. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-811. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2013" (Rept. No. 113-3).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 542. A bill to provide limitations on maritime liens on fishing licenses and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 543. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 544. A bill to require the President to develop a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 545. A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 546. A bill to amend entrance counseling and exit counseling for borrowers under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 547. A bill to prevent a fiscal crisis by enacting legislation to balance the Federal budget through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 548. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve and enhance the capabilities of the Armed Forces to prevent and respond to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 549. A bill to establish an advisory committee to issue nonbinding governmentwide guidelines on making public information available on the Internet, to require publicly available Government information held by the executive branch to be made available on the Internet, to express the sense of Congress that publicly available information held by the legislative and judicial branches should be available on the Internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 550. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 551. A bill to provide an election to terminate certain capital construction funds without penalties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 552. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 553. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. KING):

S. 554. A bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 555. A bill to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to require captioning and video description at certain movie theaters; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 556. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the accessibility of entertainment programming provided by air carriers on passenger flights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 557. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 558. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other financial assistance under section 103 of the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity outside the United States; read the first time.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 559. A bill to establish a fund to make payments to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:08-CV-00487 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S.J. Res. 11. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the rights of the American people that were taken away by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case and related decisions, to protect the integrity of our elections, and to limit the corrosive influence of money in our democratic process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 76. A resolution designating room S-126 of the United States Capitol as the "Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room" in recognition of his service to the Senate and the people of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Con. Res. 7. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, or to any similar agreement on the arms trade; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 19

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 19, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

S. 54

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 54, a bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 195, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 218

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 230

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 230, a bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 344

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from approving the introduction into commerce of gasoline that contains greater than 10-volume-percent ethanol, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms.

WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 401

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 470, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 475, a bill to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 517

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 517, a bill to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 10, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, supra.

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, supra.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "Strategic Counterterrorism: Meeting Current and Emerging Challenges."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the costs and impacts of crisis budgeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 13, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "We the People: Fulfilling the Promise of Open Government Five Years After The OPEN Government Act."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate office building to conduct a hearing entitled "VA Claims Process—Review of VA's Transformation Efforts."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2013, at 10 a.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "876-SCAM: Jamaican Phone Fraud Targeting Seniors." The Committee will meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:59 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 749. An act to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement.

H.R. 1035. An act to require a study of voluntary community-based flood insurance options and how such options could be incorporated into the national flood insurance program, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 592. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that houses of worship are eligible for certain disaster relief and emergency assistance on terms equal to other eligible private nonprofit facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

H.R. 749. An act to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1035. An act to require a study of voluntary community-based flood insurance options and how such options could be incorporated into the national flood insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

DESIGNATING ROOM S-126 OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL AS THE "SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUYE ROOM"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the

resolution (S. Res. 76) designating room S-126 of the United States Capitol as the "Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room" in recognition of his service to the Senate and the people of the United States, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. LEAHY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 558) to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other financial assistance under section 103 of the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity outside the United States, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS ON TRADE POLICY AND NEGOTIATIONS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, in accordance with Public Law 93-618, as amended by Public Law 100-418, had appointed the following members of the Committee on Finance as congressional advisors on trade policy and negotiations: Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. GRASSLEY.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 933, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:43 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013

Ms. HEIDI HEITKAMP, from the State of North Dakota, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. HEITKAMP led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 14, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HEIDI HEITKAMP, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. HEITKAMP took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 558) to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other financial assistance under section 103 of the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity outside the United States, introduced on yesterday by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 29, proposed by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. BOOZMAN), to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, proposed by Mr. REID for Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. SHELBY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That, the order of yesterday be modified such that, it be in order for Mr. COBURN to propose an amendment (Numbered 66); that there 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for concurrent debate on amendment No. 53 and amendment No. 66; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that no other amendment be in order to the amendments prior to the votes; and that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 29 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 66).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 53 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 36 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified).

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 66 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 37 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 29 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, following remarks by him, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. on today; and that Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments until 3 p.m. on today.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 29 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 1:02 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 933.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 29 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Mr. INHOFE, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 29, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That, pending amendment No. 29, as modified, be agreed to; and that, upon disposition of said amendment, it then be in order for Mr. TOOMEY to propose an amendment (Numbered 115).

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 29, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in Division C, title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 115).

Pending debate,

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 83).

Ms. MIKULSKI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 123).

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-812. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tetrachlorvinphos; Extension of Time-Limited Interim Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9380-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-813. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General James N. Mattis, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-814. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Economic Development Conveyances Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-815. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Reserve Forces Policy Board for 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-816. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-817. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Cleveland-Akron-Lorain and Columbus 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan Revisions to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9790-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-818. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Control Techniques Guidelines and Reasonably Available Control Technology" (FRL No. 9791-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-819. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Idaho" (FRL No. 9791-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-820. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Consent Decree Requirements" (FRL No. 9789-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-821. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Ambient Nitrogen Dioxide Monitoring Requirements" (FRL No. 9789-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-822. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Work Opportunity Tax Credit Transition Relief" (Notice 2013-14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-823. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-011, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-824. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the notification that groups designated by the Secretary of State as Foreign Terrorist Organizations will be published in the Federal Register; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-825. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to overseas surplus property; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-826. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-827. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-828. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food and Color Additives; Technical Amendments" (Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0010), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-829. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation Findings - Performance Improvement 2011-2012"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-830. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 150. A bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LEE:

S. 560. A bill to provide that the individual mandate under the Patient Protection and

Affordable Care Act shall not be construed as a tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 561. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 562. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. VITTER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 563. A bill to provide certainty that Congress and the Administration will undertake substantive and structural housing finance reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 564. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the authority of the Federal Energy Commission to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 565. A bill to provide for the safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 566. A bill to establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 567. A bill to improve the retirement of American families by strengthening Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 568. A bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 569. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 570. A bill to establish a competitive grant program in the Department of Energy to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures, to close big oil company tax loopholes to pay for the competitive grant program and reduce the deficit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 571. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 572. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 573. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 574. A bill to modify the project for navigation, Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf of Mexico to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 575. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 576. A bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 577. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 578. A bill to improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools, to create a culture of recognizing, rewarding, and replicating educational excellence, to authorize school turnaround grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. COATS):

S. 579. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 580. A bill for the relief of Maha Dakar; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 581. A bill to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. VITTER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 582. A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; read the first time.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 583. A bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 214

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 336, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 370

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 413

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include human trafficking as a part 1 violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

S. 415

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 482

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 482, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates.

S. 511

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 511, a bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. BENNET, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 14, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Keeping up with a Changing Economy: Indexing the Minimum Wage" on March 14, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 14, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Border Security: Measuring the Progress and Addressing the Challenges."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee of the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 14, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 14, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in room 432 Russell Senate Office building to conduct a hearing entitled "Helping Small Businesses Weather Economic Challenges & Natural Disasters: Review of Legislative Proposals on Access to Capital and Disaster Recovery."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 14, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 890. An act to prohibit waivers relating to compliance with the work requirements for the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 890. An act to prohibit waivers relating to compliance with the work requirements for the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

AMENDMENT NO. 29 TO BILL H.R. 933 FURTHER MODIFIED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That amendment No. 29, as modified, agreed to on today to pending bill H.R. 933, be further modified.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, the Committee on the Budget be authorized to report on tomorrow, from 11 a.m. until 12 noon.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARK UDALL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 582) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, introduced today by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. VITTER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. PORTMAN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 583) to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person, introduced today by Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 112-272, had appointed the following as members of the World War I Centennial Commission: Philip Peckman, of Nevada, and James Nutter, Sr. of Missouri.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following the remarks of the leaders, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 933; that Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments until 4:30 p.m. on Monday next; and that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 933.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:37 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013

Ms. TAMMY BALDWIN, from the State of Wisconsin, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. BALDWIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 18, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TAMMY BALDWIN, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. BALDWIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 14, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 14, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 582) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, introduced on Thursday, March 14, 2013 by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. VITTER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. PORTMAN), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 583) to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person, introduced on Thursday, March 14, 2013 by Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNS), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 14, 2013,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123, proposed by Mr. DURBIN, to amendment No. 115, proposed by Mr. TOOMEY, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, proposed by Mr. REID for Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. SHELBY), to the bill.

Mr. BLUNT asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (No. 43).

Ms. MIKULSKI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the motions to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, and to the pending bill be withdrawn; that the following amendments be in order to be proposed to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute); and that each be modified, as indicated:

Two amendments (Numbered 69 and 93), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 65), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 70), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 72), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE;

An amendment (Numbered 76), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY;

An amendment (Numbered 98), intended to be proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. SHELBY);

An amendment (Numbered 129), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY;

An amendment (Numbered 82), intended to be proposed by Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BLUNT).

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that no other first-degree amendment be in order to be proposed to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, or to the bill; that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to a vote; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the amendments; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 82, amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 be withdrawn; that the Senate then vote in relation to amendment No. 115; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended; and that, if said amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, is agreed to, the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as thus amended.

Ms. AYOTTE objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That Ms. MIKULSKI and Mr. SHELBY each be recognized to speak for 5 minutes prior to the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mr. MORAN asked unanimous consent that he be recognized to speak.

Mr. REID objected.

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 14, 2013, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to bill H.R. 933.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 13, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 63, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 38 Leg.]

YEAS --- 63

Alexander, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 35

Ayotte, Barrasso, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate during adjournment:

ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT DATED MARCH 2013 WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS FOR 2013 -- PM 6

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on Friday, March 15, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received the following message from the

President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Joint Economic Committee:

To the Congress of the United States:

This year's Economic Report of the President describes the progress we have made recovering from the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. After years of grueling recession, our businesses have created over six million new jobs. As a nation, we now buy more American cars than we have in 5 years, and less foreign oil than we have in 20 years. Our housing market is healing, and consumers, patients, and homeowners enjoy stronger protections than ever before.

But there are still millions of Americans whose hard work and dedication have not yet been rewarded. Our economy is adding jobs, but too many of our fellow citizens still can't find full-time employment. Corporate profits have reached all-time highs, but for more than a decade, wages and incomes for working Americans have barely budged.

Our top priority must be to do everything we can to grow our economy and create good, middle-class jobs. That has to be our North Star. That has to drive every decision we make in Washington. Every day, we should ask ourselves three questions: How do we attract more jobs to our shores? How do we equip our people with the skills needed to do those jobs? And how do we make sure that hard work leads to a decent living?

We can begin by making America a magnet for new jobs and manufacturing. After shedding jobs for more than a decade, our manufacturers have added about half a million new jobs over the past 3 years. We need to accelerate that trend, by launching more manufacturing hubs that transform hard-hit regions of the country into global centers of high-tech jobs and manufacturing. We need to make our tax code more competitive, by ending tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas, and rewarding companies that create jobs here at home. And we need to invest in the research and technology that will allow us to harness more of our own energy and put more people back to work repairing our crumbling roads and bridges.

These steps will help entrepreneurs and small business owners expand and create new jobs. But we also need to provide every American with the skills and training they need to fill those jobs. We should start in the earliest years by offering high-quality preschool to every child in America, because we know kids in programs like these do better throughout their academic lives. We should redesign America's high schools to better prepare our students with skills that employers are looking for right now. And because taxpayers can't continue subsidizing the soaring cost of higher education, we should take affordability and value into account when determining which colleges receive certain types of Federal aid.

We also need to reward hard work and declare that no one who works full-time should have to live in poverty by raising the minimum wage so that it's a wage you can live on. And it's time to harness the talents and ingenuity of hardworking immigrants by finally passing commonsense immigration reform—continuing to strengthen border security, holding employers accountable, establishing a responsible path to earned citizenship, reuniting families, and attracting the highly-skilled entrepreneurs, engineers, and scientists that will help create jobs.

As we continue to grow our economy, we must also take further action to shrink our deficits. We don't have to choose between these two important priorities—we just have to make smart choices.

Over the last few years, both parties have worked together to reduce the deficit by more than $2.5 trillion, which puts us more than halfway towards the goal of $4 trillion in deficit reduction that economists say we need to stabilize our finances. Now we need to finish the job. But we shouldn't do it by making harsh and arbitrary cuts that jeopardize our military readiness, devastate priorities like education and energy, and cost jobs. That's not how you grow the economy. We shouldn't ask senior citizens and working families to pay down the rest of our deficit while the wealthiest are asked for nothing more. That doesn't grow our middle class.

Most Americans—Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—understand that we can't just cut our way to prosperity. That's why I have put forward a balanced approach to deficit reduction that makes responsible reforms to bring down the cost of health care for an aging generation—the single biggest driver of our long-term debt—and saves hundreds of billions of dollars by getting rid of tax loopholes and deductions for the well-off and well-connected. And we should finally pursue bipartisan, comprehensive tax reform that encourages job creation and helps bring down the deficit.

The American people don't expect their government to solve every problem. They don't expect those of us in Washington to agree on every issue. But they do expect us to put the Nation's interests before party interests. They do expect us to forge reasonable compromise where we can. Our work will not be easy. But America only moves forward when we do so together—when we accept certain obligations to one another and to future generations. That's the American story. And that's how we will write the next great chapter—together.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 15, 2013.*

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 584. A bill for the relief of Jorge Rojas Gutierrez, Olivia Gonzalez Gonzalez, and Jorge Rojas Gonzalez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 585. A bill for the relief of Jose Alberto Martinez Moreno, Micaela Lopez Martinez, and Adilene Martinez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 586. A bill for the relief of Alfredo Plascencia Lopez and Maria Del Refugio Plascencia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 587. A bill for the relief of Ruben Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian, and Arthur Mkoyan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 588. A bill for the relief of Robert Liang and Alice Liang; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 589. A bill for the relief of Joseph Gabra and Sharon Kamel; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 590. A bill for the relief of Claudia Marquez Rico; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 591. A bill for the relief of Esidronio Arreola-Saucedo, Maria Elna Cobian Arreola, Nayely Arreola Carlos, and Cindy Jael Arreola; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 592. A bill for the relief of Alicia Aranda De Buendia and Ana Laura Buendia Aranda; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 593. A bill for the relief of Guy Privat Tape and Lou Nazie Raymonde Toto; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 594. A bill for the relief of Javier Lopez-Urenda and Maria Leticia Arenas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 595. A bill for the relief of Shirley Constantino Tan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 596. A bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures under such program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 597. A bill to ensure the effective administration of criminal justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 598. A bill to prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 599. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 600. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 601. A bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. Res. 77. A resolution expressing the sense of Congress relating to the commemoration of the 180th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COONS, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. Res. 78. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 79. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 19

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 19, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 336, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

S. 370

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 407

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to provide funding for construction and major rehabilitation for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 420

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to longstanding regulatory rule.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 464

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 464, a bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 470, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal.

S. 480

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 480, a bill to improve the effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency, and for other purposes.

S. 490

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 490, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles.

S. 500

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply payroll taxes to remuneration and earnings from self-employment up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of $250,000.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within the United States.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering the Nation's teachers, and for other purposes.

S. 536

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 536, a bill to require a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the costs of Federal regulations.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 565

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 565, a bill to provide for the safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, or to any similar agreement on the arms trade.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 65, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 18, 2013, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "How Comprehensive Immigration Reform Should Address the Needs of Women and Families."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:41 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 803. An act to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4(b) of the World War I Centennial Commission Act (Public Law 112-272), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the World War I Centennial Commission: Mr. TED POE of Humble, Texas.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), as amended by section 1601 of Public Law 111-68, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Mr. FORTENBERRY of Nebraska.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 803. An act to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 66) designating the first week of April 2013 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 79) supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day, submitted today by Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 933; and that the time during morning business, recess, or adjournment be counted against the time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COWAN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123, proposed by Mr. DURBIN, to amendment No. 115, proposed by Mr. TOOMEY, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, proposed by Mr. REID for Ms. MIKULSKI (SHELBY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:32 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 933.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, having been agreed to, the following amendments be in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 98), intended to be proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. SHELBY);

An amendment (Numbered 82), intended to be proposed by Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BLUNT).

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that it be in order to modify amendment No. 98; that no other first-degree amendment be in order to be proposed to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, or to the bill; that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to a vote; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the amendments; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 82, amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 be withdrawn; that the Senate then vote in relation to amendment No. 115; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended; that each amendment, except for amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; and that, if said amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, is agreed to, the

motion to bring to a close debate on the bill be withdrawn; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. MORAN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 8

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, at 4 p.m. on today, notwithstanding the motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to bill H.R. 933 having been agreed to, it be in order for the Senate to proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 8) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that time in consideration of said concurrent resolution during time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on said amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be counted against said time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate; and that, on today, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 933.

Mr. MORAN objected.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 933.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 11:15 a.m. on tomorrow, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, relative to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, be considered concluded; that amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 be withdrawn; that no other amendment be in order to said amendment; that the Senate then vote in relation to amendment No. 115; and that, upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill; and that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered to have begun at 1 a.m. on tomorrow.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-831. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Transportation's Report to Congress and the National Transportation Safety Board Responding to Issues on the National Transportation Safety Board's 2013 Most Wanted List"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-832. A communication from the Director of Industry Analysis, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis System" (RIN0625-AA93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-833. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorages; Captain of the Port Puget Sound Zone, WA" ((RIN1625-AA01)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-0159)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-834. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Artificial Island Anchorage No. 2 Partial Closure, Delaware River; Salem, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0032)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-835. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updates to Standards Incorporated by Reference; Reapproved ASTM Standards; Technical Amendment" ((RIN1625-AB98)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0866)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-836. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inland Waterways Navigation Regulation; Sacramento River" ((RIN1625-AB95)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0952)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-837. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Reporting Requirements for Barges Loaded With Certain Dangerous Cargoes, Inland Rivers, Ninth Coast Guard District; Stay (Suspension)" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0019)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-838. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Housatonic River, Bridge Replacement Operations; Stratford, CT" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0824)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-839. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone, Potomac and Anacostia Rivers; Washington, DC" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0938)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-840. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; MODU KULLUK; Sitkalidak Island to Kiliuda Bay, Alaska" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No.

USCG-2012-1088)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-841. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Grain-Shipment Vessels, Columbia and Willamette Rivers" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0010)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-842. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Woldenburg Park, Mississippi River, New Orleans, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1013)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-843. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Long Island, New York Inland Waterway from East Rockaway Inlet to Shinnecock Canal, NY" ((RIN1625-AA09)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-1040)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-844. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Indian Street Bridge Construction, St. Lucie Canal, Palm City, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0828)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-845. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pacific Northwest Grain Handlers Association Facilities; Columbia and Willamette Rivers" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0011)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-846. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bridge Demolition Project; Indiana Harbor Canal, East Chicago, Indiana" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0904)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-847. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of a delay in the completion of a report relative to the Fiscal Year 2014 National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation (NGREA) procurement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-848. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Iranian Financial Sanctions Regulations; Final Rule" (31 CFR Part 561), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-849. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-850. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-851. A communication from the Chair of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 602. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BURR, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COATS, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 603. A bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 604. A bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 605. A bill to improve Federal dairy programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 606. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to loans made from a qualified employer plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 607. A bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 608. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to improve coverage for colorectal screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 609. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BURR, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 610. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 611. A bill to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 612. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to remove social security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to Medicare beneficiaries in order to

protect Medicare beneficiaries from identity theft; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 613. A bill to increase the mileage reimbursement rate for members of the armed services during permanent change of station and to authorize the transportation of additional motor vehicles of members on change of permanent station to or from nonforeign areas outside the continental United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 614. A bill to require the continuation of tuition assistance programs for members of the Armed Forces for the remainder of fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 615. A bill to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MORAN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 616. A bill to provide incentives to physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 617. A bill to provide humanitarian assistance and support a democratic transition in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 80. A resolution expressing support for the designation of March 2013 as "National Middle Level Education Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 81. A resolution commemorating March 19, 2013, as the 40th anniversary of National Ag Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Con. Res. 9. A concurrent resolution recommending the posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Sergeant Rafael Peralta; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 20

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 109

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 109, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 132

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 336

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 336, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 344

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from approving the introduction into commerce of gasoline that contains greater than 10-volume-percent ethanol, and for other purposes.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 395

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 395, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 419

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 419, a bill to limit the use of cluster munitions.

S. 427

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 427, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs, and for other purposes.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 582, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

S. 597

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to ensure the effective administration of criminal justice.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, or to any similar agreement on the arms trade.

SENATE RESOLUTION 60

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 60, a resolution supporting women's reproductive health.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct an executive session.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on bipartisan solutions for housing finance reform.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the President's 2013 trade agenda.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Can We Do More to Keep Savings in the Retirement System" on March 19, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial ominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The American Airlines/US Airways Merger: Consolidation, Competition, and Consumers."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, ATMOSPHERE, FISHERIES, AND THE COAST GUARD

The Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and the Coast Guard of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to hold a hearing on developments and opportunities in U.S. fisheries management."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2012, at 10 a.m., to hold a Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs subcommittee hearing on Syria's humanitarian crisis."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCES, AND INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 19, 2013, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Streamlining Regulation, Improving Consumer Protection and Increasing Competition in Insurance Markets."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the

House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 18. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

H. Con. Res. 19. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL AG DAY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The Presiding Officer (Ms. Warren in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 81) commemorating March 19, 2013, as the 40th anniversary of National Ag Day, submitted today by Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. COONS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 933; and that the time until 11:15 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:39 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 20, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123, proposed by Mr. DURBIN, to amendment No. 115, proposed by Mr. TOOMEY, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, proposed by Mr. REID for Ms. MIKULSKI (SHELBY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, time for debate on amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded at 2 p.m. on today; that the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that remaining provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Ms. AYOTTE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside, and that it be in order for her to propose an amendment (Numbered 127).

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MORAN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 55).

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. GRASSLEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 76); that there be 10 minutes for debate on the amendment; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 76.

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, having been agreed to, the following amendments be in order to be proposed to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute); and that each be modified, as indicated:

Amendments (Numbered 69 and 93), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 65), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 70), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 72), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE;

An amendment (Numbered 98), as modified, intended to be proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. SHELBY);

An amendment (Numbered 129), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY;

An amendment (Numbered 82), intended to be proposed by Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BLUNT).

Ordered further, That, no other first-degree amendment be in order to be proposed to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, or to the bill; that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to a vote; that the time until 2:15 p.m., be equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the amendments; that, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, time for debate on amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded at 2:15 p.m.; that 30 minutes therein be controlled by Mr. MORAN; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 82, amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 be withdrawn; that it be in order for amendment No. 115 to be modified; that the Senate then vote in relation to amendment No. 115, as modified; that each aforementioned amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 115, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate on the bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Ordered further, That each vote after the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 392, line 25, by striking "training." and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 69).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 542, by striking all beginning on line 3 through line 21, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 93).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. BEGICH) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 193, after line 11, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 65).

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. COBURN modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 65, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in Division D, title V, after section 573, by adding certain words (amendment No. 70).

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. COBURN modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 70, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 69 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 48, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 39 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 51

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 93 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 40 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Hatch, Heller,

Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 65, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the order of today, that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 65, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 70, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the order of today, that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 70, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COONS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. HELLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. NELSON, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in Division C, title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 72).

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. INHOFE modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 72, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the order of today, that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 72, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. SHELBY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 98).

Pursuant to the order of today,

Ms. MIKULSKI modified her pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 98, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the order of today, that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 98, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 129).

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. LEAHY modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 129, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the order of today, that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 129, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COONS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. HOEVEN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 84, after line 3, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 82).

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the order of today, that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 82 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 123 to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was withdrawn.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 115, as modified, to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 40, nays... 59

[Rollcall Vote No. 41 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Flake, Graham, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 59

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 26 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SHELBY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 70, nays... 29

[Rollcall Vote No. 42 Leg.]

YEAS --- 70

Alexander, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 29

Ayotte, Barrasso, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Tester, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the pending bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 13, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 63, nays... 36

[Rollcall Vote No. 43 Leg.]

YEAS --- 63

Alexander, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 36

Ayotte, Barrasso, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 73, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 44 Leg.]

YEAS --- 73

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 26

Ayotte, Burr, Coburn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Tester, Toomey, Vitter.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 8

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 8) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That time during any quorum calls, during consideration of the pending concurrent resolution, be equally divided; and that no amendments be in order thereto on today.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the use of calculators be permitted on the floor during consideration of the pending concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That staff be permitted to make technical and conforming changes to the pending concurrent resolution, as necessary, and consistent with amendments to said concurrent resolution that are agreed to, during consideration thereof; and that such calculations shall include changes in the net interest function under section 104, and incorporating the effect of such amendments that are agreed to on the budgetary aggregates, under section 101 for Federal revenues, the amount by which Federal revenues should be changed, new budget authority, budget outlays, deficits, public debt, and debt held by the public.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, time for debate relative to economic goals and policy, under section 305(b) of the Congressional Budget Act, occur at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

AMENDMENT TO TITLE OF BILL H.R. 933

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The title of bill H.R. 933, passed on today, was amended, on motion by Mrs. MURRAY, so as to read: "An Act making consolidated appropriations and further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013."

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-852. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amitraz; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9381-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-853. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9779-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-854. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Region 4 States; Prong 3 of Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i) Infrastructure Requirement for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9792-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-855. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Washington; Revised Format of 40 CFR Part 52 for Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9768-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-856. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend" (FRL No. 9792-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-857. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of California; Imperial Valley Planning Area for PM 10; Clarification of Nonattainment Area Boundary" (FRL No. 9791-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

March 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-858. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Physical Protection of Byproduct Material" (RIN3150-AI12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-859. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Requirements for Long-Term Care (LTC) Facilities; Notice of Facility Closure" (RIN0938-AQ09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-860. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-861. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States having provided limited technical support to French forces that conducted an operation in Somalia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-862. A communication from the Deputy Assistant to the President and Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff of the National Security Staff, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93-148); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-863. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of a proposed amendment of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 13-019); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-864. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the effectiveness of United Nations efforts to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse and trafficking in persons in UN peacekeeping missions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-865. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers from the Hanford site in Hanford, Washington, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-866. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers from General Steel Industries, Granite City, Illinois, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-867. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Baker Brothers site in Toledo, Ohio, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-868. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Joslyn Manufacturing and Supply Co. at the covered facility in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-869. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Battelle Laboratories King Avenue site in Columbus, Ohio, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-870. A communication from the Investigative Specialist, Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for the Handling of Retaliation Complaints Under Section 1558 of the Affordable Care Act" (RIN1218-AC79), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-871. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Program Activities Report for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 622. An original bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 618. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain special resource studies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 619. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 620. A bill to withhold the salary of the Director of OMB upon failure to submit the President's budget to Congress as required by section 1105 of title 31, United States Code; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 621. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 622. An original bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 623. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 624. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require criminal background checks for child care providers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 625. A bill to provide for a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 626. A bill to de-link research and development incentives from drug prices for new medicines to treat HIV/AIDS and to stimulate greater sharing of scientific

knowledge; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 627. A bill to provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines, to enhance access to new medicines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 628. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend the duration of the Physical Disability Board of Review and to the expand the authority of such Board to review of the separation of members of the Armed Forces on the basis of mental condition not amounting to disability, including separation on the basis of a personality or adjustment disorder; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 629. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 630. A bill to establish a partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore for our country with the Federal Government; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. COWAN):

S. 631. A bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 82. A resolution commemorating the 30th anniversary of the proposal for the Strategic Defense Initiative; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 83. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. REED, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARPER, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. NELSON, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 84. A resolution recognizing the 192nd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 85. A resolution designating April 2013 as "National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 17

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 17, a bill to stimulate the economy, produce domestic energy, and create jobs at no cost to the taxpayers, and without borrowing money from foreign governments for which our children and grandchildren will be responsible, and for other purposes.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 288

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to increase the participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and industry.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 350

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 350, a bill to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to

direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms.

S. 504

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure that valid generic drugs may enter the market.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 610

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 610, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits.

S. 614

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 614, a bill to require the continuation of tuition assistance programs for members of the Armed Forces for the remainder of fiscal year 2013.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 37

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 37, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in disapproving the proposal of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 77

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 77, a resolution expressing the sense of Congress relating to the commemoration of the 180th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 20, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Aviation Safety: FAA's Progress on Key Safety Initiatives."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 20, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 20, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reforming the Delivery System: The Center on Medicare and Medicaid Innovation."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 20, 2013, at 2:15 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "Counterterrorism Policies and Priorities: Addressing the Evolving Threat."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 20, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. in President's Room of the Capitol.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 20, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Hurricane Sandy: Getting the Recovery Right and the Value of Mitigation"

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 20, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Future of Drones in America: Law Enforcement and Privacy Considerations."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 20, 2013, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Building an Immigration System Worthy of American Values."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 20, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "VA Mental Health Care: Ensuring Timely Access to High-Quality Care."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND SPACE

The Subcommittee on Science and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 20, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to hold a hearing entitled, "Assessing the Risks, Impacts, and Solutions for Space Threats."

DESIGNATING "GOLD STAR WIVES DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 67) designating April 5, 2013, as "Gold Star Wives Day".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 192ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF GREECE AND CELEBRATING DEMOCRACY IN GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 84) recognizing the 192nd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States, submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr.

REED, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARPER, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. NELSON, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. ENZI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 85) designating April 2013 as "National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month", submitted today by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8.

Ordered further, That, there be 34 hours, equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Budget, remaining for debate under the statutory limitation thereon pursuant to the Budget Act.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

At 10:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 21, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 8) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS to recommit the pending concurrent resolution to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report back no later than March 22, 2013, with such changes as may be necessary to achieve a unified budget balance by fiscal year 2023.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, at 3:45 p.m. on today, there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Ms. KLOBUCHAR and Mr. COATS, or their designees, on a report on the economic goals and policy under section 305(b) of the Congressional Budget Act.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to recommit the pending concurrent resolution to the Committee on the Budget with instructions.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the pending motion to recommit be laid aside; that the following amendments be in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 433), intended to be proposed by Mrs. MURRAY;

An amendment (Numbered 297), intended to be proposed by Mr. HATCH;

An amendment (Numbered 432), intended to be proposed by Ms. STABENOW;

An amendment (Numbered 156), intended to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY;

An amendment (Numbered 431), intended to be proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI;

An amendment (Numbered 158), intended to be proposed by Ms. AYOTTE;

An amendment (Numbered 202), intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ;

An amendment (Numbered 439), intended to be proposed by Mrs. MURRAY;

An amendment (Numbered 222), intended to be proposed by Mr. CRAPO; and

An amendment (Numbered 438), intended to be proposed by Mrs. SHAHEEN.

Ordered further, That the time until 8:10 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the question recur on agreeing to the motion to recommit; that the Senate vote in relation to said motion; that, upon disposition of said motion, the Senate vote in relation to the first four aforementioned amendments; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that no amendment be in order to the motion or amendments prior to votes; and that, upon disposition of the amendments on today, there be only debate during pendency of the concurrent resolution on today.

Ordered further, That, at 9 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate resume consideration

of the pending concurrent resolution; that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees; that, at 11 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to the remaining aforementioned amendments in the aforementioned order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be ten minutes in duration; that, upon disposition of the amendments, there be two hours, equally divided and controlled, remaining for debate between the two managers, or their designees under the statutory limitation thereon pursuant to the Budget Act; and that the next two amendments in order to be proposed be a majority-party amendment, and a minority-alternative amendment (in "side-by-side" fashion).

The question being on agreeing to the motion to recommit.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SESSIONS,

Ordered, That the order of today be modified such that the Senate vote at 8:12 p.m.; and that there be 2 additional minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to recommit.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending motion was laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mrs. MURRAY, amendment No. 433; Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COWAN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WICKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COBURN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LEE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. INHOFE), amendment No. 297; Ms. STABENOW, amendment No. 432; Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COATS, and Mr. RUBIO), amendment No. 156; Ms. MIKULSKI, amendment No. 431; Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 158; Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. WICKER), amendment No. 202; Mrs. MURRAY, amendment No. 439; Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CORNYN), amendment No. 222; Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG), amendment No. 438.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion to recommit the pending concurrent to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report back no later than March 22, 2013, with such changes as may be necessary to achieve a unified budget balance by fiscal year 2023.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 45 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 53

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 433 to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 40, nays... 59

[Rollcall Vote No. 46 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 59

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of the today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 297 to the concurrent resolution.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. HATCH,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 79, nays... 20

[Rollcall Vote No. 47 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 20

Baucus, Boxer, Brown, Carper, Coons, Feinstein, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Tester, Udall (NM).

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 432 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 96, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 48 Leg.]

YEAS --- 96

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Cruz, Lee, Paul.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 156 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 49 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 438 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-872. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the evacuation of U. S. citizens, U.S. embassy personnel, and several private U.S. citizens from Bangui, Central African Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-873. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, NeighborWorks America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for NeighborWorks America's fiscal year 2012 Annual Program Performance Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-874. A communication from the Director, Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government Employees Serving in Official Capacity in Nonprofit Organizations; Sector Unit Investment Trusts" (RIN3209-AA09), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-875. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-876. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Agriculture's fiscal year 2012 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-877. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "2011 Impact and Effectiveness of Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Projects: Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-878. A communication from the Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Procedures and Criteria for Approval of Nonprofit Budget and Credit Counseling Agencies by United States Trustees" (RIN1105-AB17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-879. A communication from the Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Procedures and Criteria for Approval of Providers of a Personal Financial Management Instructional Course by United States Trustees" (RIN1105-AB31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-880. A communication from the Acting Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of a Privacy Act System of Records of the Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration Notice: 'Investigative Reporting and Filing System'" (CPCLO Order No. 002-2013), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-881. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compassionate Release; Technical Changes" (RIN1120-AB66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-882. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone, Potomac and Anacostia Rivers; Washington, DC" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2012-

1067)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-883. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone within the Lower Portion of Anchorage #9, Mantua Creek Anchorage; Paulsboro, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1092)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-884. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sellwood Bridge Move; Willamette River, Portland, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1097)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-885. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Monongahela River, Charleroi, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-1071)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-886. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Oak Island, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1062)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-887. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Military Ocean Terminal Concord Safety Zone, Suisun Bay, Military Ocean Terminal Concord, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1008)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-888. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bridge Demolition Project; Indiana Harbor Canal, East Chicago, Indiana" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1099)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-889. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lake Worth Dredge Operations, Lake Worth Inlet; West Palm Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0036)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-890. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone within the Lower Portion of Anchorage #9, Mantua Creek Anchorage; Paulsboro, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1092)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-891. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Vigor Industrial Roll-Out, West Duwamish Waterway, Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0039)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-892. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sea World San Diego Fireworks, Mission Bay; San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0022)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-893. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Coast Guard Exercise Area, Hood Canal, Washington" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0900)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-894. A communication from the Acting Director, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Mandatory Automated Export System Filing for all Shipments Requiring Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) Information: Substantive Changes and Corrections" (RIN0607-AA50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-895. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustment of the Aggravated Maximum Civil Monetary Penalty for a Violation of a Federal Railroad Safety Law or Federal Railroad Administration Safety Regulation or Order; Correction" (RIN2130-AB94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-896. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Alcohol and Drug Use: Addition of Post-Accident Toxicological Testing for Non-Controlled Substances" (RIN2130-AC24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-897. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Insurer Reporting Requirements" (RIN2127-AL26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-898. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Air Brake Systems" (RIN2127-AL11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-899. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Hampton-Norfolk, Virginia; Norfolk, Virginia-Elizabeth City, North Carolina" (MB Docket No. 11-139; DA 13-258), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-900. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Ehrenberg, First Mesa, Kachina Village Mund Park, Wickenburg and Williams, Arizona)" (MB Docket No. 11-207), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

March 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-901. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promoting Expanded Opportunities for Radio Experimentation and Market Trials under Part 5 of the Commission's Rules and Streamlining Other Related Rules; 2006 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations - Part 2 Administered by the Office of Engineering and Technology" (FCC 13-15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-902. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures" (RIN2125-AF46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-903. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (79); Amdt. No. 3522" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-904. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (7); Amdt. No. 3523" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-905. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Casper, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0509)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-906. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Gaylord, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1401)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-907. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Sault Ste Marie, ON" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0791)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-908. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hot Springs, SD" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0655)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-909. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class B Airspace Description; Houston, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0079)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-910. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class B Airspace Description; Tampa, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0080)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-911. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Goldsboro, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0610)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-912. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - April 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-913. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Stock Transfers and the Coordination Rule Exceptions; Transfers of Stock or Securities in Outbound Asset Reorganizations" (TD 9615), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-914. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Outbound Property Transfers by Domestic Corporations; Certain Stock Distributions by Domestic Corporations" ((RIN1545-AM97)-(TD 9614)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-915. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-916. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 13-027); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-917. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Fraud Prevention Fund"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-918. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees; Correction" (RIN0651-AC86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Special Report entitled "History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 112th Congress" (Rept. No. 113-4).

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance

During the 112th Congress." (Rept. No. 113-5).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary During the 112th Congress" (Rept. No. 113-6).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. NELSON, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 632. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 633. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 634. A bill to allow members of the Armed Forces and National Guard to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with receipt of orders for mobilization for war or national emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 635. A bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 636. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified EHR Technology under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 637. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 638. A bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 639. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify the circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 640. A bill to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 641. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 642. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 643. A bill to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 644. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prevent the abuse of dextromethorphan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 645. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 646. A bill to create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 647. A bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 648. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID:

S. 649. A bill to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 650. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S.J. Res. 12. A joint resolution to consent to certain amendments enacted by the legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Act, 1920; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms.

STABENOW, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. Res. 86. A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 87. A resolution designating April 4, 2013, as "National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 88. A resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 89. A resolution designating March 25, 2013, as "National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 195

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 195, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 380

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and update the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative for grants to address the problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 413

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include human trafficking as a part 1 violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 475, a bill to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 477

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 477, a bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to modify a provision relating to gaming on land acquired after October 17, 1988.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms.

S. 516

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 516, a bill to reduce disparities and improve access to effective and cost efficient diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer through advances in testing, research, and education, including through telehealth, comparative effectiveness research, and identification of best practices in patient education and outreach particularly with respect to underserved racial, ethnic and rural populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer, to establish a directive on what constitutes clinically appropriate prostate cancer imaging, and to create a prostate cancer scientific advisory board for the Office of the Chief Scientist at the Food and Drug Administration to accelerate real-time sharing of the latest research and accelerate movement of new medicines to patients.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to require a study and report by the Small Business Administration regarding the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations.

S. 536

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 536, a bill to require a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the costs of Federal regulations.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 596, a bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures under such program.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 77

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 77, a resolution expressing the sense of Congress relating to the commemoration of the 180th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 21, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 21, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security at 10 Years: A Progress Report on Management."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 21, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 21, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 21, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold an East Asia and Pacific Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Rebalance to Asia: What Does It Mean for Democracy, Good Governance and Human Rights?"

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SCHNEIDER of Illinois, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. SHIMKUS of Illinois, Mr. WOMACK of Arkansas, Mr. ISRAEL of New York, and Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California.

DESIGNATING THE "PATRICIA CLARK BOSTON AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 540) to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING MEMBERS ON THE PART OF THE SENATE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS ON THE LIBRARY

On the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 88) providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library, submitted today by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 89) designating March 25, 2013, as "National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day", submitted today by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

On the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 18) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

On the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 19) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 649) to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MERKLEY asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MERKLEY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, had appointed Mr. WARNER and had reappointed Mrs. FEINSTEIN to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

SENATE DELEGATION TO THE CANADA – U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, had appointed Mr. Ms. KLOBUCHAR as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada – U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 113th Congress.

SENATE DELEGATION TO THE MEXICO-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h-276k, as amended, had appointed Mr. KAINE as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group for the 113th Congress.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

SENATE DELEGATION TO THE BRITISH-AMERICAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP CONFERENCE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, had appointed Mr. LEAHY as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 113th Congress.

U.S.-CHINA INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP CONFERENCE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, had appointed Mr. BEGICH as Chairman of the U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the 113th Congress.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8.

Ordered further, That, there be 34 hours, equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Budget, remaining for debate under the statutory limitation thereon pursuant to the Budget Act.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

At 10:56 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013

Mr. ANGUS S. KING, JR., from the State of Maine, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KING led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 22, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ANGUS S. KING, JR., a Senator from the State of Maine, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KING took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 649) to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REID, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 8) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth

the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 438, proposed by Mr. REID for Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. FRANKEN), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The hour of 11 a.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 431, proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 158, proposed by Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. GRAHAM), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 50 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

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Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 202, proposed by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. WICKER), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CRUZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 51 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 439, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 99, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 52 Leg.]

YEAS --- 99

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 222, proposed by Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. RUBIO), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 53 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 438 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 56, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 54 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the minority-party alternative amendment (in "side-by-side" fashion), the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 651), intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ;

An amendment (Numbered 409), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 652), intended to be proposed by Mr. WHITEHOUSE;

An amendment (Numbered 261), intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUNT, relative to carbon tax;

An amendment (Numbered 622), intended to be proposed by Mrs. BOXER, relative to Keystone;

An amendment (Numbered 494), intended to be proposed by Mr. HOEVEN, relative to Keystone;

An amendment (Numbered 578), intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN, relative to marketplace fairness;

An amendment (Numbered 653), intended to be proposed by Mrs. MURRAY; and

An amendment (Numbered 114), intended to be proposed by Ms. COLLINS, relative to full-time employees/ACA).

Ordered further, That the only second-degree amendments in order to be proposed to the aforementioned amendments, prior to votes in relation to the amendments, be the following; and that each be proposed in the following order:

An amendment (Numbered 656), intended to be proposed by Mr. ENZI, to amendment No. 578;

An amendment (Numbered 657), intended to be proposed by Ms. AYOTTE, to amendment No. 578;

An amendment (Numbered 658), intended to be proposed by Mr. BAUCUS, to amendment No. 578.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding all statutory time for debate on the concurrent resolution having been concluded, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each amendment, except for amendment No. 656; that, on amendment No. 656, there be 40 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. BAUCUS, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendments in the aforementioned order.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 144, a majority-party amendment be next in order to be proposed.

Ordered further, That each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. MARK UDALL (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. TOM UDALL) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines by increasing certain sums and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 239).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. JOHANNS) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 630).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mrs. FISCHER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 630 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 44, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 55 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 55

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. COWAN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 651).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 49, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 56 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Klobuchar, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman,

Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. PRYOR) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 409).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the order of today that Mr. WHITEHOUSE propose an amendment be modified such that it be in order for him to propose in lieu thereof an amendment (Numbered 646).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 409 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 68, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 57 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Merkley, Moran, Murkowski, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Baucus, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 646).

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 41, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 58 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 58

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. RUBIO) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title IV, subtitle A, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 261).

After debate,

Mrs. MURRAY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment is not germane, violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. BLUNT, under section 904(c)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 53, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 59 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mrs. MURRAY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 622).

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 33, nays... 66

[Rollcall Vote No. 60 Leg.]

YEAS --- 33

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 66

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley,

Hagan, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. INHOFE) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 494).

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 62, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 61 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 37

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. REED, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KING, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. MARK UDALL, and Mr. MANCHIN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 578).

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. REED) to amend the pending amendment on page 1, line 2, by striking all beginning with "DEFICIT, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 656).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 75, nays... 24

[Rollcall Vote No. 62 Leg.]

YEAS --- 75

Alexander, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 24

Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Coats, Cornyn, Cruz, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Lee, McConnell, Merkley, Murkowski, Paul, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Shaheen, Tester, Toomey, Vitter, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 578, as amended, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. COLLINS to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 144.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 341), intended to be proposed by Mr. BEGICH;

An amendment (Numbered 515), intended to be proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER;

An amendment (Numbered 398), intended to be proposed by Mr. MERKLEY;

An amendment (Numbered 292), intended to be proposed by Mr. RUBIO;

An amendment (Numbered 278), intended to be proposed by Mrs. HAGAN;

An amendment (Numbered 138), intended to be proposed by Mr. ISAKSON.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding all statutory time for debate on the concurrent resolution having been concluded, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each amendment, prior to each vote thereon; that each vote be 10 minutes in duration; that no amendment be in order to any of the foregoing amendments; and that, upon disposition of amendment No. 138, a majority-party amendment be next in order.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. MERKLEY) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 341).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BEGICH,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of today, the next amendment in order to be proposed be amendment No. 398, followed by amendment No. 515.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. COONS) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on various pages and lines by increasing certain sums and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 398).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MCCONNELL) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 515).

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 39, nays... 60

[Rollcall Vote No. 63 Leg.]

YEAS --- 39

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 60

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. BLUNT) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title V, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 292).

After debate,

Mrs. BOXER raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment is not germane, violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. RUBIO, under section 904(c) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. RUBIO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 48, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 64 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 51

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mrs. MURRAY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CARDIN) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 278).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ENZI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KING, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution, in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 138).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ISAKSON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 68, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 65 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cardin, Carper, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Portman, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Schatz, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Baldwin, Baucus, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Casey, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Heller, Hirono, Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Udall (NM), Whitehouse, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 693), intended to be proposed by Mr. WARNER;

An amendment (Numbered 307), intended to be proposed by Mr. THUNE, relative to repeal estate tax;

An amendment (Numbered 198), intended to be proposed by Mr. SANDERS, relative to no CPI;

An amendment (Numbered 697), intended to be proposed by Mr. BURR;

An amendment (Numbered 482), intended to be proposed by Mr. REED, relative to weatherization;

An amendment (Numbered 263), intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL, relative to balanced budget;

An amendment (Numbered 314), intended to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU, relative to vets;

An amendment (Numbered 247), intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN, relative to OMB no budget, no pay;

An amendment (Numbered 606), intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ, relative to embassy security;

An amendment (Numbered 689), intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER, relative to too big to fail;

An amendment (Numbered 537), intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER, relative to CHAMP VA;

An amendment (Numbered 535), intended to be proposed by Mr. TOOMEY, relative to catastrophic health;

An amendment (Numbered 442), intended to be proposed by Mr. CASEY, relative to law enforcement;

An amendment (Numbered 514), intended to be proposed by Mr. COATS, relative to mercury;

An amendment (Numbered 273), intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN, relative to pediatric dental; and

An amendment (Numbered 373), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE, relative to Budget Act point of order – deficit payments more than defense payments.

Ordered further, That there be no second-degree amendment in order prior to votes in relation to the amendments; that, notwithstanding statutory time for debate on the concurrent resolution having been concluded, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 373, a majority-party amendment next be in order to be proposed; that each vote be 10 minutes in duration; and that the amendments be proposed, en bloc.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Mrs. MURRAY proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mr. WARNER, amendment No. 693; Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HELLER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LEE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. MORAN), amendment No. 307; Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), amendment No. 198; Mr. BURR, amendment No. 697; Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KING, and Mr. COONS), amendment No. 482; Mr. PAUL, amendment No. 263; Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. TOM UDALL), amendment No. 314; Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 247; Mr. MENENDEZ, amendment No. 606; Mr. VITTER (for himself Mr. BROWN, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. PRYOR), amendment No. 689; Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. HELLER), amendment No. 537; Mr. TOOMEY, amendment No. 535; Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. COONS, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), amendment No. 442; Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUNT, and Ms. HEITKAMP), amendment No. 514; Mr. CARDIN, amendment No. 273; Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. VITTER), amendment No. 373.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 693 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 80, nays... 19

[Rollcall Vote No. 66 Leg.]

YEAS --- 80

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Schatz, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 19

Baldwin, Brown, Coons, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Johnson (SD), King, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Udall (NM), Whitehouse.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 307 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 67 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 53

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 198 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 697 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

Mr. SANDERS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. BURR, under section 904(b) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 68 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. SANDERS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 482 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 263 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 18, nays... 81

[Rollcall Vote No. 69 Leg.]

YEAS --- 18

Barrasso, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Flake, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter.

NAYS --- 81

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 314 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 247 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 606 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the order of today be modified such that it be in order for Mr. TOM UDALL to propose an amendment (Numbered 483) in lieu of amendment No. 606 proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 606 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendment was withdrawn, by unanimous consent.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for TOM UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH) to further amend the pending concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 483).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 689 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 99, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 70 Leg.]

YEAS --- 99

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 537 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 535 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 71 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 442 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 514 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 72 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 53

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 273 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That Mr. HEINRICH be added as a cosponsor of the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 273 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 373 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 73 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 53

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 366), intended to be proposed by Mrs. MCCASKILL;

An amendment (Numbered 213), intended to be proposed by Mr. RON JOHNSON;

An amendment (Numbered 455), intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN; and

An amendment (Numbered 597), intended to be proposed by Mr. SCOTT.

Ordered further, That there be no second-degree amendment in order prior to votes in relation to the amendments; that, notwithstanding statutory time for debate on the concurrent resolution, having been concluded, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, prior to each vote; that, upon disposition of the amendment No. 597, the next amendment in order to be proposed be a majority-party amendment; and that each vote be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mrs. MURRAY proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mrs. MCCASKILL, amendment No. 366; Mr. RON JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 213; Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BLUNT), amendment No. 455; and Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 597.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 366 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 213 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 74 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 53

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 455 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 597 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 75 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 56

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 706), intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN;

An amendment (Numbered 359), intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE;

An amendment (Numbered 705), intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ;

An amendment (Numbered 614), intended to be proposed by Mr. SESSIONS;

An amendment (Numbered 696), intended to be proposed by Mr. MERKLEY;

An amendment (Numbered 187), intended to be proposed by Mr. ROBERTS;

An amendment (Numbered 619), intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ;

An amendment (Numbered 152), intended to be proposed by Mr. PORTMAN.

Ordered further, That there be no second-degree amendment in order prior to votes in relation to the amendments; that, notwithstanding statutory time for debate on the concurrent resolution having been concluded, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments, in the foregoing order; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 152, a majority-party amendment next be in order to be proposed; that each vote be 10 minutes in duration; and that the amendments be proposed, en bloc.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Mrs. MURRAY proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mr. CARDIN, amendment No. 706; Mr. INHOFE, amendment No. 359; Mr. MENENDEZ, amendment No. 705; Mr. SESSIONS, amendment No. 614; Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr . CORNYN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. LEVIN), amendment No. 696; Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 187; Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG), amendment No. 619; Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Ms. AYOTTE), amendment No. 152.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 706 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 359 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

(The following occurred after 12 midnight, being Saturday, March 23, 2013)

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 76 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 52

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 705 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 614 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 77 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 56

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 696 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 187 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 619 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 152 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 78 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 56

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coburn, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 624), intended to be proposed by Mr. JOHANNS;

An amendment (Numbered 295), intended to be proposed by Mr. CORKER;

An amendment (Numbered 232), intended to be proposed by Mr. BURR;

An amendment (Numbered 538), intended to be proposed by Mr. WICKER;

An amendment (Numbered 412), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 340), intended to be proposed by Mr. SHELBY.

Ordered further, That there be no second-degree amendment in order prior to votes in relation to the amendments; that, notwithstanding that statutory time for debate on the concurrent resolution, having been concluded, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments, in the foregoing order; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 340, a majority-party amendment next be in order to be proposed; that each vote be 10 minutes in duration; and that the amendments be proposed, en bloc.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Mrs. MURRAY proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mr. JOHANNS, amendment No. 624; Mr. CORKER, amendment No. 295; Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. CASEY), amendment No. 232; Mr. WICKER, amendment No. 538; Mr. COBURN, amendment No. 412; Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. INHOFE), amendment No. 340.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 624 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 295 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

Mr. CORKER withdrew his pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 232 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 538 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 412 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 340 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 79 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 52

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 225), intended to be proposed by Mr. FLAKE;

An amendment (Numbered 329), intended to be proposed by Mr. GRAHAM;

An amendment (Numbered 293), intended to be proposed by Mr. HELLER;

An amendment (Numbered 527), intended to be proposed by Mr. BOOZMAN;

An amendment (Numbered 153), intended to be proposed by Mr. PORTMAN;

An amendment (Numbered 136), intended to be proposed by Ms. AYOTTE.

Ordered further, That be no second-degree amendment in order prior to votes in relation to the amendments; that, notwithstanding statutory time for debate on the concurrent resolution having been concluded, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendments in the aforementioned order; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 136, a majority-party amendment next be in order to be proposed; that each vote be 10 minutes in duration; and that the amendments be proposed, en bloc.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Mrs. MURRAY proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHANNS, and Mr. MARK UDALL), amendment No. 225; Mr. GRAHAM, amendment No. 329; Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. RISCH), amendment No. 293; Mr. BOOZMAN, amendment No. 527; Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. WYDEN), amendment No. 153; Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MARK UDALL), amendment No. 136.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 225 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

Mr. FLAKE withdrew his pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 329 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 293 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 527 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 153 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 136 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. AYOTTE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 136 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 94, nays... 5

[Rollcall Vote No. 80 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 5

Chambliss, Cochran, Isakson, Sessions, Shelby.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. CRAPO to further amend the pending concurrent resolution on page 50, line 1, after the number "$975,000,000,000" by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 318).

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 47, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 81 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 52

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL), amendment No. 149; Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MANCHIN), amendment No. 577; Mr. TIM JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CORKER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BROWN, Mr . JOHANNS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. REED, Mr. COBURN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), amendment No. 593; Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), amendment No. 316; Mr. WYDEN, amendment No. 394; Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. HEITKAMP), amendment No. 267; Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 269; Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), amendment No. 353; Mr. CARDIN, amendment No. 453; Mr. TOM UDALL (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. TESTER), amendment No. 192; Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), amendment No. 479; Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. AYOTTE), amendment No. 581; Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, and Mr. MURPHY), amendment No. 265; Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MERKLEY), amendment No. 594; Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN), amendment No. 618; Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MANCHIN), amendment No. 430, as modified; Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, and Ms. HEITKAMP), amendment No. 499; Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. WICKER), amendment No. 434; Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY), amendment No. 195; Mr. HOEVEN, amendment No. 319; Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MORAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), amendment No. 161; Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. HELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. COONS), amendment No. 671; Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. WARREN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COWAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. KING), amendment No. 672; Mr. RUBIO, amendment No. 623; Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. PAUL), amendment No. 348; Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. PRYOR), amendment No. 389; Mr. HELLER, amendment No. 477; Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CORNYN), amendment No. 217; Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. WYDEN), amendment No. 489; Mr. HOEVEN, amendment No. 655.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That Senators vote from their desks; and that remaining votes each be seven and one-half minutes in duration.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 184), intended to be proposed by Mr. BARRASSO;

An amendment (Numbered 382), intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL;

An amendment (Numbered 526), intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER;

An amendment (Numbered 338), intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER;

An amendment (Numbered 471), intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ;

An amendment (Numbered 702), intended to be proposed by Mr. Cruz;

An amendment (Numbered 673), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE;

An amendment (Numbered 521), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE;

An amendment (Numbered 414), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 416), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 709), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 154), intended to be proposed by Mr. PORTMAN;

An side-by-side amendment (Numbered 710), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY, to amendment No. 139;

An amendment (Numbered 139), intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE.

Ordered further, That be no second-degree amendment in order prior to votes in relation to the amendments; that no amendment be divided; that, notwithstanding statutory time for debate on the concurrent resolution having been concluded, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendments in the aforementioned order; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 139, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended; that each vote be 10 minutes in duration; and that the amendments be proposed, en bloc.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Mrs. MURRAY proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. HATCH), amendment No. 184; Mr. PAUL, amendment No. 382; Mr. VITTER, amendment No. 526; Mr. VITTER, amendment No. 338; Mr. CRUZ, amendment No. 471; Mr. CRUZ, amendment No. 702; Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. VITTER), amendment No. 673; Mr. LEE, amendment No. 521; Mr. COBURN, amendment No. 414; Mr. COBURN, amendment No. 416; Mr. COBURN, amendment No. 709; Mr. PORTMAN, amendment No. 154; Mr. LEAHY, amendment No. 710; Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 139.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 184 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 184 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

Ordered, That the yeas and nays, ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 184 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 382 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 26, nays... 72

[Rollcall Vote No. 82 Leg.]

YEAS --- 26

Barrasso, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

NAYS --- 72

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 526 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 44, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 83 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 338 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 84 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 53

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 471 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CRUZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 25, nays... 74

[Rollcall Vote No. 85 Leg.]

YEAS --- 25

Barrasso, Burr, Coburn, Collins, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

NAYS --- 74

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 702 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CRUZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 38, nays... 61

[Rollcall Vote No. 86 Leg.]

YEAS --- 38

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker,

Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, Manchin, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

NAYS --- 61

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 673 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

Mrs. MURRAY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment is not germane, violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. LEE, under section 904(c) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 50, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 87 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 49

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DURBIN in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 521 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 414 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendment was withdrawn, by unanimous consent.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 416 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 88 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 56

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 709 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 62, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 89 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Merkley, Moran, Murkowski, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 37

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 154 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 51, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 90 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kaine, Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 48

Baldwin, Baucus, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons,

Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 710 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 139 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the order of today be modified such that an amendment (Numbered 525), intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. MORAN) be in order; that the amendment be proposed; and that the amendment be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 139 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. INHOFE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 53, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 91 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 46

Baldwin, Baucus, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to concurrent resolution, as amended.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 50, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 92 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 49

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-919. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0624)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-920. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1172)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-921. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Costruzioni Aeronautiche Tecnam srl Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1173)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-922. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0861)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-923. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0091)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-924. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0421)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-925. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0036)), received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-926. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Reims Aviation S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1274)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-927. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. and Bell Helicopter Textron Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0145)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-928. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0159)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-929. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0909)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-930. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1037)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-931. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1164)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-932. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0860)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-933. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0720)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-934. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE SYSTEMS (OPERATIONS) LIMITED Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1157)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-935. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1159)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-936. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1106)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-937. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1015)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-938. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft-Manufactured Model S-64F" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0689)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-939. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1224)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-940. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0721)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-941. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Certain Aviation Ground Station Equipment, et. al., in WT Docket Nos. 10-61 and 09-42 and RM-11503 and RM-11596" (FCC 13-30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-942. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; High Cost Universal Support" ((RIN3060-AF85)(FCC 13-16)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-943. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90 and 95 of the Commission's Rules to Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters" (FCC 13-21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-8. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Colorado recognizing the bravery and sacrifice of the crew of the U.S.S. *Pueblo* and designating January 23rd each year as "U.S.S. Pueblo Day"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-1008

Whereas, The U.S.S. *Pueblo* was originally launched as a United States Army cargo ship in 1944 but was transferred to the United States Navy and renamed the U.S.S. *Pueblo* in 1966; and

Whereas, The U.S.S. *Pueblo* was named for the city of Pueblo, Colorado, and the county of Pueblo, Colorado, and was the third ship in the naval fleet to bear the name Pueblo; and

Whereas, After leaving Japan in early January 1968 on an intelligence mission, the U.S.S. *Pueblo* was attacked by the North Korean military on January 23, 1968; and

Whereas, According to United States Naval authorities and the crew of the U.S.S. *Pueblo*, the ship was in international waters at the time of the attack; and

Whereas, One crew member of the U.S.S. *Pueblo* was killed during the attack, and eighty crew members and two civilian oceanographers were captured and held for eleven months by the North Korean government; and

Whereas, This year marks the forty-fifth anniversary of North Korea's attack on the U.S.S. *Pueblo* and her crew; and

Whereas, The U.S.S. *Pueblo* is still in commission in the United States Navy but continues to be held by the North Korean government and is currently a museum in Pyongyang, North Korea; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

(1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, recognize the bravery and sacrifice of the crew of the U.S.S. *Pueblo*; and

(2) That we take pride in the fact that the U.S.S. *Pueblo* bears the name of a city and a county in Colorado, and, therefore, the citizens of Colorado should be aware of the incident that occurred with the U.S.S. *Pueblo* forty-five years ago;

(3) That we recognize the recent passing of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, and that we take this occasion to renew the call for the return of the U.S.S. *Pueblo* to the people of the United States; and

(4) That we hereby designate January 23 each year as "U.S.S. *Pueblo* Day" as a day to remember and honor the brave crew of the U.S.S. *Pueblo*.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, Governor John W. Hickenlooper, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate Patrick Leahy, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives John Boehner, and the members of Colorado's Congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence Covering the Period January 5, 2011 to January 3, 2013" (Rept. No. 113-7).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Special Report entitled "Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, One Hundred Twelfth Congress" (Rept. No. 113-8).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 651. A bill to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 652. A bill to protect investors by fostering transparency and accountability of attorneys in private securities litigation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 653. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 654. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 655. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Labor to provide grants for Urban Jobs Programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 656. A bill to promote the domestic development and deployment of natural gas and clean energy technologies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 657. A bill to eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet primary indicators of health, sanitation, and safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WARNER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 658. A bill to amend titles 10 and 32, United States Code, to enhance capabilities to prepare for and respond to cyber emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 659. A bill to reauthorize the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 660. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish the position of Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative to ensure the protection of United States innovation and intellectual property interests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 661. A bill to amend the Health Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to promote timely emergency rehabilitation and restoration of Federal forest land impacted by catastrophic events, to redirect for a 5-year-period funding normally made available for land acquisition to mechanical forest treatment and salvage operations due to catastrophic events, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 662. A bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 663. A bill to provide for the inclusion of the State of California as a separate Federal milk marketing order upon the petition and approval of California dairy producers of such inclusion; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 664. A bill to require reports by Federal Government entities regarding responses to Inspector General recommendations on potential cost-saving measures or on

reimbursement for poor contractor performance, cost overruns, or other reasons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CASEY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 665. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for high gravity violations, to adjust penalties for inflation, to provide rights for victims or their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. Res. 90. A resolution standing with the people of Kenya following their national and local elections on March 4, 2013, and urging a peaceful and credible resolution of electoral disputes in the courts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 91. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Con. Res. 10. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. Con. Res. 11. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 113

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 113, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 218

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 248

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 248, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling of genetically engineered fish.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, supra.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 336, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 337

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 422

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill

Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms.

S. 528

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 528, a bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to restrict institutions of higher education from using revenues derived from Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to provide humanitarian assistance and support a democratic transition in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 642, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 650

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 650, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 22, 2013, at 11 a.m., in S-216 of the Capitol, to conduct an executive business meeting.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023.

At 1:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 933. An act making consolidated appropriations and further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Monday, April 8, 2013, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the nomination; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN DISAPPROVING THE ELIMINATION OF WRESTLING FROM THE SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES BEGINNING IN 2020

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 37) expressing the sense of the Senate in disapproving the proposal of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the adjournment, committees be authorized to submit legislative and executive reports on Friday, April 5, 2013, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That during the adjournment, Mr. REED, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, AND ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 29, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 3 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2013; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013; that on Monday, April 8, 2013, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the majority leader then be recognized; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that the House has agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11, the Senate adjourn as pursuant to the provisions of said concurrent resolution until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate subsequently (on Monday, March 25, 2013) having received a message from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

At 5:22 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013.

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013

Ms. TAMMY BALDWIN, from the State of Wisconsin, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. BALDWIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 8, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TAMMY BALDWIN, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. BALDWIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, March 23, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, March 23, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the order of Saturday, March 23, 2013 be modified such that the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nomination of Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, at 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow; and that the remaining provisions of the order of Saturday, March 23, 2013 remain in effect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 649

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 649) to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of March 23, 2013, the following reports of committees were submitted on April 5, 2013:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 54, A bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking (Rept. No. 113-9).

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services, 112th Congress" (Rept. No. 113-10).

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Special Report entitled "Review of Legislative Activity During the 112th Congress" (Rept. No. 113-11).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 92. A resolution authorizing the expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. Res. 92. A resolution authorizing the expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary; from the Committee on the Judiciary; placed on the calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. VITTER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 666. A bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 667. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to allow the rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures that are located in areas having special flood hazards and are substantially damaged by fire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 668. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 93. A resolution designating April 4, 2013, as "National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 141

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 146

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to enhance the safety of America's schools.

S. 150

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 204

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 308

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, to provide for cash relief for years for which annual COLAs do not take effect under certain cash benefit programs, and to provide for Social Security benefit protection.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 321

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 321, a bill to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit

veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 377

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to add the 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs to the list of exempt programs under PAYGO.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions.

S. 425

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 425, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 452, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal.

S. 480

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 480, a bill to improve the effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency, and for other purposes.

S. 482

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 482, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 484, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities.

S. 495

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 495, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to hire veterans, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 542

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 542, a bill to provide limitations on maritime liens on fishing licenses and for other purposes.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to provide humanitarian assistance and support a democratic transition in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 631

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 631, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, or to any similar agreement on the arms trade.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 75,

a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF KING KAMEHAMEHA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 10) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR AUXILIARIES DAY"

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Donnelly in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 93) designating April 4, 2013, as "National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day", submitted today by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. PRYOR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following any remarks by the two leaders, time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, as pursuant to the order of Saturday, March 23, 2013, as modified.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 6:56 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 649

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 649) to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11:30 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, March 23, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, March 23, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:33 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 649

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 649.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 649:

HARRY REID, PATRICK J. LEAHY, ROBERT MENENDEZ, S. WHITEHOUSE, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, CHRIS COONS, BEN CARDIN, BARBARA BOXER, DEBBIE STABENOW, KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, DICK DURBIN, PATTY MURRAY, JACK REED, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, CHRIS MURPHY, ELIZABETH WARREN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-944. A joint communication from the Acting Principal Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) and the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Land Interchange of Federal Jurisdiction Between USDA Forest Service and the Department of the Navy"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-945. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting pursuant to law, the 2012 Packers and Stockyards Program Annual Report; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-946. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Live Birds and Poultry, Poultry Meat, and Poultry Products From a Region in the European Union" ((RIN0579-AD45)(Docket No. APHIS-2009-0094)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-947. A communication from the Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Ingredients and Sources of Radiation Listed and Approved for Use in the Production of Meat and Poultry Products" (RIN0583-AD05), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-948. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Abamectin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9379-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-949. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Banda de Lupinus albus doce (BLAD); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9380-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-950. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emamectin Benzoate; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9381-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-951. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 937-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-952. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clothianidin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9378-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-953. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Castor Oil, Polymer with Adipic Acid, Linoleic Acid, Oleic Acid and Ricinoleic Acid Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9381-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-954. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flumioxazin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9381-7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-955. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement" ((RIN0750-AH69)-(DFARS Case 2012-D025)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-956. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Proposal Adequacy Checklist" ((RIN0750-AH47)(DFARS Case 2011-D042)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-957. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Specialty Metals-Definition of 'Produce'" ((RIN0750-AH78)-(DFARS Case 2012-D041)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-958. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; New Free Trade Agreement with Colombia" ((RIN0750-AH72)(DFARS Case 2012-D032)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-959. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General John R. Allen, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-960. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general and brigadier general, respectively, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-961. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William J. Rew, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-962. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Daniel P. Bolger, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-963. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of four (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of real admiral or rear admiral (lower half), as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-964. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) Annual Materials Plan for fiscal year 2014 and the succeeding 4 years, fiscal years 2015 - 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-965. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary's personnel management demonstration project authorities for Department of Defense Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratories; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-966. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the utilization of a contribution to the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-967. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Foreign Language Skill Proficiency Bonus program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-968. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs in Russia"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-969. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2012 annual report relative to the STARBASE Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-970. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Defense Evaluation of the TRICARE Program: Access, Cost and Quality Fiscal Year (FY) 2013"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-971. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-972. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-973. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (4) reports relative to vacancies within the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-974. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's 2012 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-975. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates (UAE); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-976. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Rule Filing Requirements for Dually-Registered Clearing Agencies" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-977. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chartering and Field of Membership Manual for Federal Credit Unions" (RIN3133-AE02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-978. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List; Removal of Person From the Entity List Based on Removal Request; Implementation of Entity List Annual Review Changes" (RIN0694-AF89), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-979. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosures at Automated Teller Machines (Regulation E)" ((RIN3170-AA36)(Docket No. CFPB-2013-0006)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-980. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA21)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0015)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-981. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-982. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-983. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-984. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities" (RIN1902-AE50), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-985. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf - Revisions to Safety and Environmental Management Systems" (RIN1014-AA04), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-986. A communication from the Director of the Sustainability Performance Office, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department's Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition Report for fiscal year 2009 and fiscal year 2010; to

the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-987. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 9382-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-988. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado; Revision to Definitions; Common Provisions Regulation" (FRL No. 9284-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-989. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Particulate Matter Standards" (FRL No. 9783-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-990. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9795-3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-991. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9795-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-992. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Transportation Conformity Regulations" (FRL No. 9795-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-993. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 9795-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-994. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara and San Diego County Air Pollution Control Districts" (FRL No. 9794-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-995. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Mississippi; 110(a)-(2)(e)(ii) Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9798-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-996. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Region 4 States; Prong 3 of Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i) Infrastructure Requirement for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9799-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-997. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Butte County Air Quality Management District and Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9776-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-998. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia: New Source Review-Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9798-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-999. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9776-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1000. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District and Monterey Bay Unified and Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control Districts" (FRL No. 9778-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1001. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval of Implementation Plan Revisions; State of California; South Coast VMT Emissions Offset Demonstrations" (FRL No. 9794-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1002. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9785-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1003. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consideration of Certain New Source Issues...." (FRL No. 9789-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1004. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the States of Kentucky and Louisiana, Correcting Amendments" (FRL No. 9796-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1005. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adequacy of Oregon Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit Program" (FRL No. 9796-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1006. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Adjustments to the Allowance System for Controlling HCFC Production, Import, and Export" (FRL No. 9797-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1007. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho: Sandpoint PM10 Nonattainment Area Limited Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request" (FRL No. 9796-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1008. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina: New Source Review-Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9797-1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1009. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water Quality Standards; Withdrawal of Certain Federal Water Quality Criteria Applicable to California, New Jersey and Puerto Rico" (FRL No. 9795-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1010. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Moderate Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9797-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1011. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Pennsylvania Counties in the Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE 1997 Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9796-3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1012. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida; Prong 3 of Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i) Infrastructure Requirement for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9797-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1013. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Ohio Ambient Air Quality Standards; Correction" (FRL No. 9783-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1014. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule: Revision to Best Available Monitoring Method Request Submission Deadline for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems Source Category (Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule)" (FRL No. 9796-9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1015. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for a report entitled "Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program: Class VI Well Testing and Monitoring Guidance"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1016. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Cakes: MAGNASTOR System" (RIN3150-AJ22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1017. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Scope Expansion of the Post-Investigation Alternative Dispute Resolution Program" (NRC-2013-0046), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1018. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Event Report Guidelines 10 CFR 50.72 and 50. 73" (NUREG-1022), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1019. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines for Effective Prevention and Management of System Gas Accumulation" (Final Safety Evaluation for Nuclear Energy Institute Topical Report NEI 09-10, Revision 1a), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1020. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Changes under the Affordable Care Act of 2010" (RIN0938-AR38), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1021. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Report Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Visual Disorders" (RIN0960-AH28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1022. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ninety-Day Waiting Period Limitation and Technical Amendments to Certain Health Coverage Requirements Under the Affordable Care Act" (RIN0938-AR77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1023. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement and Report Concerning Advance Pricing Agreements" (Announcement 2013-17), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1024. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2012 Section 45K Inflation Adjustment Factor" (Notice 2013-25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1025. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Opinion and Advisory Letters for 403(b) Pre-approved Plans" (Revenue Procedure 2013-22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1026. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Exhibit: Acknowledgement Letter Voluntary Correction Program (VCP) Submissions" (Notice 2013-21), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1027. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-038); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1028. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-009); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1029. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-041); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1030. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-004); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1031. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-016); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1032. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-040); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1033. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-045); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1034. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-031); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1035. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-005); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1036. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-002); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1037. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-036); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1038. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-022); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1039. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-003); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1040. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-032); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1041. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of waiver authority for Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1042. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Millennium Challenge Corporation during fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1043. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0033 - 2013-0048); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1044. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for the Employment and

Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wage Methodology for the Temporary Non-Agricultural Employment H-2B Program; Delay of Effective Date" (RIN1205-AB61), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1045. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "World Trade Center Health Program Eligibility Requirements for Shanksville, Pennsylvania and Pentagon Responders" (RIN0920-AA48), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1046. A communication from the Program Manager, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Practitioner Data Bank" (RIN0906-AA87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1047. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Address; Biologics License Applications; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0011), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1048. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Reactive Blue 246 and Reactive Blue 247 Copolymers" (Docket Nos. FDA-2011-C-0344 and C-0463), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1049. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0011), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1050. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service of Process on Manufacturers; Manufacturers Importing Electronic Products into the United States; Agent Designation; Change of Address" (Docket No. FDA-2007-N-0091), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1051. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Hearing Before a Public Advisory Committee; Technical Amendments" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0011), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1052. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program for fiscal years 2009-2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1053. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and a Member of the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 2012 ; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1054. A communication from the Chairman of the National Health Care Workforce Commission, transmitting, a report relative to the status of the Commission; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1055. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Program Integrity Issues" (RIN1840-AD02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1056. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committee Vacancies and Public Disclosures; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1057. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of funding for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1058. A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the memorial construction; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1059. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of 30-Day Residency Requirement for Per Diem Payments" (RIN2900-AO36), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 669. A bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 670. A bill to improve Federal dairy programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 671. A bill for the relief of Deniss Nikanorov; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 672. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage, as supplies associated with the injection of insulin, of containment, removal, decontamination and disposal of home-generated needles, syringes, and other sharps through a sharps container, decontamination/destruction device, or sharps-by-mail program or similar program under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 673. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 674. A bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 675. A bill to prohibit contracting with the enemy; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 676. A bill to prevent tax-related identity theft and tax fraud; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 677. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to extend and improve the crop insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 678. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition, reduce energy consumption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COWAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 679. A bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 680. A bill to rescind amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense for the Medium Extended Air Defense System, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 681. A bill to extend the seaward boundaries of certain States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 682. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 683. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

S. 684. A bill to amend the Mni Wiconi Project Act of 1988 to facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 685. A bill to address the concept of "Too Big To Fail" with respect to certain financial entities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 686. A bill to extend the right of appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board to certain employees of the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 687. A bill to prohibit the closing of air traffic control towers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 688. A bill to permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BENNET, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 689. A bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 690. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COWAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER)):

S. 691. A bill to regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KING):

S. Res. 94. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593); considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 138

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 189

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 189, a bill to establish an employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish a business in the United States.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator

from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 336, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 380

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and update the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative for grants to address the problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress.

S. 393

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 393, a bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 407

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to provide funding for construction and major rehabilitation for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care for their children.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 463

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 463, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term "biobased product".

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to assist States in providing voluntary high-quality universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 548

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve and enhance the capabilities of the Armed Forces to prevent and respond to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 562, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 572

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 572, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to provide humanitarian assistance and support a democratic transition in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 70

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 70, a resolution designating the last full week of July 2013 as "National Moth Week", recognizing the importance of moths in the United States, and recognizing the value of National Moth Week for promoting the conservation of moths and increasing the awareness, study, and appreciation of moths, their incredible biodiversity, and their importance to ecosystem health.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE INTERNET

The Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate April 9, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The committee will hold a hearing entitled, "State of Rural Communications."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME AND TERRORISM

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate April 9, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Current Issues in Campaign Finance Law Enforcement."

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATIVE TO THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 180TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 77) expressing the sense of Congress relating to the commemoration of the 180th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINKING OF THE U.S.S. THRESHER (SSN 593)

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 94) recognizing the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593), submitted today by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KING), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 680) to rescind amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense for the Medium Extended Air Defense System, and for other purposes, introduced today by Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. BEGICH), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 691) to regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices, introduced today by Mr. BLUMENTHAL for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COWAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be

deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 649; that, the first hour be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 10, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 680) to rescind amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense for the Medium Extended Air Defense System, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. BEGICH), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 691) to regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices, introduced on yesterday by Mr. BLUMENTHAL for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COWAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 649

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate motion, made by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 649) to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 4 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sarah Jewell, of Washington, to be Secretary of the Interior; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 649

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 649.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 4 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 649

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 649.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

BUDGET OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - - PM 7

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the

President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget:

To the Congress of the United States:

Thanks to the hard work and determination of the American people, we have made significant progress over the last 4 years. After a decade of war, our brave men and women in uniform are coming home. After years of recession, our businesses have created over six million new jobs. We buy more American cars than we have in 5 years, and less foreign oil than we have in 20 years. Our housing market is healing, our stock market is rebounding, and consumers, patients, and homeowners enjoy stronger protections than ever before.

But we know that there are millions of Americans whose hard work and dedication have not yet been rewarded. Our economy is adding jobs—but too many people still cannot find full-time employment. Corporate profits have skyrocketed to all-time highs—but for more than a decade, wages and incomes have barely budged.

It is our generation's task to reignite the true engine of America's economic growth—a rising, thriving middle class. It is our unfinished task to restore the basic bargain that built this country—the idea that if you work hard and meet your responsibilities, you can get ahead, no matter where you come from, no matter what you look like, or whom you love.

It is our unfinished task to make sure that this Government works on behalf of the many, and not just the few; that it encourages free enterprise, rewards individual initiative, and opens the doors of opportunity to every child across this great Nation.

A growing economy that creates good, middle class jobs—this must be the North Star that guides our efforts. Every day, we should ask ourselves three questions as a Nation: How do we attract more jobs to our shores? How do we equip our people with the skills they need to get those jobs? And how do we make sure that hard work leads to a decent living?

This Budget seeks to answer each of these questions.

Our first priority is making America a magnet for new jobs and manufacturing. After shedding jobs for more than 10 years, our manufacturers have added more than 500,000 jobs over the past 3 years. Companies large and small are increasingly deciding to bring jobs back to America.

To accelerate this trend, the Budget builds on the success of the manufacturing innovation institute we created in Youngstown, Ohio last year, and calls for the creation of a network of 15 of these hubs across the Nation. In these innovation hubs, businesses will partner with universities and Federal agencies to turn regions around our country into global centers of high-tech jobs.

The Budget also includes new initiatives to support manufacturing communities, including a new tax credit to strengthen their ability to attract investments and jobs. And it expands my Administration's SelectUSA initiative to help draw businesses and investment from around the world to our shores.

If we want to make the best products, we also have to invest in the best ideas. That is why the Budget maintains a world-class commitment to science and research, targeting resources to those areas most likely to contribute directly to the creation of transformational technologies that can create the businesses and jobs of the future.

No area holds more promise than our investments in American energy. The Budget continues to advance my "all-of-the-above" strategy on energy, investing in clean energy research and development; promoting energy efficiency in our cars, homes, and businesses; encouraging responsible domestic energy production; and launching new efforts to combat the threat of climate change.

Modeled after my successful Race to the Top education reform effort, the Budget includes a new Race to the Top energy efficiency challenge for States, rewarding those that implement the most effective policies to cut energy waste. And it establishes a new Energy Security Trust funded by royalty revenue from oil and gas leases to support initiatives to shift our cars and trucks off oil, cutting our Nation's reliance on foreign oil.

Over the last 4 years, we have begun the hard work of rebuilding our Nation's infrastructure. We have built or improved over 350,000 miles of road and more than 6,000 miles of rail. And we have repaired or replaced over 20,000 bridges. But to compete in the 21st Century economy and become a magnet for jobs, we must do more. We need to repair our existing infrastructure, and invest in the infrastructure of tomorrow, including high-speed rail, high-tech schools, and self-healing power grids. These investments will both lay the foundation for long-term economic growth and put workers back on the job now.

My Budget includes $50 billion for up-front infrastructure investments, including a "Fix-it-First" program that makes an immediate investment to put people to work as soon as possible on our most urgent repairs, like the nearly 70,000 structurally-deficient bridges across the country. And to make sure taxpayers do not shoulder the whole burden, the Budget creates a Rebuild America Partnership to attract private capital to upgrade what our businesses need most: modern ports to move our goods; modern pipelines to withstand a storm; and modern schools worthy of our children.

The Budget also supports efforts I announced earlier this year to modernize and improve the efficiency of the Federal permitting process, cutting through the red tape that has been holding back even some of the most carefully planned infrastructure projects. These efforts will help us to achieve the new goal I set to cut timelines in half for infrastructure projects, while creating new incentives for better outcomes for communities and the environment.

All of these initiatives in manufacturing, energy, and infrastructure will help entrepreneurs and small business owners expand and create new jobs. But none of it will matter unless we also equip our citizens with the skills and training to fill those jobs.

And that has to start at the earliest possible age. But today, fewer than 3 in 10 4-year-olds are enrolled in a high-quality preschool program, and the high cost of private preschool puts too much of a financial burden on middle class families.

The Budget therefore includes a proposal that ensures 4-year-olds across the country have access to high-quality preschool education through a landmark new initiative in partnership with the States. And it increases the availability of early learning for our youngest children to help their growth and development during the formative early years of life.

Providing a year of free, public preschool education for 4-year-old children is an important investment in our future. It will give all our kids the best start in life, helping them perform better in elementary school and ultimately helping them, and the country, be better prepared for the demands of the global economy. Not only that, it could save hard-working families thousands of dollars each year in child care costs. This is an investment we need to make, and it is fully paid for in this Budget by imposing a new tax on every pack of cigarettes sold.

The Budget also builds on the historic reforms made during my first term to improve our elementary and secondary school system by rewarding excellence and promoting innovation. To help ensure that our high schools are putting our kids on a path to college and a good job, the Budget includes a new competitive fund that will help redesign America's high schools to prepare students with the real world skills they need to find a job right away or go to college. The fund rewards schools that develop new partnerships with colleges and employers, and create classes focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)—the skills today's employers seek to fill the jobs available right now and in the future.

Even with better high schools, most young people will still need some higher education.

Through tax credits, grants, and better loans, we have made college more affordable for millions of students and families over the last 4 years. But skyrocketing costs are still pricing too many young people out of a higher education, or saddling them with unsustainable debt. And taxpayers cannot continue to subsidize higher and higher costs for higher education.

To encourage colleges to do their part to keep costs down, the Budget includes reforms that will ensure affordability and value are considered in determining which colleges receive certain types of Federal aid. My Administration has also released a new "College Scorecard" that parents and students can use to compare schools.

To further ensure our educational system is preparing students for careers in the 21st Century economy, the Budget includes additional measures to promote STEM education, such as launching a new STEM Master Teacher Corps, to leverage the expertise of some of America's best and brightest teachers in science and mathematics, and to elevate the teaching of these subjects nationwide. It also includes a reorganization and consolidation of STEM education programs to improve the effectiveness of Federal investments in this area.

The Budget takes other critical steps to grow our economy, create jobs, and strengthen the middle class. It implements the Affordable Care Act, giving every American access to the high-quality, affordable health care coverage they deserve, and reducing the deficit by more than $1 trillion over the next two decades. It implements Wall Street reform, ending too-big-to-fail and protecting consumers against the abuses and reckless behavior that contributed to the financial collapse in 2008. And it includes measures to strengthen our housing market and ensure that every responsible homeowner has the opportunity to refinance at today's rates, saving $3,000 a year on average.

Our economy is stronger when we harness the talents and ingenuity of striving, hopeful immigrants. That is why I have proposed a plan to fix our broken immigration system that secures our borders, cracks down on employers who hire undocumented workers, attracts highly-skilled entrepreneurs and engineers to help create jobs and drive economic growth, and establishes a responsible pathway to earned citizenship—a path that includes passing a background check, paying taxes and a meaningful penalty, learning English, and going to the back of the line behind the folks trying to come here legally. The Budget makes investments that will make our immigration system more efficient and fair and lay a foundation for this permanent, common-sense reform.

The Budget also builds on the progress made over the last 4 years to expand opportunity for every American and every community willing to do the work to lift themselves up. It creates new ladders of opportunity to ensure that hard work leads to a decent living. It rewards hard work by increasing the minimum wage to $9 an hour so an honest day's work pays more. It partners with communities by identifying Promise Zones to help rebuild from the recession. It creates pathways to jobs for the long-term unemployed and youth who have been hardest hit by the downturn. And it strengthens families by removing financial deterrents to marriage and supporting the role of fathers.

We also know that economic growth can only be achieved and sustained if America is safe and secure, both at home and abroad. At home, the Budget supports my initiative to help protect our kids, reduce gun violence, and expand access to mental health services. We can protect our Second Amendment rights while coming together around reforms like eliminating background check loopholes to make it harder for criminals to get their hands on a gun—common-sense reforms that will help protect our kids from the scourge of gun violence that has plagued too many communities across the country.

To confront threats outside our borders, the Budget ensures our military remains the finest and best-equipped military force the world has ever known, even as we wind down more than a decade of war.

Already, we have brought home more than 30,000 of our brave servicemembers from Afghanistan. Our remaining forces are moving into a support role, with Afghan security forces taking the lead. And over the next year, another 34,000 American troops will come home. This drawdown will continue and, by the end of next year, our war in Afghanistan will be over. Beyond 2014, the Budget supports our continued commitment to a unified and sovereign Afghanistan.

To maintain our national security, the Budget supports our ongoing fight against terrorists, like al Qaeda. The organization that attacked us on 9/11 is a shadow of its former self. But different al Qaeda affiliates and extremist groups have emerged—from the Arabian Peninsula to Africa. We will confront these emerging security challenges through the full range of U.S. capabilities and tools, including diplomatic, security, intelligence, and economic development.

The Budget also provides the resources we need to act on our commitment to and interests in global development, by promoting food security that reduces dependence and increases prosperity; by investing in the increasingly successful drive toward an AIDS-free generation; and by maintaining our leadership as a global provider of humanitarian assistance that saves lives and reflects American values.

We must also confront new dangers, like cyber attacks, that threaten our Nation's infrastructure, businesses, and people. The Budget supports the expansion of Government-wide efforts to counter the full scope of cyber threats, and strengthens our ability to collaborate with State and local governments, our partners overseas, and the private sector to improve our overall cybersecurity.

The Budget also focuses resources on the Asia-Pacific region, reasserting American leadership and promoting security, stability, democracy, and economic growth.

Importantly, the Budget upholds our solemn obligation to take care of our servicemembers and veterans, and to protect our diplomats and civilians in the field. It keeps faith with our veterans, investing in world-class care, including mental health care for our wounded warriors, supporting our military families, and giving our veterans the benefits, education, and job opportunities that they have earned.

The Budget does all of these things as part of a comprehensive plan that reduces the deficit. All of these initiatives and ideas are fully paid for, to ensure they do not increase the deficit by a single dime.

By making investments in our people that we pay for responsibly, we will strengthen the middle class, make America a magnet for jobs and innovation, and grow our economy, which will in turn help us to reduce deficits. But economic growth alone will not solve our Nation's long-term fiscal challenges.

As we continue to grow our economy, we must take further action to cut our deficits. We do not have to choose between these two important priorities—we have to do both.

Over the last 4 years, both parties have worked together to reduce the deficit in a balanced way by more than $2.5 trillion. That is more than halfway toward the goal of $4 trillion in deficit reduction that economists say we need to stabilize our finances. As we wind down two wars, we have protected our military families and veterans while cutting defense spending on outdated military weapons systems. Domestic discretionary spending is approaching its lowest levels as a share of the economy since President Eisenhower was in office; and we have moved aggressively to cut waste, fraud, and abuse. And together, we have begun to ask the wealthy to do their fair share while keeping income taxes low for middle class families. Overall, we have cut the deficit in a balanced way that protects the investments in education, manufacturing, clean energy, and small businesses we need to grow the economy and strengthen the middle class. There is more work to do, and this Budget is designed to finish the job.

But we should not do it by making harsh and arbitrary cuts that jeopardize our military readiness, devastate priorities like education and energy, and cost jobs. That is not how to grow the economy. We should not ask middle class senior citizens and working families to pay down the rest of our deficit while the wealthiest are asked for nothing more. That does not grow our middle class.

The American people understand that we cannot just cut our way to prosperity. That is why I have repeatedly called for a balanced approach to deficit reduction. And that is why I have offered proposals on multiple occasions that cut wasteful spending, strengthen entitlements, and eliminate special tax breaks and loopholes so the wealthiest pay their fair share.

In my negotiations with House Speaker BOEHNER in December over the so-called "fiscal cliff," I again offered a compromise proposal that was balanced and comprehensive, and would achieve our $4 trillion deficit reduction goal. That proposal is still on the table. I am including it in this Budget to demonstrate my commitment to making the kind of tough and balanced choices that are needed to put our Nation's finances in order.

To be clear, the package I am offering includes some difficult cuts that I do not particularly like. But these measures will only become law if congressional Republicans agree to meet me in the middle by eliminating special tax breaks and loopholes so millionaires and billionaires do their fair share to cut the deficit. I will not agree to any deal that seeks to cut the deficit on the backs of middle class families. I am willing to make tough choices that may not be popular within my own party, because there can be no sacred cows for either party. And I look forward to working with any member of Congress who takes a similar, balanced approach. This plan is built on the kind of common ground that Democrats and Republicans should be able to reach.

In total, the Budget will cut the deficit by another $1.8 trillion over the next 10 years, bringing the deficit below 2 percent of GDP by 2023 and putting our debt on a declining path. This is not an end in and of itself—the best way to grow the economy and cut the deficit is by creating good middle class jobs. But this plan to reduce the deficit in a balanced way is a critical step toward ensuring that we have a solid foundation on which to build a strong economy and a thriving middle class for years to come.

Finally, this Budget continues my commitment to reforming and streamlining our Government for the 21st Century. It builds on my Campaign to Cut Waste by further targeting and eliminating wasteful spending wherever we find it. It reorganizes and consolidates agencies and programs to make them leaner and more efficient. It increases the use of evidence and evaluation to ensure we are making smart investments with our scarce taxpayer dollars. And it harnesses new technologies to allow us to do more with less.

No single Budget can solve every challenge and every problem facing the country. But this Budget shows how we can live within our means while growing our economy, strengthening the middle class, and securing our Nation's future. It is not a Democratic plan or a Republican plan. It is an American plan. And it is a plan that I hope can serve as an outline for us to write the next great chapter of the American story ... together.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *April 10, 2013*.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1060. A communication from the Chief of the Border Securities Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Form I-94 to Include Electronic Format" (RIN1651-AA96), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1061. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excepted Service - Appointment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Severe Physical Disabilities, and Psychiatric Disabilities" (RIN3206-AM07), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1062. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1063. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Affordable Housing Mandates for Development Projects Formerly Managed by the Dissolved National Capital Revitalization Corporation and Anacostia Waterfront Corporation"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1064. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-670, "Pharmacy Technician Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1065. A communication from the Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Railroad Retirement Board's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1066. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1067. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for External Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1068. A communication from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the District of Columbia Family Court Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1069. A joint communication from the Chairman and the Acting General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1070. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report on The Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1071. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Health and Human Services met Many Requirements of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 but Was Not Fully Compliant"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1072. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2012 Agency

Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1073. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-29, "Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center and Dispensary Location Restriction Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1074. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-40, "Tax Revision Commission Report Extension and Procurement Streamlining Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1075. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-30, "Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1076. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-31, "Prohibition on Government Employee Engagement in Political Activity Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1077. A communication from the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1078. A communication from the Acting Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Peace Corps' fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1079. A communication from the Equal Employment Opportunity Director, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Farm Credit Administration's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1080. A communication from the Executive Director, United States Access Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1081. A communication from the Chief Human Resources Officer, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Postal Service's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1082. A communication from the Chair of the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1083. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1084. A communication from the Associate Commissioner, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1085. A communication from the Senior Vice President, Diversity and Labor Relations, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1086. A communication from the Acting Administrator, General Service Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1087. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1088. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1089. A communication from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1090. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1091. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1092. A communication from the Director, Equal Employment Opportunities and Diversity Programs, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1093. A communication from the Equal Employment Opportunity and Inclusion Director, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1094. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1095. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-035, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over

military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1096. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-059, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1097. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-030, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1098. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-017, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1099. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-015, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1100. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-043); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1101. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-044); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1102. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-017); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1103. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. support for Taiwan's participation as an observer at the 66th World Health Assembly and in the work of the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1104. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Defense Trade Cooperation Treaty Between the United States and Australia" (RIN1400-AD38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1105. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the current and future military strategy of Iran (OSS 2013-0463); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1106. A communication from the Board of Actuaries, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2012 Report of the Department of Defense (DoD) Board of Actuaries; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1107. A communication from the Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's annual report on the activities of its Office of Minority and Women Inclusion; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1108. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 Statement on System of Internal Controls, audited financial statements, Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, and Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1109. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-1110. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to discretionary appropriations legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-1111. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting Procedure for Mathematical Models Selected to Predict Heated Effluent Dispersion in Natural Water Bodies" (Regulatory Guide 4.4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1112. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Final Integrated Construction Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA), Barataria Basin Barrier Shoreline (BBBS) Restoration Project, Lafourche, Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 692. A bill to rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use the funds to reduce the Federal debt; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 693. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 694. A bill to remove the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Service to inspect apples; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 695. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BENNET, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COWAN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. NELSON, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. KING)):

S. 696. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 697. A bill to reform and improve the oversight of the performance of passenger and baggage security screening at domestic commercial airports by private screening companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 698. A bill to protect prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and their families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 699. A bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 700. A bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 701. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. COWAN):

S. 702. A bill to designate the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor as "The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 95. A resolution recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, the contributions of these brave men and women who protect the public safety, and expressing support for the designation of April 18, 2013, as National Lineman Appreciation Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. Con. Res. 12. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that our current tax incentives for retirement savings provide important benefits to Americans to help plan for a financially secure retirement; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 123

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 155

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Denali.

S. 231

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to require enhanced economic analysis and justification of regulations proposed by certain Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulators, and for other purposes.

S. 457

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 457, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 480

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 480, a bill to improve the effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 649

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 649, a bill to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes.

S. 655

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 655, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Labor to provide grants for Urban Jobs Programs, and for other purposes.

S. 687

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 687, a bill to prohibit the closing of air traffic control towers, and for other purposes.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 689, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Expanding the Panama Canal: What Does it Mean for American Freight and Infrastructure?"

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2013, at 11 a.m., to hold a briefing entitled, "Intelligence Update on Syria".

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Border Security: Frontline Perspectives on Progress and Remaining Challenges."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing on identifying barriers to Indian housing development and finding solutions.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "Tax-Related Identity Theft: An Epidemic Facing Seniors and Taxpayers."

The Committee will meet in Room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 254. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project.

H.R. 1033. An act to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1033. An act to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 95) recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, the contributions of these brave men and women who protect the public safety, and expressing support for the designation of April 18, 2013, as National Lineman Appreciation Day, submitted today by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. BENNET), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following the

remarks of the leaders, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 649; that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 649.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 11, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 649

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 649) to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 649.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 9, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 68, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 95 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Barrasso, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Coats, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., on today; and that time during recess and morning business be counted against the time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

At 12:29 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:30 p.m.

AT 2:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 649

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 649.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

MODIFYING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE STOCK ACT

On the request of Mr. COONS,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 716) to modify the requirements under the STOCK Act regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms, introduced on today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 649

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 649.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the pending motion to proceed be concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

SAFE COMMUNITIES, SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 649) to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. SCHUMER) to amend the bill by striking title I and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 715).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1113. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of the Multi-State Plan Program for the Affordable Insurance Exchanges" (RIN3206-AM47), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1114. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health Plan Value Methodology"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1115. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Final Sequestration Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1116. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Styrene-Ethylene-Propylene Block Copolymer; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9380-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1117. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2014 Congressional Budget Justification and fiscal year 2012 Annual Performance Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1118. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1119. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residential, Business, and Wind and Solar Resource Leases on Indian Land" (RIN1076-AE73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1120. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the notification of eligible members for per capita payments in the subject judgment funds; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1121. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to restoring certain funds to the Delaware Tribe of Indians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1122. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment" (RIN0651-AC84), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1123. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Representation of Others Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office" (RIN0651-AC81), received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1124. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Office on Violence Against Women's Grant Funds Used to Address Stalking: 2012 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1125. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Justice's 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Litigation and Compliance Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1126. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "Criminal Judicial Procedure, Administration, and Technical Amendments Act of 2013"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1127. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report relative to bankruptcy judgeship recommendations and corresponding draft legislation for the 113th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1128. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1129. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2011 Fiscal Year Report to the U.S. Congress on Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development"; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-1130. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants to

States for Construction or Acquisition of State Homes" (RIN2900-AO60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 689. A bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 703. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the eligibility of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region for designation for participation in the visa waiver program for certain visitors to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 704. A bill to designate the Rachel Carson Nature Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 705. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 706. A bill to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 707. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. REED, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 708. A bill to provide grants to States to ensure that all students in the middle grades are taught an academically rigorous curriculum with effective supports so that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in secondary school and postsecondary endeavors, to improve State and district policies and programs relating to the academic achievement of students in the middle grades, to develop and implement effective middle grades models for struggling students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 709. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 710. A bill to provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 711. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 118 South Mill Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 712. A bill to allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferrable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 713. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 714. A bill to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 715. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID:

S. 716. A bill to modify the requirements under the STOCK Act regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms; considered and passed.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 717. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 718. A bill to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. REED, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 719. A bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. Res. 96. A resolution recognizing the celebration of National Student Employment Week at the University of Minnesota Duluth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 54

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN]

and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 54, a bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 307

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 307, a bill to reduce the Federal budget deficit by closing big oil tax loopholes, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 500

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply payroll taxes to remuneration and earnings from self-employment up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of $250,000.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to require a study and report by the Small Business Administration regarding the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations.

S. 536

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 536, a bill to require a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the costs of Federal regulations.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 646

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 646, a bill to create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes.

S. 675

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to prohibit contracting with the enemy.

S. 679

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 679, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 680

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 680, a bill to rescind amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense for the Medium Extended Air Defense System, and for other purposes.

S. 687

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 687, a bill to prohibit the closing of air traffic control towers, and for other purposes.

S. 695

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 695, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, supra.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 11, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 11, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate office building, to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Gina McCarthy to be Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 11, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 11, 2013, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing on U.S. policy toward Syria.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "A New, Open Marketplace: The Effect of Guaranteed Issue and New Rating Rules" on April 11, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 11, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 11, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 11, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Outsourcing Accountability—Examining the Role of Independent Consultants."

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MANCHIN,

As in executive session.

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Beverly Reid O'Connell, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Analisa Torres, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and the nomination of Derrick Kahala Watson, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MANCHIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following the remarks of the leaders, the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MANCHIN,

At 6:37 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 11, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 11, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 11, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 12, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 716. An act to modify the requirements under the STOCK Act regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 12, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 716. An act to modify the requirements under the STOCK Act regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bill was subsequently signed on April 12, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on Friday, April 12, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 716. A bill to modify the requirements under the STOCK Act regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Special Report entitled "Inquiry Into U.S. Costs and Allied Contributions to Support the U.S. Military Presence Overseas" (Rept. No. 113-12).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 720. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for taxpayers making donations with their returns of income tax to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 721. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require a provider of a commercial mobile service or an IP-enabled voice service to provide call location information concerning the user of such a service to law enforcement agencies in order to respond to a call for emergency services or in an emergency situation that involves risk of death or serious physical harm; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 722. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to study the feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional pre-prepared tax return, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 723. A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 724. A bill to provide flexibility to agencies on determining what employees are essential personnel in implementing the sequester; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 725. A bill to provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 726. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care, including both physical and mental care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 727. A bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 728. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LEE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 729. A bill to protect law abiding citizens by preventing criminals from obtaining firearms; read the first time.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 730. A bill to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 97. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Food and Drug Administration should encourage the use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 135

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 135, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 195, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 448

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040SR.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to require enhanced economic analysis and justification of regulations proposed by certain Federal banking, housing, securities,

and commodity regulators, and for other purposes.

S. 453

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to require that certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that lead to an industry-recognized and nationally portable credential.

S. 458

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 458, a bill to improve and extend certain nutrition programs.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 464

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 464, a bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 470, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require the inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 480

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 480, a bill to improve the effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency, and for other purposes.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within the United States.

S. 509

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 509, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah.

S. 510

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 510, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah.

S. 516

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 516, a bill to reduce disparities and improve access to effective and cost efficient diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer through advances in testing, research, and education, including through telehealth, comparative effectiveness research, and identification of best practices in patient education and outreach particularly with respect to underserved racial, ethnic and rural populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer, to establish a directive on what constitutes clinically appropriate prostate cancer imaging, and to create a prostate cancer scientific advisory board for the Office of the Chief Scientist at the Food and Drug Administration to accelerate real-time sharing of the latest research and accelerate movement of new medicines to patients.

S. 517

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 517, a bill to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to provide humanitarian assistance and support a democratic transition in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 628

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend the duration of the Physical Disability Board of Review and to the expand the authority of such Board to review of the separation of members of the Armed Forces on the basis of mental condition not amounting to disability, including separation on the basis of a personality or adjustment disorder.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 679

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 679, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 687

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 687, a bill to prohibit the closing of air traffic control towers, and for other purposes.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 689, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 710

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 710, a bill to provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 678. An act to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1120. An act to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as Board constituting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues a decision on the constitutionality of the appointments to the Board made in January 2012, or the adjournment sine die of the first session of the 113th Congress.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 142. Resolution relative to the election of Members to Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and Joint Committee on Printing.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 678. An act to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1120. An act to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as Board constituting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues a decision on the constitutionality of the appointments to the Board made in January 2012, or the adjournment sine die of the first session of the 113th Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 11, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote), during which the following occurred:

MOMENT OF SILENCE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:38 p.m.,

The Senate observed a moment of silence in recognition of the bombings at the Boston Marathon on today.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 11, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BEGICH,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 729) to protect law abiding citizens by preventing criminals from obtaining firearms, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LEE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. RUBIO), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BEGICH asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BEGICH objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BEGICH,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 730) to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BEGICH asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BEGICH objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following any remarks by the two leaders, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 649; and that the time until recess be for debate only.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

At 6:23 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the Chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 729) to protect law abiding citizens by preventing criminals from obtaining firearms, introduced on yesterday by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LEE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. RUBIO), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 730) to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking, introduced on yesterday by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. HELLER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1131. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program" (RIN0560-AI06), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1132. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Accounting and Reporting Requirements; Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Funding and Fiscal Affairs; GAAP References and Other Conforming Amendments" (RIN3052-AC75), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1133. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a date for the completion of an annual report relative to recruitment incentives; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1134. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Corrosion Policy and Oversight Budget Materials for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1135. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress On Repair of Naval Vessels in Foreign Shipyards"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1136. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Security Education Program for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1137. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1138. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Mongolia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1139. A communication from the Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Hong Kong; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1140. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1141. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1142. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identity Theft Red Flags" (RIN3038-AD99), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1143. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports on sequestration entitled: "OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2014" and "OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committees on the Budget; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1144. A communication from the Acting Assistant Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska--2013-14 and 2014-15 Subsistence Taking of Fish Regulations" (RIN1018-AX64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1145. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (8) eight reports relative to vacancies in the Environmental Protection Agency, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1146. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Branch of Recovery, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reinstatement of Removal of the Virginia Northern Flying Squirrel From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AZ31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1147. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Foreign Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Technical Correction for African Wild Ass" (RIN1018-AY31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1148. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Designation of Critical Habitat for Allium munzii (Munz's Onion) and Atriplex coronata var. notatior (San Jacinto Valley Crownscale)" (RIN1018-AX42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1149. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Southwestern Willow Flycatcher" (RIN1018-AX43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1150. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the No FEAR Act for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1151. A communication from the President, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1152. A communication from the Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1153. A communication from the Staff Director, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 731. A bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 732. A bill to modify the criteria used by the Corps of Engineers to dredge small ports; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. COONS, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 733. A bill to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 734. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 735. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and assistance provided to surviving spouses of veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 736. A bill to establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees applicable to certain cabins on National Forest System land in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 737. A bill to require the Federal banking agencies to conduct a quantitative impact study on the cumulative effect of the Basel III framework devised by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision before issuing final rules amending the agencies' general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets, as proposed in the Advanced Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rules Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Standardized Approach for Risk-Weighted Assets Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and the Implementation of Basel III, Minimum Regulatory Capital Ratios Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in June 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 738. A bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 739. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 740. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to provide drug rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the Medicare prescription drug benefit program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 741. A bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act

through fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. THUNE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BLUNT, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 742. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 743. A bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 744. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 98. A resolution honoring the life, legacy, and example of British Prime Minister Baroness Margaret Thatcher; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COONS, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Res. 99. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. Res. 100. A resolution commending and congratulating the University of Louisville men's basketball team for winning its third Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association championship, and the University of Louisville women's basketball team for being runner up in the 2013 Women's Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to establish background check procedures for gun shows.

S. 33

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes.

S. 34

At the request of Ms. WARREN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 34, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 150

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 306

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 306, a bill to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 395

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 395, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 463

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 463, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term "biobased product".

S. 475

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 475, a bill to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 572

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 572, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

S. 612

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 612, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to remove social security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to Medicare beneficiaries in order to protect Medicare beneficiaries from identity theft.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain

persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 646

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 646, a bill to create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes.

S. 675

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 675, a bill to prohibit contracting with the enemy.

S. 679

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 679, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 680

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 680, a bill to rescind amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense for the Medium Extended Air Defense System, and for other purposes.

S. 687

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 687, a bill to prohibit the closing of air traffic control towers, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

At the request of Mr. CARPER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Ms. WARREN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

At the request of Mr. REED, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, supra.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 703

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 703, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the eligibility of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region for designation for participation in the visa waiver program for certain visitors to the United States.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 707, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

S. 719

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 719, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 720

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 720, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for taxpayers making donations with their returns of income tax to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt.

S. 730

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 730, a bill to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 97

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 97, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Food and Drug Administration should encourage the use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Aviation Safety: FAA's Progress on Key Safety Initiatives."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing April 16, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Tax Fraud and Tax ID Theft: Moving Forward with Solutions.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2013, at 9:45 a.m., to

hold an Africa Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Examining Ongoing Conflict in Eastern Congo."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Challenge of College Affordability: The Student Lens" on April 16, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 16, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Enforcement of the Antitrust Laws."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 16, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 882. An act to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other Purposes.

H.R. 1162. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office.

H.R. 1246. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide that the District of Columbia Treasurer or one of the Deputy Chief Financial Officers of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia may perform the functions and duties of the Office in an acting capacity if there is a vacancy in the Office.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 882. An act to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1162. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SAFE COMMUNITIES, SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 649) to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 715, proposed by Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. SCHUMER), to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time for only debate on the pending bill continue until 3:30 p.m.; and that the majority leader then be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 715 to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:20 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

SAFE COMMUNITIES, SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 649.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 715 to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MURPHY,

Ordered, That time for only debate on the pending bill continue until 5:30 p.m.; and that the majority leader then be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 715 to the bill.

Pending debate,

HONORING THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND EXAMPLE OF BRITISH PRIME MINISTER BARONESS MARGARET THATCHER

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MANCHIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 98) honoring the life, legacy, and example of British Prime Minister Baroness Margaret Thatcher, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. VITTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SAFE COMMUNITIES, SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 649.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 715 to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That there be only debate on the pending bill until 6 p.m.; that, at 6 p.m., the Senate recess subject to the call of the chair; and that, when the Senate reconvenes, the majority leader be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 715 to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

At 6:04 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 7 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) called the Senate to order.

SAFE COMMUNITIES, SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 649.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 715 to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FRANKEN,

Ordered, That time for only debate on the pending bill continue until 8:30 p.m.; and that the majority leader then be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 715 to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That it be in order for pending amendment No. 715 to be laid aside; and that the following amendments be in order to be proposed:

An amendment (in the nature of a substitute), intended to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY, consistent with the summary held at the desk;

An amendment (Numbered 713), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), relative to trafficking;

An amendment (Numbered 719), intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN, relative to concealed carry;

An amendment (Numbered 711), intended to be proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN, relative to assault weapons/clip bans;

An amendment (Numbered 720), intended to be proposed by Mr. BURR, relative to veterans/guns;

An amendment (Numbered 714), intended to be proposed by Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL), relative to high-capacity clip ban;

An amendment (Numbered 717), intended to be proposed by Mr. BARRASSO, relative to privacy;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER), relative to mental health.

Ordered further, That, following remarks by the two leaders on tomorrow, the time until 4 p.m. be equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate on the foregoing amendments, between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 4 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 715; that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition thereof, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the remaining pending amendments in the foregoing order; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that no other amendment or motion to commit be in order to the amendments, or to the bill, prior to votes thereon; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled for debate between the votes; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 715 to the bill.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT PUBLIC SERVANTS BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES DURING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 99) expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week, submitted today by Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COONS, and Mr. SCHATZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 100) commending and congratulating the University of Louisville men's basketball team for winning its third Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association championship, and the University of Louisville women's basketball team for being runner up in the 2013 Women's Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 743) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. HEITKAMP), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:14 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 2:04 A.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DURBIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TODAY, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on today; that, on today, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 649, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

At 2:06 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on today.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr.

SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 17, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of today,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 743) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. HEITKAMP), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

SAFE COMMUNITIES, SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 649) to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 715, proposed by Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. SCHUMER), to the bill.

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. WARREN, Mr. COWAN, and Mrs. MURRAY) to amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 711).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. ENZI) to amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 719).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. ENZI) to amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 717).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COBURN,

Ordered, That he be added as a cosponsor of an amendment (Numbered 725) intended to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 717 to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ENZI) to amend the bill, in title I, subtitle A, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 720).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. THUNE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. COBURN) to amend the bill on page 1 by striking all beginning with "short" on line 3, through line 15, on page 42, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 725).

Pending debate,

CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC ATTACKS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

On the request of Ms. WARREN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 101) condemning the horrific attacks in Boston, Massachusetts, and expressing support, sympathy, and prayers for those impacted by this tragedy, submitted today by Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. COWAN, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SAFE COMMUNITIES, SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 649.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 725 to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) to amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 730).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK) to amend the bill, by striking title II, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 713).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 715 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The hour of 4 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 97 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

DISTURBANCE IN THE GALLERY

A disturbance in the family gallery occurred when a woman yelled loudly, and was thereupon directed to refrain from demonstration or comment by the PRESIDENT of the Senate.

SAFE COMMUNITIES, SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

The Senate continued consideration of bill S. 649.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 713 to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 725 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 52, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 98 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Landrieu, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 48

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 713 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CRUZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 58, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 99 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 719 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 57, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 100 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 711 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 40, nays... 60

[Rollcall Vote No. 101 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Hirono, Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 60

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), King, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 720 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 56, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 102 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sanders, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 44

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

On motion by Mr. CARDIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. BLUMENTHAL for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COWAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARPER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. REED) to amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 714).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 103 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 54

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 717 to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, following the remarks of the leaders, the Senate resume consideration of the pending bill; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on pending amendments Nos. 717 and 730; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; and that the remaining provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 717 to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 7:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1154. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services

Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Program for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1155. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biodiesel and Alternative Fuels; Claims for 2012; Excise Tax" (Notice 2013-26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1156. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1157. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines - New York State QEZE Real Property Tax" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1158. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 911(d)(4) - 2012 Update" (RP-135515-12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1159. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Notice 2013-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1160. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-051); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1161. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-050); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1162. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-046); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1163. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-023); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1164. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-037); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1165. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-055); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1166. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-011); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1167. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-012); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1168. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Initial Implementation of Export Control Reform" (RIN1400-AD37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1169. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report relative to the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1170. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report relative to the Animal Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1171. A communication from the Inspector General of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Budget Justification Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1172. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "Executive Summary of the 2012 Annual Report of the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts" and "Judicial Business of the United States Courts"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 65. A resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 90. A resolution congratulating the people of Kenya on their commitment to peaceful elections, as demonstrated on March 4, 2013, and calling on Kenyans to come together to continue to implement political, institutional, and accountability reforms envisioned in the Kenyan constitution.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 745. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the designation of treatment areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. COWAN:

S. 746. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a market-driven inventory system; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 747. A bill to grant exclusive fishery management authority over the red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 748. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consider the resources of individuals applying for pension that were recently disposed of by the individuals for less than fair market value when determining the eligibility of such individuals for such pension, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RISCH, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 749. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 750. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to support fire safety education programs on college campuses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 751. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 752. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations regarding the authorship, content, format and dissemination of Patient Medication Information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about their prescription medications and are aware of the potential risks and benefits of prescription medications; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 753. A bill to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 754. A bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to include farmed shellfish as specialty crops; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 755. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to apply the Medicaid primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 756. A bill to allow funds under title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to be used to provide training to school personnel regarding how to recognize child sexual abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 757. A bill to provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and Lincoln County, Nevada, to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. COWAN, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 101. A resolution condemning the horrific attacks in Boston, Massachusetts, and expressing support, sympathy, and prayers for those impacted by this tragedy; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Con. Res. 13. A concurrent resolution commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 146

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to enhance the safety of America's schools.

S. 186

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 186, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where the 4 little Black girls lost their lives, which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

S. 218

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the

Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 427

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 427, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs, and for other purposes.

S. 457

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 457, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 610

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 610, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 695

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., and for other purposes.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 741, a bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017.

S. 744

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, a bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, supra.

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, supra.

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, supra.

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, supra.

At the request of Mr. BENNET, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, supra.

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 17, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 17, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will hold a hearing entitled "The Future of Passenger Rail: What's Next for the Northeast Corridor?"

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 17, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2014."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 17, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 17, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 432 Russell Senate Office building to conduct a hearing entitled "The Proposed FY2014 Small Business Administration Budget."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 17, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Helping Homeowners Harmed by Foreclosures: Ensuring Accountability and Transparency in Foreclosure Reviews, Part II."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 17, 2013, at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 17, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:43 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 756. An act to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes.

H.R. 967. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1163. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to revise requirements relating to Federal information security, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 756. An act to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 967. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1163. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to revise requirements relating to Federal information security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATIVE TO A POSTHUMOUS PARDON FOR JOHN ARTHUR "JACK" JOHNSON

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 5) expressing the sense of Congress that John Arthur "Jack" Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Analisa Torres, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Derrick Kahala Watson, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii; that there be 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for concurrent debate on the nominations; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY PANEL ON THE GOVERNANCE OF THE NUCLEAR SECURITY ENTERPRISE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) announced that the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of section 3166 of Public Law 112-239, had appointed Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 649, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, following votes on amendments to bill S. 649, the Senate recess until 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 18, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

SAFE COMMUNITIES, SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 649) to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 730, proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. JOHANNS), to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 12 noon having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 717, proposed by Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. ENZI), to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 67, nays... 30

[Rollcall Vote No. 104 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Merkley, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 30

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Hirono, Johnson (SD), King, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Stabenow, Whitehouse.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 730 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 95, nays... 2

[Rollcall Vote No. 105 Leg.]

YEAS --- 95

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 2

Lee, Paul.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:44 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

SAFE COMMUNITIES, SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 649.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 743

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 743) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743:

HARRY REID, DICK DURBIN, SHERROD BROWN, S. WHITEHOUSE, AMY KLOBUCHAR, JOE MANCHIN, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, PATRICK J. LEAHY, MARTIN HEINRICH, ANGUS KING, AL FRANKEN, TOM HARKIN, CARL LEVIN, MARK BEGICH, BRIAN SCHATZ, ROBERT MENENDEZ, TAMMY BALDWIN.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate be waived; and that, at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 22, 2013, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1173. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 51st Annual Report of the activities of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1174. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Aviation Consumer Protection; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1175. A communication from the Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Amtrak's Executive Level 1 salary for 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1176. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Assistance Provided to Foreign Aviation Authorities for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1177. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 50 Feet (15.2 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC584), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1178. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Greater Than 50 Feet (15.2 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC585), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1179. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Accountability Measures for Species in the U.S. Caribbean" (RIN0648-XC574), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1180. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC590), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1181. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 feet (18.3 meters) Length Overall Using Jig or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bogoslof Pacific Cod Exemption Area in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC596), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1182. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic" (RIN0648-XC570), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1183. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Sablefish Managed Under the Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-XC569), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1184. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Sector Exemptions; Final Rule Implementing a Targeted Acadian Redfish Fishery for Sector Vessels" (RIN0648-XC164), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1185. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Framework Adjustment 7" (RIN0648-BC72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1186. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan" (RIN0648-BC75), received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1187. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XC263), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1188. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Adjustment to 2013 Annual Catch Limits" (RIN0648-XC318), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1189. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Groundfish Retention Standard" (RIN0648-BA93), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1190. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; 2013 and 2014 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish" (RIN0648-XC311), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1191. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2013 and 2014 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish" (RIN0648-XC254), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1192. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Western Pacific Fisheries; 2013 Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures" (RIN0648-XC351), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1193. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; General Category Fishery" (RIN0648-XC506), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1194. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XC543), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1195. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery; 2013 Accountability Measure for Gulf of Mexico Commercial Gray Triggerfish" (RIN0648-XC510), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1196. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC552), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1197. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC550), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1198. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC536), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1199. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XC499), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1200. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC522), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1201. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Accountability Measures for the Gulf of Mexico Commercial Greater Amberjack" (RIN0648-XC467), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1202. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Resources of the South Atlantic; Golden Tilefish Trip Limit Adjustments" (RIN0648-XC529), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1203. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC505), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1204. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC502), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1205. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XC553), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1206. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation of Agricultural Commodities" (RIN2126-AB58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1207. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0085)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1208. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0004)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1209. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; SFPD Training Safety Zone; San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0148)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1210. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Stuart Sailfish Regatta, Indian River; Stuart, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0150)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1211. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0239)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1212. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0240)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1213. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0210)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1214. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0795)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1215. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0641)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1216. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1160)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1217. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1031)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1218. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0247)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1219. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products" ((RIN2120-AK19)(Docket No. FAA-2001-8994)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1220. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Activation of Ice Protection" ((RIN2120-AJ43)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0675)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1221. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (105); Amdt. No. 3525" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1222. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (57); Amdt. No. 3524" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1223. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Multiple Restricted Areas; Eglin AFB, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(FAA-2013-0178)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1224. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Unalakleet, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(FAA-2012-0322)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1225. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class B Airspace; Atlanta, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(FAA-2011-1237)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1226. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Wilbur, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(FAA-2012-0768)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1227. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Morrisville, VT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(FAA-2012-0835)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1228. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Scammon Bay, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(FAA-2012-0121)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. REED, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 758. A bill to establish a comprehensive literacy program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COONS, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 759. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 760. A bill to require the establishment of Federal customer service standards and to improve the service provided by Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 761. A bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 762. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to improve the supplemental nutrition assistance program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 763. A bill to authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 764. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require the disclosure of information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 765. A bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNS, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 766. A bill to amend section 520 of the Housing Act of 1949 to revise the census data and population requirements for areas to be considered as rural areas for purposes of such Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 767. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for Congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 768. A bill to treat gold and silver coins used as legal tender in the same manner as United States currency for taxation purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 769. A bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for

the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 770. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 771. A bill to provide to the Secretary of the Interior a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of materials CA-20139 and CA-22901, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 772. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration¿s jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 773. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. NELSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COATS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S.J. Res. 13. A joint resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to designate July 26 as United States Intelligence Professionals Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 102. A resolution expressing support for the designation of Saint Louis, Missouri, as the "National Chess Capital" of the United States to enhance awareness of the educational benefits of chess and to encourage schools and community centers to engage in chess programs to promote problem-solving, critical thinking, spatial awareness, and goal setting; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 103. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Steve Schonberg v. Senator Mitch McConnell, et al; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 200

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 200, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the interment in national cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration of individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975, and for other purposes.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 468

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 468, a bill to protect the health care and pension benefits of our nation's miners.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 475, a bill to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 621

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 621, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish.

S. 679

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 679, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 687

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 687, a bill to prohibit the closing of air traffic control towers, and for other purposes.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 720

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 720, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for taxpayers making donations with their returns of income tax to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of

Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 733

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 733, a bill to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 741, a bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 743, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 60

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 60, a resolution supporting women's reproductive health.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 90

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 90, a resolution congratulating the people of Kenya on their commitment to peaceful elections, as demonstrated on March 4, 2013, and calling on Kenyans to come together to continue to implement political, institutional, and accountability reforms envisioned in the Kenyan constitution.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 18, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of Federal Housing Finance Agency: Evaluating FHFA as Regulator and Conservator."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 18, 2013, at 9:45 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 18, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 18, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "National Security and Foreign Policy Priorities in the FY 2014 International Affairs Budget."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing on Secretary of Labor-Designate Thomas E. Perez on April 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Committee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, April 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 4(b) of the World War I Centennial Commission Act (Public Law 112-272), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the World War I Centennial Commission: Colonel Thomas N. Moe, Retired, of Lancaster, Ohio.

The message also announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House

of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. COBLE of North Carolina, and Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER VACANCY ACT

On the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1246) to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide that the District of Columbia Treasurer or one of the Deputy Chief Financial Officers of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia may perform the functions and duties of the Office in an acting capacity if there is a vacancy in the Office, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 103) to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Steve Schonberg v. Senator Mitch McConnell, et al., submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following the remarks of the leaders, the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

At 5:50 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 18, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 18, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR MOMENT OF SILENCE ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 2:50 p.m. on today, the Senate observe a moment of silence to honor the victims of the bombings at the Boston Marathon.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 18, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1229. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Decorah, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1433)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1230. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; West Union, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1434)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1231. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Middletown, OH" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0651)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1232. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Superior, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0656)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1233. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Round Mountain, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0771)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1234. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Tecumseh, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1098)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1235. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Beeville, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0821)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1236. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0847)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1237. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0597)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1238. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1288)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1239. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hughes Helicopters, Inc., and McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems (Type Certificate is Currently Held by MD Helicopters, Inc.) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0890)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1240. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1088)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1241. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2005-22523)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1242. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0772)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1243. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1453)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1244. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1417)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1245. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; REIMS AVIATION S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1346)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1246. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1077)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1247. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0150)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1248. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airway V-233, Springfield, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0179)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1249. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Modification of VOR Federal Airways V-68, V-76, V-194, and V-548 in the Vicinity of Houston, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0231)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1250. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (52); Amdt. No. 3526" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1251. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (87); Amdt. No. 3527" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1252. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc." ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1016)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1253. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS Aircraft LTD. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0070)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1254. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standard" (RIN2126-AB59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1255. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Systems for Telephonic Notification of Unsafe Conditions at Highway-Rail and Pathway Grade Crossings" (RIN2130-AC38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1256. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vehicle/Track Interaction Safety Standards; High-Speed and High Cant Deficiency Operations" (RIN2130-AC09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1257. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Export Administration Regulations: List of Items Classified Under Control Classification OY521 Series - Biosensor Systems" (RIN0694-AF73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1258. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services: Jackson, Wyoming to Wilmington, Delaware" (MB Docket No. 13-73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1259. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future" (DA 13-332), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1260. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund, High-Cost Universal Service Report" ((RIN3060-AJ90)(DA 13-252)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1261. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lake Champlain, Swanton, VT" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0918)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1262. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Elizabeth River, Eastern Branch, Norfolk, VA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0357)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1263. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Green River, Small-house, KY and Black River, Jonesboro, LA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0041)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1264. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Pelican Island Causeway, Galveston, Channel, TX" ((RIN1625-AA09)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0063)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1265. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Sabine River, near Ruliff, LA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1065)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1266. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; New Haven Harbor, Quinnipiac and Mill Rivers, CT" ((RIN1625-AA09)-(Docket No. USCG-2009-1021)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1267. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; 2013 Lauderdale Air Show, Atlantic Ocean;

Fort Lauderdale, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-1073)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1268. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; New River Raft Race, New River; Fort Lauderdale, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0047)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1269. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; 2013 International Rolex Regatta; St. Thomas Harbor; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1079)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1270. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Patriot Challenge Kayak Race, Ashley River; Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0030)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1271. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Charleston Race Week, Charleston Harbor; Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0081)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1272. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone within the Lower Portion of Anchorage No. 9, Mantua Creek Anchorage; Paulsboro, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1092)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1273. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Change to Enforcement Period, Patapsco River, Northwest and Inner Harbors; Baltimore, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1075)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1274. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; MODU KULLUK; Kiliuda Bay, Kodiak Island, AK to Captains Bay, Unalaska Island, AK" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0091)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1275. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Desert Storm Shootout; Lake Havasu, Lake Havasu City, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0005)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1276. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; BWRC Southwest Showdown 2, Parker, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0058)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1277. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 2013 Naval Air Station Key West Air Spectacular, Boca Chica Channel; Boca Chica, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0077), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1278. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lake Havasu Triathlon; Lake Havasu City, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0023)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1279. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; M/V XIANG YUN KOU and MODU NOBLE DISCOVERER; Resurrection Bay, Seward, AK" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0128)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1280. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; St. Patrick's Day Fireworks; Manitowoc River, Manitowoc, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0116)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1281. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lubbers Cup Regatta; Spring Lake, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0210)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1282. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Blue Water Resort and Casino Spring Classic, Parker, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0074)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1283. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Annual Events Requiring Safety Zones in the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0020)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1284. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Seafair Blue Angels Air Show Performance, Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0903)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1285. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Spanish Navy School Ship San Sebastian El Cano Escort; Bahia de San Juan; San Juan, PR"

((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0166)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1286. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorages; Lower Mississippi River, Above Head of Passes, Convent, LA and Point Pleasant, LA" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-0103)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1287. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Great Lakes Pilotage Rates -- 2013 Annual Review and Adjustment" ((RIN1625-AB89)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0409)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1288. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of MARPOL Annex V Amendments" ((RIN1625-AB97)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-1049)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1289. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Vapor Control Systems" ((RIN1625-AB37)(Docket No. USCG-1999-5150)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 601. A bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-13).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 23. A bill to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-14).

S. 25. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-15).

S. 26. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project (Rept. No. 113-16).

S. 112. A bill to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-17).

S. 130. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming (Rept. No. 113-18).

S. 157. A bill to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-19).

S. 222. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (Rept. No. 113-20).

S. 230. A bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-21).

S. 244. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project (Rept. No. 113-22).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 247. A bill to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-23).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 276. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (Rept. No. 113-24).

S. 304. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-25).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 311. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-26).

S. 347. A bill to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-27).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 352. A bill to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-28).

S. 354. A bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-29).

S. 383. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Rept. No. 113-30).

S. 393. A bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Rept. No. 113-31).

S. 459. A bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-32).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:

Special Report entitled "Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 112th Congress" (Rept. No. 113-33).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 774. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of the Federal Communications Commission's universal service reforms; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 775. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive for the installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 776. A bill to establish the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness in the State of New Mexico, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 104. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Con. Res. 14. A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; to the Committee on the Budget.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 19

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 19, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 337

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

S. 425

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 445

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 445, a bill to improve security at State and local courthouses.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

S. 619

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish.

S. 664

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 664, a bill to require reports by Federal Government entities regarding responses to Inspector General recommendations on potential cost-saving measures or on reimbursement for poor contractor performance, cost overruns, or other reasons, and for other purposes.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 675

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to prohibit contracting with the enemy.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 707, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 710

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 710, a bill to provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements.

S. 733

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 733, a bill to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by

veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 22, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, S. 744.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 624. An act to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 3 of the Protect Our Kids Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-275), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities: Ms. Susan Dreyfus of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Ms. Cassie Statuto Bevan of Derwood, Maryland.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 624. An act to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 2:50 p.m.,

The Senate observed a moment of silence to honor the victims of the bombings at the Boston Marathon.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 743

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 18, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, April 18, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 743) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, April 18, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 18, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 74, nays... 20

[Rollcall Vote No. 107 Leg.]

YEAS --- 74

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 20

Ayotte, Baucus, Coburn, Cornyn, Cruz, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Paul, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Tester, Toomey, Vitter, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time in adjournment, recess, and morning business be counted against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743.

Pending debate,

CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF KENYA ON THEIR COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL ELECTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 90) standing with the people of Kenya following their national and local elections on March 4, 2013, and urging a peaceful and credible resolution of electoral disputes in the courts.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the resolution.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the committee, so as to read: "A resolution congratulating the people of Kenya on their commitment to peaceful elections, as demonstrated on March 4, 2013, and calling on Kenyans to come together to continue to implement political, institutional, and accountability reforms envisioned in the Kenyan constitution".

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REREFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 437) to authorize the Department of Housing and Urban Development to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities, by revitalizing severely distressed housing, and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, education opportunities, public assets, public transportation, and improved

access to jobs; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Documents 113-1, 113-2, and 113-3, received from the President on today.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the final half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

At 7:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 23, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that all after the resolving clause be stricken; that the text of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, in a ratio of 7 majority- to 5 minority-party Senators, without further intervening action or debate.

Mr. TOOMEY objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 777. A bill to restore the previous policy regarding restrictions on use of Department of Defense medical facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 778. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue cards to veterans that identify them as veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 779. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for reporting and disclosure by State and local public employee retirement pension plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 780. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 781. A bill to modify the boundary of Yosemite National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. KING):

S. 782. A bill to amend Public Law 101-377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 783. A bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 784. A bill to expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 785. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the use of official time by Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 786. A bill to require agencies to quantify costs associated with proposed economically significant regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 787. A bill to require agencies to set forth reasons for determining that a proposed regulatory action is significant; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID:

S. 788. A bill to suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending; read the first time.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURR, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 789. A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. LEE, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 790. A bill to require the United States International Trade Commission to recommend temporary duty suspensions and reductions to Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 791. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 792. A bill to strengthen the enforcement of background checks with respect to the use of explosive materials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 105. A resolution designating April 2013 as "Financial Literacy Month"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 106. A resolution commending rehabilitation counselors and supporting the goals and ideals of National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. Res. 107. A resolution honoring military children during the National Month of the Military Child; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 108. A resolution designating April 2013 as "National 9-1-1 Education Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 258

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 327, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services.

S. 345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require the inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to

amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 687

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 687, a bill to prohibit the closing of air traffic control towers, and for other purposes.

S. 695

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., and for other purposes.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 724, a bill to provide flexibility to agencies on determining what employees are essential personnel in implementing the sequester.

S. 728

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 728, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 743, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 751

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 751, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm.

S. 758

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 758, a bill to establish a comprehensive literacy program.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 767

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 767, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for Congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WARNER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Antwone Fisher Story as a Case Study for Child Welfare."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Successful Primary Care Programs: Creating the Workforce We Need" on April 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 23, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, S. 744.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 23, 2013, at 4 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Drone Wars: The Constitutional and Counterterrorism Implications of Targeted Killing."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND SPACE

The Subcommittee on Science and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to hold a hearing on challenges and opportunities for human space exploration.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, ATMOSPHERE, FISHERIES AND THE COAST GUARD

The Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and the Coast Guard of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to hold a hearing on oversight of the President's Fiscal Year 2014 budget requests for Coast Guard and NOAA.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 6:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1246. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide that the District of Columbia Treasurer or one of the Deputy Chief Financial Officers of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia may perform the functions and duties of the Office in an acting capacity if there is a vacancy in the Office.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 743

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, April 18, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 743) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:39 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 743

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 788

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (S. 788) to suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending, introduced on today by Mr. REID; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. COBURN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 743

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 16

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 16) to provide for a sequester replacement; that an amendment be proposed thereto, and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

Mr. REID objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 743

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, and Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget; that the time from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on Jane Kelly; that the time from 11 a.m. till 12 noon be equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on Sylvia Mathews Burwell; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; that the second vote be 10 minutes in duration; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR CONDITIONAL CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 475

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, if the Senate receives from the House of Representatives for concurrence the bill (H.R. 475) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines, and if it is identical to the text of the language at the desk, the bill be read three times; and that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate vote on passage of the bill, without intervening action or debate.

DESIGNATING "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH"

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 105) designating April 2013 as "Financial Literacy Month", submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr.

BROWN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. LANDRIEU), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 106) commending rehabilitation counselors and supporting the goals and ideals of National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING MILITARY CHILDREN DURING THE NATIONAL MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 107) honoring military children during the National Month of the Military Child, submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. CHAMBLISS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH"

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 108) designating April 2013 as "National 9-1-1 Education Month", submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BURR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 788) to suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending, introduced today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY AND INTEGRITY

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to P.L. 110-315, had appointed the following to be members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: Bill Armstrong, of Colorado; and Rick O'Donnell, of Texas.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the minority leader had appointed Thomas Mackey, of Kentucky, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate resumes its legislative session, it resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 743; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 7:01 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013

Mr. RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 24, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MANCHIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 788) to suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REID, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries:

2013 NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY -- PM 8

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit the 2013 National Drug Control Strategy, my Administration's blueprint for reducing drug use and its consequences in the United States. As detailed in the pages that follow, my Administration remains committed to a balanced public health and public safety approach to drug policy. This approach is based on science, not ideology—and scientific research suggests that we have made real progress.

The rate of current cocaine use in the United States has dropped by 50 percent since 2006, and methamphetamine use has declined by one-third. New data released this year suggest that we are turning a corner in our efforts to address the epidemic of prescription drug abuse, with the number of people abusing prescription drugs decreasing by nearly 13 percent—from 7 million in 2010 to 6.1 million in 2011. And the number of Americans reporting that they drove after using illicit drugs also dropped by 12 percent between 2010 and 2011.

While this progress is encouraging, we must sustain our commitment to preventing drug use before it starts—the most cost-effective way to address the drug problem. The importance of prevention is becoming ever more apparent. Despite positive trends in other areas, we continue to see elevated rates of marijuana use among young people, likely driven by declines in perceptions of risk. We must continue to get the facts out about the health risks of drug use and support the positive influences in young people's lives that help them avoid risky behaviors.

The Strategy that follows presents a sophisticated approach to a complicated problem, encompassing prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery support, criminal justice reform, effective law enforcement, and international cooperation.

I look forward to working with the Congress and stakeholders at all levels in advancing this 21st century approach to drug policy.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *April 24, 2013.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1290. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methyl Jasmonate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9382-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1291. A communication from the Management Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Official Inspection and Official Weighing Services Under the United States Grain Standards Act" (RIN0580-AB13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1292. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propiconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9381-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1293. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Department of Defense intending to continue to expand the role of women in the Army and Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1294. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1295. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to providing support for a national Boy Scout Jamboree; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1296. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Driving Technological Surprise: DARPA's Mission in a Changing World"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1297. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Iran-Related Multilateral Sanctions Regime Efforts" covering the period August 17, 2012 to February 16, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1298. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Report (NGRER) for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1299. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorizations: CSMC Technologies Corporation in the People's Republic of China (PRC)" (RIN0694-AF90), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1300. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbojet Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1006)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1301. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1167)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1302. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Initial Implementation of Export Control Form" (RIN0694-AF65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1303. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Reliability Standard for Transmission Vegetation Management" (RIN1902-AE58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1304. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Charge Filing Procedures for Natural Gas Pipelines" (Docket No. RM12-14-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1305. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Fiscal Year 2011 Report to Congress and the President"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1306. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enforcement Guidance Memorandum 13-002, ... Being Developed" (EGM 13-002), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1307. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Safety Evaluation for Boiling Water Reactor ... Curve Evaluation" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1308. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham and Winston Salem Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9802-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1309. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Tennessee: Revisions to Volatile Organic Compound Definition" (FRL No. 9802-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1310. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware, State Board Requirements" (FRL No. 9803-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1311. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Small Container Exemption from VOC Coating Rules" (FRL No. 9790-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1312. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "EPAAR Clause for Printing" (FRL No. 9800-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1313. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; The 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the West Virginia Portion of the Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9803-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1314. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Nevada; Total Suspended Particulate" (FRL No. 9802-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1315. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9799-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1316. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Particulate Matter Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9804-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1317. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality: Revision to Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds - Exclusion of trans 1-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-ene [Solstice 1233zd(E)]" (FRL No. 9800-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1318. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Consumer Products and AIM Rules" (FRL No. 9786-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2013; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1319. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Determination for Renewable Fuels Produced Under the Final RFS2 Program From Grain Sorghum; Correction" (FRL No. 9803-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1320. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1321. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Affordable Care Act fiscal year 2012 report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1322. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Finalizing Medicare Regulations under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) for Calendar Year 2012"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1323. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beginning of Construction for Purposes of the Renewable Electricity Production Tax Credit and Energy Investment Tax Credit" (Notice 2013-29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1324. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Basis Reporting by Securities Brokers and Basis Determination for Debt Instruments and Options; Reporting for Premium" ((RIN1545-BK05)(TD 9616)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1325. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on the Child Support Enforcement Program for fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 793. A bill to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LEE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 794. A bill to prevent an increase in flight delays and cancellations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 795. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 796. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the "James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ)):

S. 797. A bill to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 798. A bill to address equity capital requirements for financial institutions, bank holding companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 799. A bill to provide for a sequester replacement; read the first time.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 800. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that the South Texas Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Center at Harlingen, located in Harlingen, Texas, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to redesignate such center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, Mr. JOHANNS, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 801. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to provide for crop production on native sod; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CARPER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COONS, Mr. RISCH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 802. A bill to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL)):

S. 803. A bill to provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy and Tropical Storm Sandy of 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 804. A bill to streamline and address overlap in the Federal workforce investment system, steer Federal training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish incentives for accountability through a Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide new access to the National Directory of New Hires, to measure performance and better connect the unemployed to jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 805. A bill to improve compliance with mine and occupational safety and health laws, and empower workers to raise safety concerns, prevent future mine and other workplace tragedies, and establish rights of families of victims of workplace accidents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 806. A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude

customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 807. A bill to require that Federal regulations use plain writing that is clear, concise, and well-organized, and follows other best practices appropriate to the subject or field and intended audience; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 808. A bill to establish the Office of the Inspector General of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 809. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 109. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should leave no member of the Armed Forces unaccounted for during the drawdown of forces in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. Res. 110. A resolution to prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BLUNT)):

S. Res. 111. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COWAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 112. A resolution commending employees of the Senate Post Office, employees of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, members of the Capitol Police, and members of the Capitol Hill community for their courage and professionalism following the biochemical attack against the Senate on April 16, 2013; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 113. A resolution designating April 23, 2013 as "National Adopt a Library Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 114. A resolution to authorize testimony, documents, and representations in United States v. Renzi, et al; considered and agreed to

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. Con. Res. 15. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Chained Consumer Price Index should not be used to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veterans benefits, or to increase the tax burden on low- and middle-income taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 445

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 445, a bill to improve security at State and local courthouses.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require criminal background checks for child care providers.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 690

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 690, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 710

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 710, a bill to provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 724, a bill to provide flexibility to agencies on determining what employees are essential personnel in implementing the sequester.

S. 725

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses.

S. 728

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 728, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees.

S. 733

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 733, a bill to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 754

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 754, a bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to include farmed shellfish as specialty crops.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of the Federal Communications Commission's universal service reforms.

S. 777

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to restore the previous policy regarding restrictions on use of Department of Defense medical facilities.

S. 790

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 790, a bill to require the United States International Trade Commission to recommend temporary duty suspensions and reductions to Congress, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 13, a joint resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to designate July 26 as United States Intelligence Professionals Day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "A Status Update on the Development of Voluntary Do-Not-Track Standards."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Opportunities and Challenges."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing on international development priorities in the FY 2014 Budget.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate on April 23, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the economic importance of financial literacy education for students.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2014 budget for tribal programs.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 24, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Call to Action: VA Outreach and Community Partnerships."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: Are We On Track to 2015?"

The Committee will meet in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland of the Armed Services Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2013, at 3 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight and Business Practices of Durable Medical Equipment Companies."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2013, at 10 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1067. An act to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements.

H.R. 1068. An act to enact title 54, United States Code, "National Park Service and Related Programs", as positive law.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276l, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the British-American lnterparliamentary Group: Mr. Holding of North Carolina.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, April 24, 2013, he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 1246. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide that the District of Columbia Treasurer or one of the Deputy Chief Financial Officers of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia may perform the functions and duties of the Office in an acting capacity if there is a vacancy in the Office.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1067. An act to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1068. An act to enact title 54, United States Code, "National Park Service and Related Programs", as positive law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 10:30 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 743

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, April 18, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 743) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the next vote be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mrs. SHAHEEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 75, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 110 Leg.]

YEAS --- 75

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 22

Ayotte, Baucus, Coburn, Cornyn, Cruz, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Merkley, Murkowski, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Shaheen, Tester, Toomey, Vitter, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 743) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purpose; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. HEITKAMP) to amend the pending bill on page 2, by striking all beginning with "if the Streamlined" on line 10 through line 5, page 11, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 741).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 743:

HARRY REID, DICK DURBIN, HEIDI HEITKAMP, MARTIN HEINRICH, AMY KLOBUCHAR, AL FRANKEN, SHERROD BROWN, BRIAN SCHATZ, BEN CARDIN, ANGUS KING, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, S. WHITEHOUSE, JAY ROCKEFELLER, JOE MANCHIN, TOM CARPER, TOM HARKIN, PATRICK LEAHY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being agreeing to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 745).

Mr. PRYOR asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 740).

After debate,

Mr. WYDEN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 799

Mr. TOOMEY asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (S. 799) to provide for a sequester replacement, introduced on today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 788

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 788) to suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. TOOMEY objected.

MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 743.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PAUL,

Ordered, That, on rollcall Vote No. 110, his vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus changing the result to yeas 74, nays 23.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 111) supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month, submitted today by Mr. REID for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BLUNT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE SENATE, AND THE CAPITOL POLICE, AND MEMBERS OF THE CAPITOL HILL COMMUNITY FOR THEIR COURAGE AND PROFESSIONALISM FOLLOWING THE BIOCHEMICAL ATTACK AGAINST THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 112) commending employees of the Senate Post Office, employees of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, members of the Capitol Police, and members of the Capitol Hill community for their courage and professionalism following the biochemical attack against the Senate on April 16, 2013, submitted today by Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COWAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ADOPT A LIBRARY DAY"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 113) designating April 23, 2013 as "National Adopt a Library Day", submitted today by Mr. KAINE (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY, DOCUMENTS, AND REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 114) to authorize testimony, documents, and representations in United States v. Renzi, et al, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 799) to provide for a sequester replacement, introduced today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate recess for one hour.

Ordered further, That, following the recess, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 743.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 6:34 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend John Edgerton, Old South Church, Boston, Massachusetts, offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 25, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 799) to provide for a sequester replacement, introduced on yesterday by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

RELATIVE TO THE ATTACKS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

On the request of Ms. WARREN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 115) commending the heroism, courage, and sacrifice of Sean Collier, an officer in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Police Department, Martin Richard, an 8-year-old resident of Dorchester, Massachusetts, Krystle Campbell, a native of Medford, Massachusetts, Lu Lingzi, a student at Boston University, and all the victims who are recovering from injuries caused by the attacks in Boston, Massachusetts, including Richard Donohue, Jr., an officer in the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Transit Police Department, submitted today by Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. COWAN, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1326. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-056, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1327. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9384-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1328. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus mycoides isolate J; Time-Limited Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9383-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1329. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral William R. Burke, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1330. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of the Navy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1331. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was originally declared in

Executive Order 13611 on May 16, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1332. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1333. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions of 'Predominantly Engaged In Financial Activities' and 'Significant' Nonbank Financial Company and Bank Holding Company" (RIN7100-AD64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1334. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Evaluations of Explosions Postulated to Occur at Nearby Facilities and on Transportation Routes Near Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1335. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon: Open Burning and Enforcement Procedures" (FRL No. 9793-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1336. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions Reductions Regulations" (FRL No. 9806-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1337. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Plan Requirements for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators Constructed On or Before December 1, 2008, and Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources: Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators" (FRL No. 9802-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1338. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - May 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1339. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clearing Exemption for Swaps Between Certain Affiliated Entities" (RIN3038-AD47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1340. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2012 annual report on voting practices in the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1341. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the December 22, 2012 - February 19, 2013 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1342. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-014); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1343. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Immigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended" (RIN1400-AD39), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 19, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1344. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of a determination to waive certain restrictions on maintaining a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Office in Washington and on the receipt and expenditure of PLO funds for a period of six months; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1345. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on mining activities as required by the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1346. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Dual Language Learners in Head Start and Early Head Start Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1347. A communication from the Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1348. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wage Methodology for the Temporary Non-Agricultural Employment H-2B Program, Part 2" (RIN1205-AB69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1349. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations and Unfunded Mandates on State, Local, and Tribal Entities"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1350. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the St. Louis, MO; Southern Missouri; Cleveland, OH; and Pittsburgh, PA, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AM70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1351. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1352. A communication form the Acting Director, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal

Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1353. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1354. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the Technical Corrections to the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act as to Inter Partes Review" (RIN0651-AC83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1355. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report to Congress for the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1356. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Defense Articles and Defense Services--U. S. Munitions Import List" (RIN1140-AA46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1357. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Methylone Into Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-357), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1358. A communication from the General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registry for Attorneys and Representatives" (RIN1125-AA39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1359. A communication from the General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Forwarding of Asylum Applications to the Department of State" (RIN1125-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1360. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1361. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1362. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1363. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1364. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1365. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Debt Collection Recovery Activities of the Department of Justice for Civil Debts Referred for Collection Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1366. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended for the six months ending June 30, 2012"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1367. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014-2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1368. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 19" (RIN0648-BC48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1369. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC575), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1370. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC582), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1371. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accessible Emergency Information, and Apparatus Requirements for Emergency Information and Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010...." (RIN3065-AJ85), received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1372. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel for Regulations and Security Standards, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Provisions for Fees Related to Hazardous Materials Endorsements and Transportation Worker Identification Credentials" ((49 CFR Part 1572)(Amendment No. 1572-10)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1373. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Distribution Transformers" (RIN1904-AC04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1374. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Innovative Products and Treatments to Achieve Abstinence From Tobacco Use, Reductions in Consumption of Tobacco, and Reductions in the Harm Associated With Continued Tobacco Use"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1375. A communication from the Diversity and Inclusion Programs Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1376. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2012 Annual Performance Report and the fiscal years 2013-2014 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1377. A communication from the Director, Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Readiness and Force Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, a compilation of fiscal year 2012 reports from the Department of Defense Components relative to the implementation of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 607. A bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DONNELLY:

S. 810. A bill to require a pilot program on an online computerized assessment to enhance detection of behaviors indicating a risk of suicide and other mental health conditions in members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 811. A bill to amend the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to provide for the increased purchase of Kosher and Halal food and to modify the labeling of the commodities list under the emergency food assistance program to enable Kosher and Halal food bank operators to identify which commodities to obtain from local food banks; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 812. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to implement the Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MURPHY)):

S. 813. A bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 814. A bill to provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KIRK, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 815. A bill to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 816. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 817. A bill to exempt the Federal Aviation Administration from sequestration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. RISCH, Mr. TOOMEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 818. A bill to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent furloughs by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 819. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a program of mental health care and rehabilitation for veterans for service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or a related substance use disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 820. A bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COWAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 821. A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish in the Department of Agriculture a Healthy Food Financing Initiative; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 822. A bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 823. A bill to authorize the appropriation of $500,000,000 for fiscal year 2014 to provide grants to States for surface transportation projects of national and regional significance; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 824. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 825. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DURBIN)):

S. 826. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 827. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 828. A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 829. A bill to improve the financial literacy of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 830. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify and confirm the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites for the discharge of dredged or fill material; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 831. A bill to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2017, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DONNELLY:

S. 832. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out pilot programs on furnishing case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam veterans and certain Korea service veterans born with spina bifida and children of women Vietnam veterans born with certain birth defects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 833. A bill to amend subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to provide education for homeless children and youths, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 834. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 835. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COWAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. WARREN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 836. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CASEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 837. A bill to expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 838. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 839. A bill to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 840. A bill to recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at eligible schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 841. A bill to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 842. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 843. A bill to limit the amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies for a 6-month period; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 844. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to support the community schools model; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 845. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 846. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to permit leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent who has a serious health condition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 847. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date on which the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 848. A bill to promote transparency by permitting the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to allow its disciplinary proceedings to be open to the public, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 849. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. KIRK, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 850. A bill to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as Board constituting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues a decision on the constitutionality of the appointments to the Board made in January 2012, or the adjournment sine die of the first session of the 113th Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 851. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 852. A bill to improve health care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs by increasing access to complementary and alternative medicine and other approaches to wellness and preventive care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TOOMEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 853. A bill to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 854. A bill to improve student academic achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics subjects; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 855. A bill to increase the portion of community development block grants that may be used to provide public services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S.J. Res. 14. A joint resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to designate the last Friday in April as Arbor Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. COWAN, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 115. A resolution commending the heroism, courage, and sacrifice of Sean Collier, an officer in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Police Department, Martin Richard, an 8-year-old resident of Dorchester, Massachusetts, Krystle Campbell, a native of Medford, Massachusetts, Lu Lingzi, a student at Boston University, and all the victims who are recovering from injuries caused by the attacks in Boston, Massachusetts, including Richard Donohue, Jr., an officer in the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Transit Police Department; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 116. A resolution designating September 26, 2013, as "National Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 117. A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. Res. 118. A resolution supporting the designation of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BROWN)):

S. Res. 119. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LEAHY (for Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. GRASSLEY)):

S. Res. 120. A resolution supporting the mission and goals of 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of, and services available to assist, victims and survivors of crime in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 121. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2013, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day"; considered and agreed to

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. REID, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 122. A resolution recognizing the historic significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 123. A resolution congratulating the University of Minnesota women's ice hockey team on winning its second straight National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Ice Hockey Championship; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 124. A resolution to authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 125. A resolution designating April 30, 2013, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 126. A resolution recognizing the teachers of the United States for their contributions to the development and progress of our country; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 127. A resolution commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the loss of the State symbol of New Hampshire, the Old Man of the Mountain; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 123

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that the coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in Exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to assist States in providing voluntary high-quality universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 534, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 541

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 675

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to prohibit contracting with the enemy.

S. 728

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 728, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 751

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 751, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 790

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 790, a bill to require the United States International Trade Commission to recommend temporary duty suspensions and reductions to Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 794

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 794, a bill to prevent an increase in flight delays and cancellations, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 794, supra.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to address equity capital requirements for financial institutions, bank holding companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and for other purposes.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to improve compliance with mine and occupational safety and health laws, and empower workers to raise safety concerns, prevent future mine and other workplace tragedies, and establish rights of families of victims of workplace accidents, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 15, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Chained Consumer Price Index should not be used to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veterans benefits, or to increase the tax burden on low- and middle-income taxpayers.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2013, at 8:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate subcommittee hearing on April 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 25, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2013, at 2 p.m., to hold a East Asia and Pacific Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Rebalance to Asia II: Security and Defense: Cooperation and Challenges."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 360. An act to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley to commemorate the lives they lost 50 years ago in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where these 4 little Black girls' ultimate sacrifice served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

H.R. 1071. An act to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in the production of the National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative coins.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 10:31 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 11:30 a.m.

AT 11:30 A.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER called the Senate to order.

MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 743) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745, proposed by Mr. DURBIN, to amendment No. 741, proposed by Mr. REID for Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr.

DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. HEITKAMP), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Ms. COLLINS asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for her to propose an amendment (Numbered 771).

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL PEDIATRIC BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mrs. FISCHER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 116) designating September 26, 2013, as "National Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day", submitted today by Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 743.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 753).

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 751).

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 767).

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 766).

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. HATCH asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose the following amendments on behalf of the following Senators: Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING), amendment No. 744 or amendment No. 771; Ms. AYOTTE, amendment No. 759, as modified; Mr. COATS, amendment No. 765; Mr. THUNE, amendment No. 764 or amendment No. 778; Mr. COBURN, amendment No. 753; Mr. COBURN, amendment No. 767; Mr. THUNE, amendment No. 743; Mr. LEE (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE), amendment No. 768; Ms. AYOTTE, amendment No. 763; Mr. HATCH, amendment No. 754; Mr. PORTMAN, amendment No. 772; Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. AYOTTE), amendment No. 794; Mr. COATS, amendment No. 797; Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. COATS, and Ms. AYOTTE), amendment No. 792; Mr. PAUL, amendment No. 755; an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ; and Ms. AYOTTE, amendment No. 776.

Mr. HATCH further asked unanimous consent that there be a limitation of one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each amendment; and that, upon conclusion of debate on each amendment, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose the following amendments on behalf of the following Senators: Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING), amendment No. 771; Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. JOHANNS), amendment No. 740; Mr. HATCH, amendment No. 754; that no second-degree amendment be in order to an amendment prior to its vote; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the proponents and opponents on each amendment; and that, upon conclusion of debate on each amendment, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment.

After debate,

Mr. WYDEN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 5:35 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on pending bill S. 743; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013; that amendment No. 745 then be withdrawn; that the Senate then vote in relation to amendment No. 741; that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote thereon; and that, upon disposition of the amendment, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments until 4 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the pending bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 63, nays... 30

[Rollcall Vote No. 111 Leg.]

YEAS --- 63

Alexander, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 30

Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Crapo, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Merkley, Murkowski, Paul, Risch,

Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Shaheen, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 601

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 601) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 601:

HARRY REID, BARBARA BOXER, TOM CARPER, TOM HARKIN, JAY ROCKEFELLER, PATRICK LEAHY, DEBBIE STABENOW, CHRIS COONS, CHUCK SCHUMER, BILL NELSON, BEN CARDIN, JON TESTER, MARY LANDRIEU, MARK BEGICH, JOE MANCHIN, DICK DURBIN, MARK PRYOR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that, following disposition of bill S. 743 on Monday, May 6, 2013, as pursuant to the order of today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 601.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board; that there 1 hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

REDUCING FLIGHT DELAYS ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HAGAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 853) to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TOOMEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. HELLER), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR CONDITIONAL CONSIDERATION OF A HOUSE BILL INDENTICAL TO BILL S. 853

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, if the Senate receives from the House of Representatives for concurrence a bill identical to the language of bill S. 853, as passed, said House bill be considered read three times and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 118) supporting the designation of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month, submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. JOHANNS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF WORLD MALARIA DAY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 119) supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, submitted today by Mr. COONS for Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BROWN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND GOALS OF 2013 NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 120) supporting the mission and goals of 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of, and services available to assist, victims and survivors of crime in the United States, submitted today by Mr. LEAHY for Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF "SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 121) expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2013, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day", submitted today by Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF CINCO DE MAYO

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 122) recognizing the historic significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo, submitted today by Mr. MARK UDALL (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. REID, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CRUZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 123) congratulating the University of Minnesota women's ice hockey team on winning its second straight National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Ice Hockey Championship, submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 124) to authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "DIA DE LOS NINOS: CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 125) designating April 30, 2013, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans", submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. LAUTENBERG), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the majority leader had reappointed Steve Zink, of Nevada, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY PANEL ON THE GOVERNANCE OF THE NUCLEAR SECURITY ENTERPRISE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to the provisions of section 3166 of Public Law 112-239, had appointed Michael R. Anastasio, of New Mexico, to be a member of the Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY COMMITTEE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 111-5 had appointed the following individual to the Health Information Technology Policy Committee: Dr. Scott Gottlieb, of Connecticut.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2013, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013; that, on Monday, May 6, 2013, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That the order of today be modified such that the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 743 at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013; that time for debate thereon, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, then be considered concluded; and that the remaining

provisions of the order of today remain in effect.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:41 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 11:30:26 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 26, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 12:00:46 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013

Mr. CARL LEVIN, from the State of Michigan, called the Senate to order at 10:00:55 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 30, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CARL LEVIN, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. LEVIN took the chair.

REQUESTING THE RETURN OF PAPERS ON BILL S. 853

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the Senate request the return from the House of Representatives of the papers on the bill (S. 853) so that the Secretary of the Senate may make corrections in the engrossment of said bill, as pursuant to the authority of the order of January 3, 2013.

REDUCING FLIGHT DELAYS ACT

Subsequently (on today, during adjournment),

The bill (H.R. 1765) to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes, having been received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013, and being identical to the language of bill S. 853, as passed, was deemed read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013,

At 10:01:50 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, April 25, 2013, until 2 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2013.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013

Mr. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV, from the State of West Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2:00:03 p.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, May 3, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013,

At 2:00:32 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, April 25, 2013, until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 30, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that pursuant to section 13101 of the HITECH Act (Public Law 111-5), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER had appointed the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the HIT Policy Committee: Mrs. Gayle Harrell of Stuart, Florida.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of April 25, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 30, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House had passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1765. An act to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Clerk of the House be directed to return to the Senate the bill (S. 853) to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes, in compliance with a request of the Senate for the return thereof.

The message further announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1765. An act to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bill was signed on April 30, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 856. A bill to foster stability in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 857. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to permit leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent who has a serious health condition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 858. A bill to provide for an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 859. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to provide for the conducts of activities to detect, and respond in a timely manner to, threats to animal health; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. COWAN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 860. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve energy programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 861. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide guidance and clarification regarding issuing new and renewal permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 862. A bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 863. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal time limitations on the eligibility for use of educational assistance under All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, to improve veterans education outreach, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RISCH, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MORAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 864. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REED, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 865. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 866. A bill to make improvements to the transitional program covered business method patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 867. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the Medicare prescription drug program, to establish basic audit standards of pharmacies, to further transparency of payment methodology to pharmacies, and to provide for recoupment returns to Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 128. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that supporting seniors and individuals with disabilities is an important responsibility of the United States, and that a comprehensive approach to expanding and supporting a strong home care workforce and making long-term services and supports affordable and accessible in communities is necessary to uphold the right of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the United States to a dignified quality of life; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 129. A resolution recognizing the significance of May 2013 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 85

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] were added as cosponsors of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 278

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 278, a bill to replace the Budget Control Act sequester for fiscal year 2013 by eliminating tax loopholes.

S. 345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care for their children.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 617, a bill to provide humanitarian assistance and support a democratic transition in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 679

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 679, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 689, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 690

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 690, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 692

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 692, a bill to rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use the funds to reduce the Federal debt.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 724, a bill to provide flexibility to agencies on determining what employees are essential personnel in implementing the sequester.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 754

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 754, a bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to include farmed shellfish as specialty crops.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 777

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to restore the previous policy regarding restrictions on use of Department of Defense medical facilities.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 792

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 792, a bill to strengthen the enforcement of background checks with respect to the use of explosive materials.

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 792, supra.

S. 810

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 810, a bill to require a pilot program on an online computerized assessment to enhance detection of behaviors indicating a risk of suicide and other mental health conditions in members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. TESTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, supra.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 827

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 827, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes.

S. 828

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 828, a bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to limit the amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies for a 6-month period.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 10, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 13, a joint resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to designate July 26 as United States Intelligence Professionals Day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 69

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 69, a resolution calling for the protections of religious minority rights and freedoms in the Arab world.

SENATE RESOLUTION 91

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 91, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week.

SENATE RESOLUTION 126

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 126, a resolution recognizing the teachers of the United States for their contributions to the development and progress of our country.

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 126, supra.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 126, supra.

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 126, supra.

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 126, supra.

At the request of Mr. COONS, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 126, supra.

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 126, supra.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 527. An act to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 527. An act to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ORDER FOR VOTE RELATIVE TO BILL S. 743

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the final 20 minutes prior to the vote in relation to amendment No. 741 to the bill (S. 743) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes, at 5:30 p.m. on today, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013, be equally divided and controlled for debate between proponents and opponents of said amendment; and that the opponents control the first 10 minutes therein, and the proponents control the second 10 minutes therein.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 601

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 601) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, April 25, 2013, be withdrawn; that, at 2:15 p.m. on tomorrow, the motion to proceed be agreed to; and that the Senate then proceed to consider said bill.

Pending debate

MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the bill (S. 743) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745, proposed by Mr. DURBIN, to amendment No. 741, proposed by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. HEITKAMP), to the bill.

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 745 to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013,

The pending amendment was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 741 to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 70, nays... 24

[Rollcall Vote No. 112 Leg.]

YEAS --- 70

Alexander, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 24

Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Coburn, Cruz, Flake, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Merkley, Murkowski, Paul, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Shaheen, Tester, Toomey, Vitter, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. CRUZ objected.

MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 743.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 69, nays... 27

[Rollcall Vote No. 113 Leg.]

YEAS --- 69

Alexander, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins,

Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 27

Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Coburn, Crapo, Cruz, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Merkley, Murkowski, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Shaheen, Tester, Toomey, Vitter, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 7, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SYRIA -- PM 9

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency, unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the actions of the Government of Syria declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004—as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, Executive Order 13460 of February 13, 2008, Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011, Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011, Executive Order 13582 of August 17, 2011, Executive Order 13606 of April 22, 2012, and Executive Order 13608 of May 1, 2012—is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2013.

While the Syrian regime has reduced the number of foreign fighters bound for Iraq, the regime's brutal war on the Syrian people, who have been calling for freedom and a representative government, endangers not only the Syrian people themselves, but could yield greater instability throughout the region. The Syrian regime's actions and policies, including pursuing chemical and biological weapons, supporting terrorist organizations, and obstructing the Lebanese government's ability to function effectively, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect the national emergency declared with respect to this threat and to maintain in force the sanctions to address this national emergency.

In addition, the United States condemns the Assad regime's use of brutal violence and human rights abuses and calls on the Assad regime to stop its violent war and step aside to allow a political transition in Syria that will forge a credible path to a future of greater freedom, democracy, opportunity, and justice.

The United States will consider changes in the composition, policies, and actions of the Government of Syria in determining whether to continue or terminate this national emergency in the future.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 7, 2013.*

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-9. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging Congress to maintain operation of the

179th Airlift Wing at Mansfield-Lahm Regional Airport in Mansfield, Ohio; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, The United States Air Force 179th Airlift Wing is a military airlift organization assigned to the Ohio Air National Guard and stationed at Mansfield-Lahm Regional Airport; and

Whereas, Due to its superior record, the 179th Airlift Wing received a mission to operate the C-27J Spartan aircraft, a twin turboprop aircraft with short takeoff and landing capabilities, ideal for the nation's current military needs and for providing rapid response support for homeland emergencies; and

Whereas, The United States Air Force has published proposed personnel actions associated with plans to retire more than 300 aircraft nationwide, including the C-27J; and

Whereas, The United States Air Force has plans to move personnel positions among states to mitigate the impact of the reductions; and

Whereas, The United States Air National Guard, including the 179th Airlift Wing, is responsible for homeland defense, and the C-27J is an important tool in accomplishing this mission; and

Whereas, The 179th Airlift Wing has made United States Air National Guard history by deploying the C-27J in Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas, Closing the Air National Guard Station at Mansfield-Lahm, relocating its personnel, and diverting or retiring its C-27J aircraft would create discontinuity and weaken national defense and homeland disaster readiness; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States is urged to maintain operation of the 179th Airlift Wing at Mansfield-Lahm Regional Airport to ensure Ohio and our nation will continue to benefit from the unique experience and capabilities of its personnel and the region; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio.

POM-10. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico urging Congress to reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, section 5056, and to appropriate sufficient funds to carry out the purposes of the act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

Whereas, the Rio Grande basin spans the territory of three states, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas, and twenty-two Native American tribes and pueblos and is one of the most rapidly growing areas in the United States; and

Whereas, the Rio Grande runs the entire length of New Mexico, for more than four hundred fifty river-miles, and major tributaries to the Rio Grande are located in New Mexico, including the Pecos river, the Rio Chama, the Jemez river and the Rio Puerco, and many other smaller tributaries too numerous to list; and

Whereas, the Rio Grande mainstem and tributaries provide a renewable water supply for irrigation and drinking water and support nationally significant ecosystems for fish and wildlife and renowned tourism destinations; and

Whereas, the water quality of the Rio Grande and the Pecos river and other tributaries is impaired, in part, by high concentrations of dissolved salts and elevated levels of bacteria that can limit available water supply for municipal and agricultural use; and

Whereas, the Rio Grande and Pecos watersheds in New Mexico have the highest total number of New Mexico species of greatest conservation need across all taxa and are predicted to contain some of the greatest diversity of aquatic species of greatest conservation need; and

Whereas, water quality, supply, conveyance and delivery; ecosystem degradation; and flooding are major issues in the Rio Grande basin in New Mexico, and state and local funding to address these issues is inadequate; and

Whereas, while the United States army corps of engineers has nationwide watershed assessment and construction authorities to study problems, recommend solutions and construct projects to restore the health of rivers, all Rio Grande basin projects must compete nationally for these limited federal funds; and

Whereas, the United States congress and president of the United States established a Rio Grande basin-specific funding authority in the Water Resource Development Act of 2007 under Section 5056, called the Rio Grande environmental management program, which authorized federal funding of up to fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) annually for the Rio Grande mainstem and tributaries and directed the secretary of the army to rehabilitate and enhance fish and wildlife habitat in partnership with local sponsors and to implement long-term monitoring, data collection and analysis, applied research and adaptive management; and

Whereas, the Rio Grande environmental management program authority expired in September 2011 before any funds could be appropriated to carry out the program, and congress is considering draft language for the next water resource development act; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico that congress be requested to reauthorize Section 5056 of the Water Resource Development Act of 2007 and to appropriate sufficient funds to carry out work related to that legislation; and be it further

Resolved that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the president of the United States, the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, the commanding general of the United States army corps of engineers, the assistant secretary of the army (civil works), the district commander of the United States army corps of engineers, Albuquerque district, and the chair of the president's council on environmental quality.

POM-11. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico requesting Congress to continue funding its appropriate share of the costs associated with the benefits received by Indian tribes and the United States, as trustee, from settling Indian water rights disputes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 22

Whereas, the United States government has a trust responsibility to American Indians established through treaties and agreements with Indian tribes and affirmed by the United States supreme court; and

Whereas, Indian tribes gave up lands in return for goods, money and other resources promised by the United States government; and

Whereas, in exchange for taking Indian land and Indian resources, the United States made binding legal agreements that tribes would exercise sovereign authority within their reservation boundaries and be funded in perpetuity by the United States government; and

Whereas, pursuant to the trust responsibility, the United States has a legal obligation to protect Indian tribes' assets and provide needed services to Indian people; and

Whereas, the United States supreme court, in Winters v. United States, established that, when the United States government established reservations for Indian tribes, it also, by implication, reserved appurtenant water, then unappropriated, to the extent needed to satisfy both present and future needs of the reservations; and

Whereas, the United States government has supported settlement negotiations that are consistent with its trust responsibilities to Indian tribes in the Aamodt, Taos and Navajo Nation water rights settlements; and

Whereas, the Aamodt, Taos and Navajo Nation water rights settlements contain appropriate funding and cost-sharing by the United States government proportionate to the benefits received by all parties benefiting from the settlements; and

Whereas, continuing to provide adequate funding for pending Indian water rights disputes in the same cost-sharing proportions as past Indian water rights settlements provides certainty for all stakeholders; and

Whereas, the New Mexico legislature created the Indian water rights settlement fund to aid the implementation of the state's portion of Indian water rights settlements based on the cost-sharing proportions of the Aamodt, Taos and Navajo Nation water rights settlements; and

Whereas, the fund is used to pay the state's portion of the cost necessary to implement Indian water rights settlements approved by the legislature and the United States congress; and

Whereas, there are still pending Indian water rights disputes in New Mexico that need to be settled to satisfy both present and future water needs of the Indian tribes, nations and pueblos of New Mexico; and

Whereas, the New Mexico legislature requires continued full funding and cost-sharing by the United States government to reach settlements in the pending Indian water rights disputes in New Mexico; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico that congress be requested to provide full funding to cover the costs associated with the benefits received by Indian tribes and the United States, as trustee, in the same cost-sharing proportions as the Aamodt, Taos and Navajo Nation water rights settlements; and be it further

Resolved that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the United States senate, the New Mexico congressional delegation, the assistant secretary for Indian affairs of the department of the interior and the state engineer.

POM-12. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico requesting reauthorization of the Federal Violence Against Women Act 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 34

Whereas, the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994 recognizes the insidious and pervasive nature of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and created comprehensive, effective cost-saving responses to these crimes; and

Whereas, domestic violence and sexual assault affect millions of Americans every year regardless of their age, economic status, race, religion or education; and

Whereas, nearly one in four women is beaten or raped by a partner during adulthood, and each year approximately two million three hundred thousand people are raped or physically assaulted by a current or former intimate partner; and

Whereas, New Mexico law enforcement identified twenty-one thousand three hundred sixty-eight victims of domestic violence in 2011 and six thousand two hundred nineteen children who were present and witnessed domestic violence; and

Whereas, New Mexico receives approximately one million two hundred thousand dollars ($1,200,000) in funding for domestic violence, teen dating violence, sexual assault and stalking program services through the Violence Against Women Act; and

Whereas, it has been more than two years since the Violence Against Women Act expired; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Mexico that it encourage the New Mexico congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., to immediately vote in favor of reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 in a bipartisan manner to protect all victims of intimate partner violence; and be it further

Resolved that copies of this memorial be transmitted to each member of the New Mexico congressional delegation and to the chief clerks of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

POM-13. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee urging the United States Congress to adopt a balanced budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 38

Whereas, with each passing year our nation falls further into debt as federal government expenditures repeatedly exceed available revenue; and

Whereas, the annual federal budget has risen to unprecedented levels, demonstrating an unwillingness or inability of both the Legislative and Executive branches of federal government to control the federal debt; and

Whereas, knowledgeable planning and fiscal prudence require that the budget reflect all federal spending and that the budget be in balance; and

Whereas, fiscal discipline is a powerful means for strengthening our nation; with less of America's future financial resources channeled into servicing the national debt, more of our tax dollars would be available for public endeavors that reflect our national priorities, such as education, health, the security of our nation, and the creation of jobs; and

Whereas, Thomas Jefferson recognized the importance of a balanced budget when he wrote: "The question whether one generation has the right to bind another by the deficit it imposes is a question of such consequence as to place it among the fundamental principles of government. We should consider ourselves unauthorized to saddle posterity with our debts, and morally bound to pay for them ourselves."; and

Whereas, state legislatures overwhelmingly recognize the necessity of maintaining a balanced budget; whether through constitutional requirement or by statute, forty-nine states require a balanced budget; and

Whereas, the federal government's unlimited ability to borrow involves decisions of such magnitude, with such potentially profound consequences for the nation and its people, today and in the future, that it is of vital importance to the future of the United States of America that a balanced budget be adopted on an annual basis; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives concurring, that we hereby strongly urge the United States Congress to adopt a balanced federal budget on an annual basis, and be it further

Resolved, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.

POM-14. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Legislature of Toa Alta, Puerto Rico relative to urging the President and the Congress of the United States of America to act on the results from the November 6, 2012 plebiscite by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which would assure democratic justice for 3.7 million U.S. citizens; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-15. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth requesting the Governor of the North Marinas Islands appoint a special representative for 902 Talks to discuss matters that are currently affecting the relationship between the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-16. A resolution adopted by the Conservation Federation of Missouri relative to appropriating funds for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-17. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Monterey, California relative to supporting ratification of the United Nations Convention on the

Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-18. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth requesting the United States Congress to officially acknowledge the Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as Native Americans and to include the Chamorro and Carolinian people in definitions set forth under 25 U.S.C. Chapter 14, Subchapter II, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance, Section 450(b)(e); to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 868. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 869. A bill to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 870. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 871. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 872. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 873. A bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to implement a drug testing program for applicants for and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. COATS):

S. 874. A bill to prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 875. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the reporting of cases of infectious diseases at facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 876. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 877. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to allow public access to research of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 878. A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 879. A bill to support State and tribal government efforts to promote research and education related to maple syrup production, natural resource sustainability in the maple syrup industry, market production of maple products, and greater access to lands containing maple trees for maple-sugaring activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL)):

S. 880. A bill to amend title 23 and 49, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to the length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 881. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for the costs of certain infertility treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 882. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 883. A bill to reform and modernize domestic refugee resettlement programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 884. A bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to develop a watch list and a priority watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to United States trade secrets or proprietary information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 885. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 886. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 887. A bill to repeal the violation of sovereign nations' laws and privacy matters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 888. A bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the

Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; read the first time.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 889. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 890. A bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 130. A resolution designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2013, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 33

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes.

S. 62

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 62, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions and to make additional contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 123

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, supra.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 413

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include human trafficking as a part 1 violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish an award program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in prekindergarten through higher education.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms.

S. 545

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to provide humanitarian assistance and support a democratic transition in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 650

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health

Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

S. 679

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 679, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 717

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 717, a bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements.

S. 728

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 728, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 754

At the request of Mr. COWAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 754, a bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to include farmed shellfish as specialty crops.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 777

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 777, a bill to restore the previous policy regarding restrictions on use of Department of Defense medical facilities.

S. 790

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to require the United States International Trade Commission to recommend temporary duty suspensions and reductions to Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. KIRK, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to address equity capital requirements for financial institutions, bank holding companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and for other purposes.

S. 809

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 809, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, supra.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, supra.

At the request of Mr. COONS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, supra.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 845, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 850, a bill to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as Board constituting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues a decision on the constitutionality of the appointments to the Board made in January 2012, or the adjournment sine die of the first session of the 113th Congress.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 126

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 126, a resolution recognizing the teachers of the United States for their contributions to the development and progress of our country.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FRANKEN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2013, at 10:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Border Security: Examining Provisions in the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S. 744)."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, PRODUCT SAFETY, AND INSURANCE

The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Credit Reports: What Accuracy and Errors Mean for Consumers."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Forces be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY

The Joint Committee on the Library be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2013, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 291. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota.

H.R. 507. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 588. An act to provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 32. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 672(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239), the Minority Leader appoints the following individuals to the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: Mr. Christopher Carney of Dimock, Pennsylvania and General Peter W. Chiarelli of Seattle, Washington.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 291. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 507. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 25, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:42 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 601

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motion to proceed to consider bill S. 601 was agreed to.

Whereupon,

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 601) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mrs. BOXER withdrew the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. VITTER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 799, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That there be a period of only debate until 5:30 p.m.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 799 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That there be a period of only debate until 6:30 p.m.; and that the majority leader, or his designee, then be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 799 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That, at 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate resume consideration of pending bill S. 601; and that the following amendments be in order to be proposed to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute):

An amendment (Numbered 804), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN, relative to ammunition;

An amendment (Numbered 805), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN, relative to the Army Corps lands and guns; and

An amendment (Numbered 803), intended to be proposed by Mr. WHITEHOUSE, relative to oceans.

Ordered further, That no amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes in relation thereto; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the amendments; that Mr. COBURN control 40 minutes of the time of the minority therein; that, at 2 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that, upon disposition of the aforementioned amendments, amendment No. 799 (in the nature of a substitute), as may be amended, be agreed to and considered original text for purpose of further amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 799 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

RELATIVE TO SIZE OF CERTAIN COMMEMORATIVE COINS

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1071) to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in the production of the National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative coins, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, April 25, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOSS OF THE OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 127) commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the loss of the State symbol of New Hampshire, the Old Man of the Mountain.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT WEEK"

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 130) designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2013, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week", submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 888) to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, introduced today by Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. WARNER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BROWN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF ESCORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the PRESIDENT of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the Her Excellency Park Geun-hye, President of South Korea, into the Chamber of the House of Representatives for a joint meeting, at 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 10 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate recess until 11:30 a.m. for a joint meeting of Congress with the President of the Republic of South Korea.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate reconvenes, it resume consideration of bill S. 601, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 6:50 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the

Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 8, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 888) to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, introduced on yesterday by Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. WARNER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1378. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Liquidity and Funding" (RIN3052-AC54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1379. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Additions in Wisconsin" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0075), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1380. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updates to the List of Plant Inspection Stations" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0099), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1381. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dinotefuran; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 9384-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1382. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9384-3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1383. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Data Requirements for Antimicrobial Pesticides" (FRL No. 8886-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1384. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Carol M. Pottenger, United States Navy Reserves, and her advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1385. A communication from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Report to Congress on Vulnerability Assessments for Fiscal Year 2012 and Military Construction Requirements for the Then-Current Future Years Defense Plan"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1386. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Report to Congress on Sustainable Ranges"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1387. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1388. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 Statement on System of Internal Controls, audited financial statements, Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, and Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1389. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Kuwait; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1390. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1391. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Order Imposing Recordkeeping and Reporting Obligations on Certain U.S. Financial Institutions with Respect to Transactions Involving Halawi Exchange Co. as a Financial Institution of Primary Money Laundering Concern" (RIN1506-AA63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1392. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Order Imposing Recordkeeping and Reporting Obligations on Certain U.S. Financial Institutions with Respect to Transactions Involving Kassem Rmeiti and Co. for Exchange as a Financial Institution of Primary Money Laundering Concern" (RIN1506-AA63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1393. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1394. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1395. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identity Theft Red Flags Rules" (RIN3235-AL26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1396. A communication from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 management reports; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1397. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the North Slope Science Initiative; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1398. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1399. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Segregation of Lands - Renewable Energy" (RIN1004-AE19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1400. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide: Draft Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Class VI Well Plugging, Post-Injection Site Care, and Site Closure Guidance"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1401. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada" (FRL No. 9806-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1402. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances--Fire Suppression and Explosion Protection" (FRL No. 9800-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1403. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule: Revision to Best Available Monitoring Method Request Submission Deadline for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems Source Category" (FRL No. 9806-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1404. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule on Ethoxylated, Propoxylated Diamine Diaryl Substituted Phenylmethane Ester with Alkenylsuccinate, Dialkylethanolamine Salt" (FRL No. 9885-1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1405. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Georgia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9806-9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1406. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds from Stationary Sources" (FRL No. 9808-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1407. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Approval of Texas Low Emission Diesel Fuel Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9808-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1408. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Consent Decree Requirements" (FRL No. 9809-1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1409. A communication from the Acting United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report relative to the inclusion of Japan in the ongoing negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1410. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Relief from the Anti-cutback Requirements of 411(d)(6) for Certain ESOP Amendments" (Notice 2013-17), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1411. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report concerning military assistance and military exports, including defence articles and defense services which where licensed for export under Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended (OSS-2013-0590); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1412. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-053, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1413. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-033, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1414. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-052); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1415. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-060); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 891. A bill to increase the employment of Americans by requiring State workforce agencies to certify that employers are actively recruiting Americans and that Americans are not qualified or available to fill the positions that the employer wants to fill with H-2B nonimmigrants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 892. A bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 893. A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 894. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend expiring authority for work-study allowances for individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand such authority to certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 895. A bill to improve the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to study the use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 896. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 897. A bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013-2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 898. A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 899. A bill to establish a position of Science Laureate of the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 900. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to regulate payroll tax deposit agents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 901. A bill to protect State and local witnesses from tampering and retaliation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 902. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply the provisions of the Act to certain Congressional staff and members of the executive branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. REED)):

S. 903. A bill to clarify State of residence requirements for aliens and nonimmigrant requirements for purposes of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 904. A bill to minimize the economic and social costs resulting from losses of life, property, well-being, business activity, and economic growth associated with extreme weather events by ensuring that the United States is more resilient to the impacts of extreme weather events in the short- and long-term, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 905. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to enhance existing programs providing mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 906. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 907. A bill to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

S. 908. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 909. A bill to amend the Federal Direct Loan Program under the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for student loan affordability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 910. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. Res. 131. A resolution recommending the designation of a Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate the successes and shortcomings of the implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to provide policy recommendations, and to report back to Congress within one year; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. Res. 132. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Department of Defense request for domestic Base Realignment and Closure authority in 2015 and 2017 is neither affordable nor feasible as of the date of agreement to this resolution and that the Department of Defense must further analyze the capability to consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and increase efficiencies by relocating missions from overseas to domestic installations prior to requesting domestic Base Realignment and Closure authority; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURR, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Res. 133. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 134. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that all incidents of abusive, unsanitary, or illegal health care practices should be condemned and prevented and the perpetrators should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 131

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 131, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes.

S. 273

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 273, a bill to modify the definition of fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 427

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 427, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch

and breakfast programs, and for other purposes.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

S. 548

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve and enhance the capabilities of the Armed Forces to prevent and respond to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to establish a fund to make payments to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:08-CV-00487 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 710

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 710, a bill to provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 837

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 837, a bill to expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 845, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 867

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 867, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the Medicare prescription drug program, to establish basic audit standards of pharmacies, to further transparency of payment methodology to pharmacies, and to provide for recoupment returns to Medicare.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 877

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 877, a bill to require the Secretary of

Veterans Affairs to allow public access to research of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 886

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 888

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 888, a bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to hold a hearing entitled, "The Role of Immigrants in America's Innovation Economy."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2013, at 10 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Curbing Federal Agency Waste and Fraud: New Steps to Strengthen the Integrity of Federal Payments."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 8, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 106 Dirksen Senate Office building to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem for Minority Women."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland of the Armed Services Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME AND TERRORISM

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 8, 2013, at 9 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Cyber Threats: Law Enforcement and Private Sector Responses."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Role of the Private Sector in Preparedness and Emergency Response."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommitte on Seapower of the Armed Services Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Senate Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 6:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1071. An act to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in the production of the National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative coins.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 9:59 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed until 11:30 a.m.

AT 11:31 A.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) called the Senate to order.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 601) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 799 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. COCHRAN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title II, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 805).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 799 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. COWAN, and Mr. SCHUMER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 803).

Mr. WHITEHOUSE requested the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to his pending amendment.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 803 to amendment No. 799 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 805 to amendment No. 799 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The hour of 2 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 56, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 115 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 43

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday).

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 803 to amendment No. 799 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 68, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 116 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HATCH,

Ordered, That on rollcall Vote No. 116, his vote be changed from yea to nay, thus changing the result to yeas 67, nays 32.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 799 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to, and considered original text for purpose of further amendment.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following amendments next be in order to be proposed to the pending bill, as amended:

An amendment (Numbered 800), intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUNT;

An amendment (Numbered 806), intended to be proposed by Mr. PRYOR;

An amendment (Numbered 835), intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE.

Ordered further, That no amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes in relation thereto.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 25

Mr. WARNER asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. WARNER further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 133) expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices, submitted today, and at the desk; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution and accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. BLUMENTHAL asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding all incidents of abusive, unsanitary, or illegal health care practices, the text of which is at the desk; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution and accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. LEE objected.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 601.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of today, it be in order for Mr. BROWN to propose an amendment (Numbered 813); that the amendment be modified; that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to a vote in relation thereto; that, at 5:45 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, as modified; and that other provisions of the order of today remain in effect.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. PORTMAN) to further amend the pending bill in title V, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 813).

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. BROWN modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 813, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BROWN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 95, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 117 Leg.]

YEAS --- 95

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of today, it be in order to propose the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; and that each be modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JOHANNS, and Mr. KING), amendment No. 801, as modified; Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN), amendment No. 806; Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. CASEY), amendment No. 835, as modified; Mr. MCCAIN, amendment No. 833; Mrs. MURRAY, amendment No. 832.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Shelly Deckert Dick, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, and Nelson Stephen Roman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ANIMAL DRUG AND ANIMAL GENERIC DRUG USER FEE REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 622) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 32) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE TEACHERS OF THE UNITED STATES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 126) recognizing the teachers of the United States for their contributions to the development and progress of our country.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 601.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. HOEVEN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:18 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Miniard Culpepper, Pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Dorchester, Massachusetts,

offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 9, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1416. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "United States Tobacco Product Exports That Do Not Conform to Tobacco Product Standards"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1417. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Program Integrity Issues" (RIN1840-AD02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1418. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program - Disability Rehabilitation Research Project" (CFDA No. 84.133A-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1419. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program - Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133E-1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1420. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1421. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wage Methodology for the Temporary Non-Agricultural Employment H-2B Program, Part 2" (RIN1615-AC02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1422. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities; Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)--College Savings Account Research Demonstration Project" (CFDA No. 84.334D), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1423. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Ensuring a Safe Food Supply"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1424. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1425. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Programs Guaranteed Loans" (RIN0575-AC92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1426. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Controlled Import Permits" ((RIN0579-AD53)(Docket No. APHIS-2008-0055)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1427. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfoxaflor; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9371-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1428. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spirotetramat; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9382-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1429. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Returns and Return Information to Designee of Taxpayer" ((RIN1545-BJ19)(TD 9618)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1430. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating of Employer Identification Numbers" ((RIN1545-BK02)(TD 9617)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1431. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Price Inflation Adjustments for Contribution Limitations Made to a Health Savings Account Pursuant to Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code" (Rev. Proc. 2013-25), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1432. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IIR-Electric Generation Assets Units of Property" (Rev. Proc. 2013-24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1433. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2010-2011 Annual Report for the Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1434. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, with respect to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1435. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1436. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1437. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1438. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA28)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0039)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1439. A communication from the Executive Director of the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency fiscal year 2012 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1440. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Stability Oversight Council 2013 annual report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 911. A bill to establish an emergency transportation safety fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 912. A bill to allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide video programming to subscribers on an a la carte basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COWAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 913. A bill to amend the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000 to reauthorize and improve that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 914. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs that are prepared by the pharmacies for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 915. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes at all levels of postsecondary enrollment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 916. A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. COWAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. KING):

S. 917. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 918. A bill to award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 919. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 920. A bill to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs.

MCCASKILL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 921. A bill to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 922. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to carry out a pilot program on providing wage subsidies to employers who employ certain veterans and members of the Armed Forces and require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on providing career transition services to young veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 923. A bill to modernize the conservation title of the Food Security Act of 1985, protect long-term taxpayer investment, increase small and midsize farmer's access to programs, and prioritize modern-day conservation needs through management practices, local engagement, and stewardship; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 924. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to enhance existing programs providing mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 925. A bill to improve the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 926. A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to include the National Guard Educational Foundation among the youth and charitable organizations eligible for National Guard assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 927. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project to assess the feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of benefits and services for veterans and to improve coordination of outreach activities relating to such benefits and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 928. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 929. A bill to impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses committed against nationals of Vietnam or their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. HIRONO):

S.J. Res. 15. A joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. Res. 135. A resolution designating the week of October 7 through October 13, 2013, as "Naturopathic Medicine Week" to recognize the value of naturopathic medicine in providing safe, effective, and affordable health care; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 136. A resolution recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty of 1953, and congratulating Park Geun-Hye on her election to the Presidency of the Republic of Korea; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 137. A resolution designating May 2013 as "Older Americans Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 138. A resolution congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 14th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be celebrated the week of May 5 through May 11, 2013; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 141

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 186

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Louisiana

[Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 186, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where the 4 little Black girls lost their lives, which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

At the request of Mr. COBURN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 186, supra.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 369

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 407

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to provide funding for construction and major rehabilitation for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 422

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 448

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040SR.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 538

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 538, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a

bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2017, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

S. 837

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 837, a bill to expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 850, a bill to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as Board constituting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues a decision on the constitutionality of the appointments to the Board made in January 2012, or the adjournment sine die of the first session of the 113th Congress.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 870

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 870, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 888

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 888, a bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

S. 890

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 890, a bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 15, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Chained Consumer Price Index should not be used to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veterans benefits, or to increase the tax burden on low- and middle-income taxpayers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 78

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 78, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 133

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 133, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Pharmaceutical Compounding: Proposed Legislative Solution" on May 9, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 9, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 9, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate office building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 9, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 9, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1406. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 1071. An act to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in the production of the National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative coins.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1406. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 601) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider (cal 33) the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 601.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 1:30 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Shelly Deckert Dick, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, and Nelson Stephen Roman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 601.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 601.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the order of yesterday be modified, such that in addition to amendment No. 800, intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUNT, the following amendments be next in order to be proposed to the pending bill, and modified, as indicated:

An amendment (Numbered 811), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. SESSIONS;

An amendment (Numbered 823), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 873), intended to be proposed by Mr. WARNER;

An amendment (Numbered 797), intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE.

Ordered further, That no amendment be in order to the aforementioned amendments prior to votes in relation thereto.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Mrs. BOXER proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. NELSON), amendment No. 800; Mr. SESSIONS, amendment No. 811, as modified; Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), amendment No. 823; Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINE), amendment No. 873.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendments, en bloc.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER.

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Marilyn B. Tavenner, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 601.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 601:

HARRY REID, BARBARA BOXER, TOM UDALL, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, MAX BAUCUS, BILL NELSON, JEANNE SHAHEEN, TOM HARKIN, AL FRANKEN, K. E. GILLIBRAND, BRIAN SCHATZ, TOM CARPER, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, JON TESTER, PATTY MURRAY, SHERROD BROWN, ROBERT P. CASEY JR., RON WYDEN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of William H. Orrick, III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy; that there be 3 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO COMMEMORATE THE LIVES LOST IN THE BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH 50 YEARS AGO

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 360) to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley to commemorate the lives they lost 50 years ago in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where these 4 little Black girls' ultimate sacrifice served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, April 25, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE STRONG BOND BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND CONGRATULATING PARK GEUN-HYE ON HER ELECTION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 136) recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty of 1953, and congratulating Park Geun-Hye on her election to the Presidency of the Republic of Korea, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. MURPHY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 137) designating May 2013 as "Older Americans Month", submitted today by Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. COONS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE IDEALS AND GOALS OF THE 14TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 138) congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 14th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be celebrated the week of May 5 through May 11, 2013, submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

COMMISSION TO ELIMINATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FATALITIES

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 112-275, had appointed the following individual to be a member of the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities: Dr. Wade F. Horn, of Maryland.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments to bill S. 601 until 4 p.m. on Monday next.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Ms. LANDRIEU.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 5:50 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2013.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 9, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 9, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 9, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1441. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2012 Annual Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Assessments from the Secretaries of Defense and Energy, the three national security laboratory directors, and the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command (DCN OSS No. 2013-0648); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1442. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Keith M. Huber, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1443. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John W. Morgan III, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1444. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1445. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to Congress on Fiscal Year 2014 Staff Years of Technical Effort and Estimated Funding for Department of Defense Federally Funded Research and Development Centers"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1446. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation for 2012"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1447. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wall Thinning Due to Erosion Mechanisms" (LR-ISG-2012-01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1448. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Content Specification and Shielding Evaluations for Type B Transportation Packages" (RIS 2013-04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1449. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1450. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 9834-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1451. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Alaska: Mendenhall Valley Nonattainment Area PM10 Limited Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request" (FRL No. 9794-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1452. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Control Techniques Guidelines and Reasonably Available Control Technology" (FRL No. 9810-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1453. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Approval of Section 110(a) (1) Maintenance Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard for the Parish of Pointe Coupee" (FRL No. 9809-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1454. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9810-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1455. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and

expenditures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2013; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-1456. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-058, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1457. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2013-0652); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1458. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0065 - 2013-0073); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1459. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment for Home Health Services and Hospice Care to Non-VA Providers" (RIN2900-AN98), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1460. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants for Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas" (RIN2900-AO01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 267. A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

H.R. 678. A bill to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

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

S. 306. A bill to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

S. 545. A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 761. A bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 930. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in cases of overpayments of educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, to deduct amounts for repayment from the last months of educational assistance entitlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 931. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 932. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 933. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 934. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding reasonable break time for nursing mothers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 935. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from requesting additional medical examinations of veterans who have submitted sufficient medical evidence provided by non-Department medical professionals and to improve the efficiency of processing certain claims for disability compensation by veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Res. 139. A resolution celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 186

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 186, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where the 4 little Black girls lost their lives, which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to

extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 345, a bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 538

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 538, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, supra.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to provide humanitarian assistance and support a democratic transition in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 631

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 631, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 643

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 643, a bill to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 675

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to prohibit contracting with the enemy.

S. 679

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 679, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 741, a bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017.

S. 777

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to restore the previous policy regarding restrictions on use of Department of Defense medical facilities.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 801

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 801, a bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to provide for crop production on native sod.

S. 806

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 806, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals under Medicare.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 907

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 907, a bill to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2013, at 3 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 807. An act to require that the Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 807. An act to require that the Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached; to the Committee on Finance.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 601; and that the time until 12 noon therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments to bill S. 601 until 11:15 a.m. on tomorrow.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:17 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013

Ms. ELIZABETH WARREN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. WARREN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 14, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ELIZABETH WARREN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. WARREN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1461. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Horses Protection Act; Requiring Horse Industry Organizations To Assess and Enforce Minimum Penalties for Violations; Correction" ((RIN0579-AD43)(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0030)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1462. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recordkeeping for Approved Livestock Facilities and Slaughtering and Rendering Establishments" ((RIN0579-AC61)(Docket No. APHIS-2007-0039)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1463. A communication from the Management Analyst, Grain Inspection,

Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Standards for Wheat" (RIN0580-AB12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1464. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice and Procedure; Adjusting Civil Money Penalties for Inflation" (RIN3052-AC87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1465. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to three violations of the Antideficiency Act occurring with the Federal Highway Administration's Highway Infrastructure Investment and TIGER Grants accounts within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1466. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to several violations of the Antideficiency Act occurring with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Administrative account, Motor Carrier Safety Grant account, and the Motor Carrier Safety Operations and Programs account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1467. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general and brigadier general, respectively, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1468. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of twelve (12) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general and brigadier general, respectively, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1469. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the training of the U.S. Special Operations Forces with friendly foreign forces during fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1470. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1471. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1472. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to blocking the property of persons contributing to the conflict taking place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1473. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency relative to the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan as declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1474. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consumer Financial Civil Penalty Fund" ((RIN3170-AA38)(Docket No. CFPB-2013-0011)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1475. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Section 232 Healthcare Facility Insurance Program - Strengthening Accountability and Regulatory Revisions Update Final Rule Amendment - Revision of Date of Applicability" (RIN2502-AJ05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1476. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contractor Legal Management Requirements; Acquisition Regulations" (RIN1990-AA37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1477. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Regulations" (RIN1024-AD99), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1478. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning operations at the Naval Petroleum Reserves for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1479. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Education Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Performance Report and Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Performance Plan"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1480. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Wood River Levee System Reconstruction project, Madison, County, Illinois; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1481. A communication from the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2012 Performance and Accountability Report of the Administrative Conference of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1482. A communication from the Chief, Washington Field Office, U. S. Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1483. A communication from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Quarterly Report for April 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1484. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1485. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Civil Rights, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of

2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1486. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-54, "Permanent Supportive Housing Application Streamlining Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1487. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-59, "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Time Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1488. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-60, "Egregious First-Time Sale to Minor Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1489. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-63, "Captive Earthquake Property Insurance Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1490. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-632, "Local Budget Autonomy Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1491. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Activities of the National Guard Counterdrug Schools for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1492. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014-2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1493. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines that were proposed by the Commission during the 2012 - 2013 amendment cycle; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1494. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Bureau of Prisons' compliance with the privatization requirements of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1495. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on applications made by the Government for authority to conduct electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence during calendar year 2012 relative to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1496. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Lorcaserin Into Schedule IV" (Docket No. DEA-369), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1497. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Hart-Scott-Rodino Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Ms. STABENOW, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. 954. An original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 936. A bill to increase oversight of small business assistance programs provided by the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 937. A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from applying disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 938. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow certain veterans to use educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for franchise training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 939. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat certain misfiled documents as motions for reconsideration of decisions by the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 940. A bill to provide grants to States to improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards, to develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts, and to improve State policies to raise graduation rates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 941. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by Federal officers and employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 942. A bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 943. A bill to establish an alternative accountability model; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 944. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 945. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to

diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LEE, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 946. A bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 947. A bill to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 948. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 949. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 950. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 951. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 952. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of church pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 953. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 954. An original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 140. A resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifices made by the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. REID, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 141. A resolution recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 214

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 382, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow

physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 425

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 463

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 463, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term "biobased product".

S. 466

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care.

S. 506

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers.

S. 538

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 538, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 755

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 755, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to apply the Medicaid primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services.

S. 764

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 764, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require the disclosure of information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 813

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. BENNET, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, supra.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 897, a bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013-2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to protect State and local

witnesses from tampering and retaliation, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 133

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 133, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Advancing Reform: Medicare Physicians Payments."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "The ADA and Entertainment Technologies: Improving Accessibility from the Movie Screen to Your Mobile Device" on May 14, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 14, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, continue its executive business meeting from May 9, 2013.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE INTERNET

The Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "State of Video."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Senate Armed Services Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE AND, INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2013, at 3:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Returning Private Capital To Mortgage Markets: A Fundamental for Housing Finance Reform."

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 601) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 2:30 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; and that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered to have begun at 12 noon on today.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:35 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 601.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mrs. BOXER asked unanimous consent that it be in order for her to propose amendments on behalf of the Senators indicated; that each be proposed, modified, as indicated, and agreed to, en bloc:

An amendment (Numbered 847), intended to be proposed by Mr. BAUCUS;

An amendment (Numbered 899), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. VITTER);

An amendment (Numbered 895), intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE;

An amendment (Numbered 894), intended to be proposed by Mr. WICKER;

An amendment (Numbered 867), intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE;

An amendment (Numbered 872), intended to be proposed by Mr. BOOZMAN;

An amendment (Numbered 912), intended to be proposed by Mr. THUNE;

An amendment (Numbered 880), intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN;

An amendment (Numbered 904), intended to be proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI;

An amendment (Numbered 884), intended to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR;

An amendment (Numbered 870), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. WYDEN;

An amendment (Numbered 911), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. COCHRAN;

An amendment (Numbered 882), intended to be proposed by Mr. CARPER;

An amendment (Numbered 903), as modified, intended to be proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI;

An amendment (Numbered 906), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN;

An amendment (Numbered 893), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEVIN;

An amendment (Numbered 898), intended to be proposed by Ms. COLLINS;

An amendment (Numbered 861), as modified, intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN;

An amendment (Numbered 907), intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM);

An amendment (Numbered 896), intended to be proposed by Mr. WYDEN.

Mrs. BOXER further asked unanimous consent that the following be the only amendments remaining in order to be proposed to the pending bill:

An amendment (Numbered 797), intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE;

An amendment (Numbered 868), intended to be proposed by Mr. BARRASSO;

An amendment (Numbered 889), intended to be proposed by Mr. SANDERS;

An amendment (Numbered 891), intended to be proposed by Mr. TIM JOHNSON;

An amendment (Numbered 888), intended to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU;

An amendment (Numbered 815), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 816), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 822), intended to be proposed by Mr. BOOZMAN;

An amendment (Numbered 866), intended to be proposed by Mr. MERKLEY;

An amendment (Numbered 853), intended to be proposed by Mr. TOM UDALL;

An amendment (Numbered 909), intended to be proposed by Mr. HOEVEN.

Mrs. BOXER further asked unanimous consent that no second-degree amendment be in order to any amendment prior to votes in relation thereto; that time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate on the amendments between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 5 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that the following amendments each receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to: amendments Nos. 889, 891, 888, and 868.

Mrs. BOXER further asked unanimous consent that, upon disposition of amendment No. 909, the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill be withdrawn; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. TOOMEY objected.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mrs. BOXER, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. BAUCUS, amendment No. 847; Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. VITTER), amendment No. 899, as modified; Mr. INHOFE, amendment No. 895; Mr. WICKER, amendment No. 894; Mr. INHOFE, amendment No. 867; Mr. BOOZMAN, amendment No. 872; Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. TIM JOHNSON), amendment No. 912; Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 880; Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH), amendment No. 904; Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN), amendment No. 884; Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL), amendment No. 870, as modified; Mr. COCHRAN, amendment No. 911, as modified; Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER), amendment No. 882; Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH), amendment No. 903, as modified; Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. LANDRIEU), amendment No. 906, as modified; Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. PORTMAN), amendment No. 893; Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mrs. SHAHEEN), amendment No. 898; Mr. CARDIN, amendment No. 861, as modified; Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. PORTMAN), amendment No. 907; Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL), amendment No. 896).

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following be the only amendments remaining in order to be proposed to the pending bill:

An amendment (Numbered 797), intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE;

An amendment (Numbered 868), intended to be proposed by Mr. BARRASSO;

An amendment (Numbered 889), intended to be proposed by Mr. SANDERS;

An amendment (Numbered 815), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 816), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 822), intended to be proposed by Mr. BOOZMAN;

An amendment (Numbered 866), intended to be proposed by Mr. MERKLEY;

An amendment (Numbered 853), intended to be proposed by Mr. TOM UDALL;

An amendment (Numbered 909), intended to be proposed by Mr. HOEVEN.

Ordered further, That no second-degree amendment be in order to any amendment prior to votes in relation thereto; that time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate on the amendments between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 5 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that the following amendments each receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to: amendments Nos. 889 and 868.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 909, the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill be withdrawn; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. HELLER) to further amend the bill on page 452, after line 14, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 868).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 889).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the order of today be modified such that, at 5 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments: amendment No. 797; amendment No. 868; and amendment No. 889; and that, upon disposition of amendment No. 889, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate resume consideration of the pending bill, as pursuant to the order of today, as modified; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that the remaining provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 889 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, and Mr. BAUCUS) to further amend the bill on page 190, after line 23, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 909).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER (for Mr. INHOFE) to further amend the bill, in title XII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 797).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 868 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 52, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 119 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 44

Baldwin, Baucus, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 889 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 56, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 120 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today.)

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 909 to the bill, as amended.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mr. WARNER asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. WARNER further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

COMMEMORATING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE DEDICATION AND SACRIFICES MADE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED OR INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 140) commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifices made by the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty, submitted today by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE GOALS OF NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK AND HONORING THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM TO THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 141) recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States, submitted today by Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. REID, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. BLUNT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 953) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REID,

Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 601, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:39 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the Acting President pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 15, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1498. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Tuscaloosa Dragon Boat Races; Black Warrior River; Tuscaloosa, AL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0190)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1499. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Miscellaneous Amendments (RRR)" (RIN2137-AE78), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1500. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Model Regulations, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, and the International Civil Aviation Organization Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air" (RIN2137-AE83), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1501. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Revision of Maximum and Minimum Civil Penalties" (RIN2137-AE96), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1502. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Miscellaneous Petitions for Rulemaking (RRR)" (RIN2137-AE79), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1503. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with International Standards (RRR)" (RIN2137-AE87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1504. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 12th Annual Saltwater Classic; Port Canaveral Harbor; Port Canaveral, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)-

(Docket No. USCG-2013-0200)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1505. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; XA The Experimental Agency Fireworks, Pier 34, East River, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0208)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1506. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Fireworks Displays in Captain of the Port Long Island Sound Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0227)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1507. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Wrightsville Beach, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1082)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1508. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Corp. Event Finale UHC, St. Thomas Harbor; St. Thomas, U.S.V.I." ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0086)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1509. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Blue Water Resort and Casino West Coast Nationals; Parker, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0095)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1510. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; V.I. Carnival Finale, St. Thomas Harbor; St. Thomas, U.S.V.I." ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0085)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1511. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Annual Fireworks Events in the Captain of the Port Buffalo Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1084)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1512. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pasquotank River; Elizabeth City, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0259)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1513. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations: Moss Point Rockin' the Riverfront Festival; Robertson Lake and O'Leary Lake; Moss Point, MS" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0015)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1514. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations: West Palm Beach Triathlon Championship, Intracoastal Waterway; West Palm Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0552)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1515. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations: Third Annual Space Coast Super Boat Grand Prix, Atlantic Ocean; Cocoa Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0071)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1516. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation: Hebda Cup Rowing Regatta, Trenton Channel; Detroit River, Wyandotte, MI" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0211)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1517. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations; North Carolina Cut, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Wrightsville Beach, NC" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0197)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1518. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Matters Incorporated by Reference" (RIN2127-AL25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1519. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization and Delegation of Duties" (RIN2127-AL44), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1520. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Self-Reporting of Out-of-State Convictions" (RIN2126-AB43), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1521. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Annual Progress Report on the National Strategy for Transportation Security"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1522. A communication from the Acting Associate General Counsel for

General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1523. A communication from the Acting Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1524. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-124 "Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1525. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residential, Business, and Wind and Solar Resource Leases on Indian Land" (RIN1076-AE73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1526. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to Congress on the Social and Economic Conditions of Native Americans: Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

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

S. 955. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 956. A bill to permanently suspend application of certain agricultural price support authority; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 957. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BENNET, Mr. VITTER, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 958. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 959. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to compounding drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 960. A bill to foster stability in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUNT:

S. 961. A bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 962. A bill to prohibit amounts made available by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 from being transferred to the Internal Revenue Service for implementation of such Acts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 963. A bill preventing an unrealistic future Medicaid augmentation plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 964. A bill to require a comprehensive review of the adequacy of the training, qualifications, and experience of the Department of Defense personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. COATS, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. LEE):

S. 965. A bill to eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 966. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 142. A resolution designating May 15, 2013, as "National MPS Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 13

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 13, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants on a competitive basis to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents.

S. 22

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to establish background check procedures for gun shows.

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr.

ALEXANDER], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering the Nation's teachers, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 655

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 655, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Labor to provide grants for Urban Jobs Programs, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 761

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

S. 762

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 762, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to improve the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 813

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 820

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the

Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013-2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 937

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 937, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from applying disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology, and for other purposes.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by Federal officers and employees, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 947

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 947, a bill to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 953, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "The Road Ahead: Advanced Vehicle Technology and Its Implications."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2013, at 9 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "U.S. Policy Toward Iran."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Performance Management and Congressional Oversight: 380 Recommendations to Reduce Overlap and Duplication to Make Washington More Efficient."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2013, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving Cross Border Resolution to Better Protect Taxpayers and the Economy."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:34 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 180. An act to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

H.R. 1580. An act to affirm the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 10. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha.

At 1:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 360. An act to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley to commemorate the

lives they lost 50 years ago in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where these 4 little Black girls' ultimate sacrifice served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1580. An act to affirm the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 953) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 601) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 909, proposed by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, and Mr. BAUCUS), to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. FLAKE) to further amend the pending bill by striking section 2030 (being amendment No. 815).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. MCCAIN) to further amend the pending bill in section 2049(b)(5), by striking subparagraph (C) (being amendment No. 816).

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 815 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 121 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 53

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heitkamp, Hirono, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 816 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 816 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 35, nays... 61

[Rollcall Vote No. 122 Leg.]

YEAS --- 35

Ayotte, Blunt, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Lee, McCain, McCaskill, Moran, Murphy, Paul, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Thune, Toomey, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 61

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Inhofe, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 909 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. BOOZMAN to further amend the pending bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 822).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 909 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. FRANKEN) to further amend the pending bill in title X, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 866).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 60, nays... 36

[Rollcall Vote No. 123 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 36

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Thune, Toomey, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 909 to the bill, as amended.

Mr. HOEVEN, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 909, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motion to bring to a close debate on the bill, as amended, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, May 9, 2013, was withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 83, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 124 Leg.]

YEAS --- 83

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 14

Ayotte, Burr, Coburn, Cornyn, Cruz, Flake, Heller, Johnson (WI), Leahy, Lee, McCain, Paul, Rubio, Scott.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of William H. Orrick, III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Marilyn B. Tavenner, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; that the time until 4:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that Mr. BAUCUS control time from 4:15 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order with no intervening action or debate; that there be two minutes for debate between the votes; that the second vote be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mr. WYDEN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. WYDEN further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 954

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on Monday, May 20, 2013, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL MPS AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 142) designating May 15, 2013, as "National MPS Awareness Day", submitted today by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mrs. BOXER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11 a.m.

on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 9, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

At 6:39 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 11 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1527. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Animal Feed and Pet Food; Electron Beam and X-Ray Sources for Irradiation of Poultry Feed and Poultry Feed Ingredients" (Docket No. FDA-2012-F-0178), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1528. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral James G. Stavridis, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1529. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; System for Award Management Name Changes, Phase 1 Implementation" ((RIN0750-AH87)(DFARS Case 2012-D053)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1530. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to recruitment incentives; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1531. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, with respect to Yemen; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1532. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Executive Compensation" (RIN2590-AA12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1533. A communication from the Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 Management Report and statement of the system of internal control; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1534. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1535. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Reducing Flight Delays Act of 2013; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-1536. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Probabilistic Fracture Mechanics Evaluation for the Boiling Water Reactor Nozzle-to-Vessel Shell Welds and Nozzle Blend Radii" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1537. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Canton-Massillon 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9812-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1538. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Sulfur Dioxide and Nitrogen Dioxide Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9811-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1539. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend" (FRL No. 9811-7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1540. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana, 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan and 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9812-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1541. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; State Implementation Plan Miscellaneous Revisions" (FRL No. 9813-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1542. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of TSCA Section 4 Testing Requirements for One High Production Volume Chemical Substance" (FRL No. 9369-1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1543. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-23), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1544. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proportional Method for OID on Pools of Credit Card Receivables" (Rev. Proc. 2013-26), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1545. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program" (RIN1840-AD13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1546. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report for fiscal year 2012 for the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1547. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "The 2012 National Healthcare Quality Report" and "The 2012 National Healthcare Disparities Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1548. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Education Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Performance Report and Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Performance Plan"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 607, A bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications (Rept. No. 113-34).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. JOHANNS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 967. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. KING):

S. 968. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 969. A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 970. A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 971. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 972. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services replacing ICD-9 with ICD-10 in implementing the HIPAA code set standards; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 973. A bill to improve the integrity and safety of interstate horseracing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 974. A bill to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 975. A bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 976. A bill to provide for education of potential military recruits on healthy body weight and to facilitate and encourage exercise in potential military recruits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 977. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that a downward adjustment of the volume of cellulosic biofuel results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels required under the Renewable Fuel Standard; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 978. A bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 979. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, to condition the receipt of certain highway funding by States on the enactment and enforcement by States of certain laws to prevent repeat intoxicated driving; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MURPHY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 980. A bill to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 981. A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 982. A bill to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking certain actions to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 983. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 984. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for United States participation in joint military exercises with Egypt if the Government of Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 985. A bill to repeal certain provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and revive the separation between commercial banking and the securities business, in the manner provided in the Banking Act of 1933, the so-called "Glass-Steagall Act", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 986. A bill to prohibit performance awards in the Senior Executive Service during sequestration periods; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 987. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 143. A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 144. A resolution concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts supporting long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Res. 145. A resolution promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2013 to bring attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations such as American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BURR, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 146. A resolution designating the week of May 12 through May 18, 2013, as "National Police Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. NELSON):

S. Res. 147. A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 148. A resolution designating May 18, 2013, as "National Kids to Parks Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 16. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 204

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold

Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 360

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 360, a bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 466

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 545

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to establish a fund to make payments to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:08-CV-00487 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 650

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 650, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 695

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., and for other purposes.

S. 701

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 701, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] were added as cosponsors of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 850, a bill to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as Board constituting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues a decision on the constitutionality of the appointments to the Board made in January 2012, or the adjournment sine die of the first session of the 113th Congress.

S. 854

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs.

SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 854, a bill to improve student academic achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics subjects.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013-2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S. 931

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 945

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 945, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 953, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 955

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 955, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act.

S. 959

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 959, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to compounding drugs.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to prohibit amounts made available by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 from being transferred to the Internal Revenue Service for implementation of such Acts.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 15, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Chained Consumer Price Index should not be used to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veterans benefits, or to increase the tax burden on low- and middle-income taxpayers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 133

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 133, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices.

SENATE RESOLUTION 139

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 139, a resolution celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 16, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 16, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 16, 2013, at 12 p.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 16, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to continue its executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 16, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room 428A Russell Senate Office building to conduct a roundtable entitled "The Impact of Mandatory E-Verify on America's Small Businesses."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 16, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND SPACE

The Subcommittee on Science and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 16, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 356. An act to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes".

H.R. 384. An act to transfer the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of the Secretary, and for other purposes.

H.R. 573. An act to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

H.R. 701. An act to amend a provision of the Securities Act of 1933 directing the Securities and Exchange Commission to add a particular class of securities to those exempted under such Act to provide a deadline for such action.

H.R. 767. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 356. An act to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 384. To transfer the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of the Secretary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 573. An act to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 701. An act to amend a provision of the Securities Act of 1933 directing the Securities and Exchange Commission to add a particular class of securities to those exempted under such Act to provide a deadline for such action; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 767. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. LEE objected.

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 25.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 133

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 133) expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution and accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL objected.

Pending debate,

FREEDOM TO FISH ACT

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COWAN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 982) to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking certain actions to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. CORKER), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Sheri Polster Chappell, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Michael J. McShane, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Mark A. Barnett, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Claire R. Kelly, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately

notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (HELSINKI)

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, had appointed the following Senator as a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 113th Congress: Mr. CHAMBLISS.

PROMOTING MINORITY HEALTH AWARENESS AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 145) promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2013 to bring attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations such as American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 146) designating the week of May 12 through May 18, 2013, as "National Police Week", submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BURR, and Mr. MENENDEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 147) recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system, submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. NELSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 148) designating May 18, 2013, as "National Kids to Parks Day", submitted today by Mr. MARK UDALL (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 16) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass, submitted today by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:07 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KAINE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 20, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 16, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 16, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 16, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate on Friday, May 17, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate :

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE STABILIZATION OF IRAQ -- PM 10

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2013.

Obstacles to the continued reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Accordingly, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 17, 2013.*

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 988. A bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 989. A bill to eliminate the prerequisite of direct appropriations relating to collection of health data and to modify standards for measuring sexual orientation and gender identity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 990. A bill to extend the Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs by 1 year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 991. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the avoidance of tax by insurance companies through reinsurance with non-taxed affiliates; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 149. A resolution designating the week of May 19 through May 25, 2013, as "National Public Works Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 420

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to longstanding regulatory rule.

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, supra.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 452, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 466

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care.

S. 520

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 520, a bill to strengthen Federal consumer protection and product traceability with respect to commercially marketed seafood, and for other purposes.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 534, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 562, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 619

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 679

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 679, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 750

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 750, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to support fire safety education programs on college campuses.

S. 751

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 751, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of the Federal Communications Commission's universal service reforms.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013-2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 921

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes.

S. 937

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from applying disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology, and for other purposes.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by Federal officers and employees, and for other purposes.

S. 945

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 945, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 953, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to foster stability in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 962, a bill to prohibit amounts made available by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 from being transferred to the Internal Revenue Service for implementation of such Acts.

S. 964

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 964, a bill to require a comprehensive review of the adequacy of the training, qualifications, and experience of the Department of Defense personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 20, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SH-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to continue its executive business meeting.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. Cicilline of Rhode Island.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913 and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. Wolf of Virginia, Mr. Pittenger of North Carolina, and Mr. Meadows of North Carolina.

At 6:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 45. An act to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

H.R. 1062. An act to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1062. An act to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 16, 2013,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW (for Ms. CANTWELL) to amend the pending bill in title II, subtitle F, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 919).

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCAIN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 923).

Ms. STABENOW objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 919 to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 16, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 16, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 65

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, the Senate proceed to consider the resolution (S. Res. 65) strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation; that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the resolution; that, if the resolution is agreed to, the preamble be agreed to; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; and that all occur with no intervening action or debate.

Pending debate,

AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE WORLD WAR II MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 309) to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That an amendment (Numbered 951) by Mr. HARKIN be proposed and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"

On the request of Mrs. BOXER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 149) designating the week of May 19 through May 25, 2013, as "National Public Works Week", submitted today by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. BARRASSO), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 954.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

At 7:06 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 21, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1549. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dual and Multiple Associations of Persons Associated with Swap Dealers, Major Swap Participants and Other Commission Registrants" (RIN3038-AD66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1550. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streptomycin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 9385-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1551. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the President's budget requests for the National Nuclear Security Administration for

fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1552. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals and accompanying reports relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1553. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1554. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1555. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to material violations or suspected material violations of regulations relating to Treasury auctions and other Treasury securities offerings for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1556. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle, and Nonroad Technical Amendments" (FRL No. 9772-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1557. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; State Implementation Plan Miscellaneous Revisions" (FRL No. 9813-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1558. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Transportation Conformity Revisions" (FRL No. 9814-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1559. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Tennessee: Revisions to Volatile Organic Compound Definition" (FRL No. 9814-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1560. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Medicaid Fraud Control Units; Data Mining" (42 CFR Parts 1007.1, 1007. 17, 1007.19 (e)-(2)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1561. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-057, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1562. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Determination and Certification under Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act relative to countries not cooperating fully with United States antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1563. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Immigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended" (RIN1400-AC86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1564. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to loan guarantees to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1565. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0074 - 2013-0083); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1566. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1567. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Three Synthetic Cannabinoids Into Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-373), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1568. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tentative Eligibility Determinations; Presumptive Eligibility for Psychosis and Other Mental Illness" (RIN2900-AN87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1569. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 716 and 717 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Enacted by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010; et. al" (FCC 13-57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1570. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund, High-Cost Universal Service Report" ((RIN3060-AF85)(DA 13-807)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1571. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Support; Lifeline and Link Up Reform" ((RIN3060-AF85)(FCC 13-44)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1572. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund" ((RIN3060-AJ92)(DA 13-598)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1573. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management; Framework Adjustment 50" (RIN0648-BC97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1574. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures for the 2013 Tribal and Non-Tribal Fisheries for Pacific Whiting" (RIN0648-BC93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1575. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; 2013 and 2014 Atlantic Bluefish Specifications" (RIN0648-XC432), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1576. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 48" (RIN0648-BC27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1577. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC581), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 330. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 992. A bill to provide for offices on sexual assault prevention and response under the Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces, to require reports on additional offices and selection of sexual assault prevention and response personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 993. A bill to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 994. A bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 995. A bill to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 996. A bill to improve the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 997. A bill to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide independent counsel to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy issues associated with recruitment, retention, research, and reinvestment in the profession of social work, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 998. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights, to establish State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 999. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide social service agencies with the resources to provide services to meet the urgent needs of Holocaust survivors to age in place with dignity, comfort, security, and quality of life; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1000. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1001. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Government of Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1002. A bill to enable Federal and State chartered banks and thrifts to meet the credit needs of home builders in the United States, and to provide liquidity and ensure stable credit in order to meet the need for new homes in the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1003. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans; read the first time.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1004. A bill to permit voluntary economic activity; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. Res. 150. A resolution to designate the year 2013 as the "International Year of Statistics"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 151. A resolution urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 287

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 287, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 420

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 420, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to longstanding regulatory rule.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to require enhanced economic analysis and justification of regulations proposed by certain Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulators, and for other purposes.

S. 453

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to require that certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that lead to an industry-recognized and nationally portable credential.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 475, a bill to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 650

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 754

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 754, a bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to include farmed shellfish as specialty crops.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 774, a bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of the Federal Communications Commission's universal service reforms.

S. 809

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 809, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically

engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly.

S. 833

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 833, a bill to amend subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to provide education for homeless children and youths, and for other purposes.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 895

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 895, a bill to improve the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to study the use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals.

S. 919

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 919, a bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 946, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 955

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 955, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to prohibit amounts made available by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 from being transferred to the Internal Revenue Service for implementation of such Acts.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 963, a bill preventing an unrealistic future Medicaid augmentation plan.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, to condition the receipt of certain highway funding by States on the enactment and enforcement by States of certain laws to prevent repeat intoxicated driving.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes.

S. 983

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 983, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 12

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 12, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that our current tax incentives for retirement savings provide important benefits to Americans to help plan for a financially secure retirement.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 128

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 128, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that supporting seniors and individuals with disabilities is an important responsibility of the United States, and that a comprehensive approach to expanding and supporting a strong home care workforce and making long-term services and supports affordable and accessible in communities is necessary to uphold the right of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the United States to a dignified quality of life.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Financial Stability Oversight Council Annual Report to Congress."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "A Review of Criteria Used by the IRS to Identify 501(c)(4) Applications for Greater Scrutiny."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on May 21, 2013, at 2:45 p.m., to hold a Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Prospects for Afghanistan's 2014 Elections."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to continue its executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, PRODUCT SAFETY, AND INSURANCE

The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "S. 921, The Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Safe Rental Care Act of 2013."

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Offshore Profit Shifting and the U.S. Tax Code—Part 2."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 258. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military decorations or medals.

H.R. 1073. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1073. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 919, proposed by Ms. STABENOW (for Ms. CANTWELL), to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR MOMENT OF SILENCE ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, at 12 noon on today, the Senate observe a moment of silence, in memory of the victims of the Oklahoma tornado.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 919 to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, following the moment of silence, as pursuant to the order of today, the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment; and that, following the vote thereon, Mrs. GILLIBRAND be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 919 to the bill.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 12 noon,

The Senate observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the Oklahoma tornado.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 919 to the bill.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 87, nays... 8

[Rollcall Vote No. 129 Leg.]

YEAS --- 87

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 8

Cornyn, Cruz, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Paul, Rubio, Toomey.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COWAN, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KING, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. SCHATZ) to further amend the pending bill on various pages and lines by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 931).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That an amendment (Numbered 945) be proposed by Mr. SESSIONS, modified, and agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 931 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:41 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 931 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. SANDERS asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose amendments Numbered 963 and 964.

Ms. STABENOW objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 931 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNS) to further amend the pending bill on various pages and lines by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 948).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, at 4:05 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 948; that there be no second-degree amendment in order to the amendment prior to the vote; that the time until 4:05 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate on the amendment between the two managers, or their designees; and that 10 minutes be controlled by Mr. VITTER.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 948 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROBERTS,

Ordered, That the order of today be modified such there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on the pending amendment; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation thereto.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 948 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 40, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 130 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 58

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 931 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That there be 5 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on the pending amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation thereto; and that no amendment be in order to the amendment, prior to a vote thereon.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 931 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 26, nays... 70

[Rollcall Vote No. 131 Leg.]

YEAS --- 26

Baldwin, Begich, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Casey, Cowan, Gillibrand, Hirono, King, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Udall (NM), Warren, Wyden.

NAYS --- 70

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cardin, Carper, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Moran, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent solution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. PAUL objected.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

Ms. STABENOW called for the regular order,

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, bill S. 954; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW (for Mr. LEAHY) to further amend the pending bill on page 840, by striking all beginning on line 22 through line 18, page 849, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 998).

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1003) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans, introduced today by Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1004) to permit voluntary economic activity, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 45) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 112-239, had appointed the following individuals to be members of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: The Honorable Bob Kerrey, of Nebraska, and the Honorable Larry Pressler, of South Dakota.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate was considered to have resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the majority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 954.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:35 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 22, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1003) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans, introduced on yesterday by Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, and Mr. ISAKSON), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1004) to permit voluntary economic activity, introduced on

yesterday by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 45) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, May 20, 2013, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

OBJECTIONS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent, as in executive session, that, on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that the motion to bring to close debate on said nomination be withdrawn.

Mr. REID objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent, as in executive session, that a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, May 22, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 982. A bill to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking certain actions to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1578. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methyl 5-(dimethylamino)-2-methyl-5-oxopentanoate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9385-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1579. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Triforine; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9387-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1580. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1-Naphthaleneacetic acid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9386-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1581. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Kevin M. McCoy, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1582. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Ralph J. Jodice II, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1583. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Clarification of 'F' Orders in the Procurement Instrument Identification Number Structure" ((RIN0750-AH80)(DFARS Case 2012-D040)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1584. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Government Support Contractor Access to Technical Data" ((RIN0750-AG38)(DFARS Case 2009-D031)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1585. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1586. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ethiopia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1587. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1588. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-054); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1589. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting,

pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-061); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1590. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-018); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1591. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Middle East, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1592. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals and accompanying reports relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1593. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports relative to sequestration entitled: "OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2014" and "OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committees on the Budget; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1594. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Design Limits and Loading Combinations for Metal Primary Reactor Containment System Components" (Regulatory Guide 1.57, Revision 2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1595. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Atlanta, Georgia 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Reasonable Further Progress Plan" (FRL No. 9816-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1596. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Arizona; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs" (FRL No. 9780-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1597. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Prevention of Significant Deterioration Greenhouse Gas Tailoring and Biomass Deferral Rule" (FRL No. 9808-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1598. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9799-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1599. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Air Quality Standards Revision" (FRL No. 9805-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1600. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 56" (FRL No. 9815-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1601. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; False Killer Whale Take Reduction Plan" (RIN0648-BA30), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1602. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Enabling Elections for Certain Transactions Under Section 336(e)" (RIN1545-BD84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1603. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Carbon Dioxide Sequestration 2013 Section 45Q Inflation Adjustment Factor" (Rev. Proc. 2013-34), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1604. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - June 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1605. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biodiesel and Alternative Fuels; Claims for 2012; Excise Tax" (Notice 2013-26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1606. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1607. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Rev. Rul. 2013-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1608. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan Program" (RIN0938-AQ70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1609. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and

Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Disability and Rehabilitation Research Project Community Living and Participation, Health and Function, and Employment of Individuals with Disabilities" (CFDA No. 84. 133A-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1610. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects -- Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems Centers Collaborative Research Project" (CFDA No. 84.133A-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1611. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) -- Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133B-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1612. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program - Rehabilitation Research Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133B-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1613. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program - Inclusive Cloud and Web Computing" (CFDA No. 84.133A-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1614. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133B-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1615. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-68, "Department of Health Grant-Making Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1616. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-70, "Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1617. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-69, "Health Benefit Exchange Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1618. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2012 Annual Report and Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1619. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (49); Amdt. No. 3531" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1620. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (59); Amdt. No. 3532" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1621. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (170); Amdt. No. 3528" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1622. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (49); Amdt. No. 3529" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1623. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Temporary Reduction of Registration Fees" (RIN2137-AE95), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1624. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Office of the General Counsel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boards and Committees" (RIN2700-AD82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1625. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to certifications granted in relation to the incidental capture of sea turtles in commercial shrimping operations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1626. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1627. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on May 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 143. A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2013.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1005. A bill to establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to, international conservation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COATS, Mr. RISCH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1006. A bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1008. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from implementing proposed policy changes that would permit passengers to carry small, non-locking knives on aircraft; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1009. A bill to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1010. A bill to establish the Commission on Effective Regulation and Assessment Systems for Public Schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1011. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1012. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1013. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1014. A bill to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1015. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1016. A bill to protect individual privacy against unwarranted governmental intrusion through the use of the unmanned aerial vehicles commonly called drones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1017. A bill to permit flexibility in the application of the budget sequester by Federal agencies; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1018. A bill to restrict conflicts of interest on the boards of directors of Federal reserve banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1019. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1020. A bill to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1021. A bill to provide for a Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1022. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUNT, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 1023. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report on ways to increase the competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign investment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1024. A bill to provide for the inclusion of Lease Sale 220 in the outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012-2017, to revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1025. A bill to provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1026. A bill to assist survivors of stroke in returning to work; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 1027. A bill to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COWAN:

S. Res. 152. A resolution designating November 28, 2013, as "National Holoprosencephaly Awareness Day" to increase awareness and education of the disorder; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 210

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 382

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 382, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 562, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures under such program.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 837

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 837, a bill to expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms.

KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 928

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 951

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 951, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 953, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to foster stability in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to prohibit amounts made available by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 from being transferred to the Internal Revenue Service for implementation of such Acts.

S. 965

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 965, a bill to eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 992

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 992, a bill to provide for offices on sexual assault prevention and response under the Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces, to require reports on additional offices and selection of sexual assault prevention and response personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 996

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 996, a bill to improve the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide social service agencies with the resources to provide services to meet the urgent needs of Holocaust survivors to age in place with dignity, comfort, security, and quality of life.

S. 1001

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1001, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Government of Iran.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MARK UDALL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 22, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Senate Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on, May 22, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "S. 662, the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2013."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 22, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, International Environmental Protection, and Peace Corps subcommittee hearing entitled, "Different Perspectives on International Development.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on, May 22, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SC-430.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 22, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Performance Management and Congressional Oversight: 380 Recommendations to Reduce Overlap and Duplication to Make Washington More Efficient."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on May 22, 2013, at 5 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 22, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a roundtable entitled "Bridging the Skills Gap: How the STEM Education Pipeline Can Develop a High-Skilled American Workforce for Small Business.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 22, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "10 Years Later: A Look at the Medicare Prescription Drug Program."

The Committee will meet in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 22, 2013, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Oversight and Business Practices of Durable Medical Equipment Companies."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND WILDLIFE

The Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 22, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Nutrient Trading and Water Quality."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 982. An act to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking certain actions to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 16. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass.

At 12:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 324. An act to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

H.R. 570. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1344. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1412. An act to improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At 2:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 982. A bill to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking certain actions to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 324. An act to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 570. To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1344. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1412. An act to improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998, proposed by Ms. STABENOW for Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS), to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the pending bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 960).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, at 12 noon on today, the Senate vote in relation to pending amendment No. 960; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. INHOFE and Ms. STABENOW, or their designees; and that no second-degree amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 960 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 36, nays... 60

[Rollcall Vote No. 132 Leg.]

YEAS --- 36

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 60

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Ms. STABENOW, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines, on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was agreed to: Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. BLUNT), amendment No. 992; and Mr. VITTER, amendment No. 1056.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mr. KAINE asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. KAINE further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. KAINE further asked unanimous consent that two motions to instruct conferees, relative to debt limit and taxes/revenue, be in order to be made.

Mr. KAINE further asked unanimous consent that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the motions; that no further motion be in order prior to the votes; and that all occur with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. RUBIO objected.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW for Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORKER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. HELLER, and Ms. COLLINS) to further amend the pending bill, in title I, by striking "subtitle C," and inserting other words (being amendment No. 925).

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 65 AND FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 954

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, the order of Monday, May 20, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution (S. Res. 65) strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation, at 4 p.m. on today, for 60 minutes debate thereon, be modified such that, at 3:45 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to consider said resolution; that there be 50 minutes for debate thereon; that the minority control 30 minutes therein; that the majority control 20 minutes therein; that Mr. MENENDEZ control 15 minutes of the time of the majority; that Mr. BLUMENTHAL control 5 minutes of the time of the majority; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the resolution, as pursuant to the order of Monday, May 20, 2013; and that all other provisions of the order of Monday, May 20, 2013 remain in effect.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the resolution, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 954; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on pending amendment No. 925; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said amendment; and that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to a vote thereon.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 925 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS ON IRAN

The hour of 3:45 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Monday, May 20, 2013, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 65) strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the resolution.

After debate,

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the resolution.

On the question, Shall the Senate agree thereto?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 99, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 133 Leg.]

YEAS --- 99

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the resolution.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, May 20, 2013,

The accompanying preamble was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, May 20, 2013,

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding resolution S. Res. 65 having been agreed to on today, it be in order for the reported amendment to be agreed to.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 925 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 134 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Brown, Carper, Casey, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Cruz, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kaine, Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Murphy, Paul, Portman, Reed, Roberts, Rockefeller, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Toomey, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 54

Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Chambliss, Cochran, Crapo, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reid, Risch, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) to further amend the pending bill on page 1150, after line 15, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 965).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, is agreed to, and notwithstanding such, the Senate resume consideration of pending bill S. 954; that the Senate then vote in relation to amendment No. 965; that no second-degree amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; and that time during consideration of said bill be counted against the time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 965 to the bill, as amended.

STOLEN VALOR ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 258) to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military decorations or medals, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, had appointed the following Senator as a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 113th Congress: Mr. BOOZMAN.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:47 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Rabbi Michael Beals, Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington, Delaware, offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 23, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 1 p.m. on today, that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; that the motion to bring to a close debate on said nomination be withdrawn; that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1628. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Immokalee, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1051)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1629. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; West Palm Beach, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0922)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1630. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Griffin, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1219)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1631. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of VOR Federal Airway V-595, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1004)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1632. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Areas R-6703A, B, C, D; and Establishment of Restricted Areas R-6703E, F, G, H, I, and H, J; WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0371)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1633. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace, Omak, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1247)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1634. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Lakeview, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1254)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1635. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Astoria, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0853)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1636. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Portland-Hillsboro, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1142)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1637. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; St. Helena, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0283)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1638. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Caldwell, NJ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0609)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1639. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Reading, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1270)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1640. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-266; AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1295)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1641. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Area R-6601; Fort A.P. Hill, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0561)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1642. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Sub-ACL (Annual Catch Limit) Harvested for Management Area 2" (RIN0648-XC500), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1643. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XC593), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1644. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC606), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1645. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC605), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1646. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Emergency Action to Establish Recreational Closure Authority Specific to Federal Waters Off Individual States for the Red Snapper Component of the Reef Fish Fishery" (RIN0648-BD00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1647. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC633), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1648. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries in the Western Pacific; American Samoa Pelagic Longline Limited Entry Program" (RIN0648-XC629), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1649. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC638), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1650. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic" (RIN0648-BB70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1651. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reassessment of Federal Communications Commission Radiofrequency Exposure Limits and Policies and Proposed Changes in the Commission's Rules Regarding Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields" (FCC 13-39), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1652. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 15, 74, 78, 87, 90 and 97 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Implementation of the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC, Geneva 2007), Other Allocation Issues and Related Rule Updates" (FCC 12-140), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1653. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime" ((RIN3060-AG49)(DA 13-564)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1654. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules" (FCC 13-52), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1655. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Identity for Pisco and Cognac" (RIN1513-AB91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1656. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-065, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1657. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement of Effective Date for Regulations Implementing the Defense Trade Cooperation Treaty between the United States and Australia" (RIN1400-AD38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1658. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-071); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1659. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-062); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1660. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-059); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1661. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-035); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1662. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-039); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1663. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense 2013 Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Annual Reports (MARs); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1664. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Combating Terrorism Activities Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Estimates"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1665. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1666. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1667. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1668. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 99th Annual Report of the Federal Reserve Board covering operations for calendar year 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1669. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Physical Protection of Irradiated Reactor Fuel in Transit" (RIN3150-AI64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1670. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Washington State Implementation Plan; Tacoma-Pierce County Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9817-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1671. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status and Designation of Critical Habitat for Eriogonum codium (Umtanum Desert Buckwheat) and Physaria douglasii subsp. tuplashensis (White Bluffs Bladderpod)" (RIN1018-AX72; RIN1018-AZ54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1672. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Eriogonum codium (Umtanum Desert Buckwheat) and Physaria douglasii subsp. tuplashensis (White Bluffs Bladderpod)" (RIN1018-AZ54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1673. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for Eriogonum codium (Umtanum Desert Buckwheat) and Physaria douglasii subsp. tuplashensis (White Bluffs Bladderpod)" (RIN1018-AX72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1674. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for 38 Species on Molokai, Lanai, and Maui" (RIN1018-AX14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1675. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Report Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Rules on Determining Hearing Appearances" (RIN0960-AH40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1676. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Assistance to Improve State Data Capacity -- National Technical Assistance Center to Improve State Capacity to Accurately Collect and Report IDEA Data" (CFDA No. 84.373Y), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1677. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 and Management Report of final actions taken; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1678. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayments for Medications in 2013" (RIN2900-AO58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1679. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-1042)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1680. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1094)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1681. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0933)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1682. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0809)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1683. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0994)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1684. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0413)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1685. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0932)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1686. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0938)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1687. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0803)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1688. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0935)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1689. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0333)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1690. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0937)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1691. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1073)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1692. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0936)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1693. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0288)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1694. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1297)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1695. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0307)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1696. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1087)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1697. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1014)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1698. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0630)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1699. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0951)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1700. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0631)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1701. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0111)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1702. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1105)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1703. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0810)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1704. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1036)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1705. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-18033)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1706. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2004-180633)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1707. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0880)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1708. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1100)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1709. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1127)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1710. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0196)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1711. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Grob-Werke Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0013)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1712. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0306)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1713. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1131)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1714. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; International Aero Engines AG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1217)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1715. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1148), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1716. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BRP-Powertrain GmbH and Co KG Rotax Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0263)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1717. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Kelowna Flightcraft R and D Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0330), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1718. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0348)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1719. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0773)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1720. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-1303)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1721. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-0817)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1722. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XC542), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1723. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions Nos. 1 and 2" (RIN0648-XC631), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1724. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BD14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1725. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC612), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1726. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish" (RIN0648-XC626), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1727. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Exempted Fishery for the Spiny Dogfish Fishery in the Waters East and West of Cape Cod, MA" (RIN0648-BC50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1728. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Final 2013-2015 Spiny Dogfish Fishery Specifications" (RIN0648-BC85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1729. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan; Correcting Amendment" (RIN0648-BC75), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1730. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XC651), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1731. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule To Extend the Increase of the Commercial Annual Catch Limit for South Atlantic Yellowtail Snapper" (RIN0648-BC59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1028. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. NELSON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. KING, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 1029. A bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. KING):

S. 1030. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an energy investment credit for energy storage

property connected to the grid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1031. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access to health care through expanded health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUNT, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1032. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the Uniform Code of Military Justice related to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1033. A bill to authorize a grant program to promote physical education, activity, and fitness and nutrition, and to ensure healthy students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) (by request):

S. 1034. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1035. A bill to require an independent alternative analysis of the consideration of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known United States person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the United States and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1036. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a partnership program in foreign languages; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1037. A bill to ensure adequate protection of the rights under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COONS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1038. A bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1039. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship to include spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1040. A bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1041. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to afford crime victims' rights to victims of offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1042. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1043. A bill to promote innovative practices for the education of English learners and to help States and local educational agencies with English learner populations build capacity to ensure that English learners receive high-quality instruction that enables them to become proficient in English, access the academic content knowledge needed to meet State challenging academic content standards, and be prepared for postsecondary education and careers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 1044. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1045. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1046. A bill to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1047. A bill to provide for the issuance and sale of a semipostal by the United States Postal Service to support effective programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 1048. A bill to revoke the charters for the Federal National Mortgage Corporation and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation upon resolution of their obligations, to create a new Mortgage Finance Agency for the securitization of single family and multifamily mortgages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1049. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. JOHANNS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1050. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure the issuance of regulations applicable to the Coast Guard regarding consideration of a request for a permanent change of station or unit transfer submitted by a member of the Coast Guard who is the victim of a sexual assault; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 1051. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to ensure that footwear furnished or obtained by allowance for enlisted members of the Armed Forces upon their initial entry into the Armed Forces complies with domestic source requirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1052. A bill to create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal

preparation academies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1053. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1054. A bill to establish Gold Butte National Conservation Area in Clark County, Nevada in order to conserve, protect, and enhance the cultural, archaeological, natural, wilderness, scientific, geological, historical, biological, wildlife, educational, and scenic resources of the area, to designate wilderness areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1055. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to establish the National Program for Arts and Technology; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1056. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 1057. A bill to prohibit the use of unmanned aircraft systems by private persons to conduct surveillance of other private persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1058. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1059. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem any person who has received an award from the Armed Forces of the United States for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat to have satisfied certain requirements for naturalization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1060. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for military veterans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1061. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1062. A bill to improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1063. A bill to improve teacher quality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1064. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1065. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to improve the quality of infant and toddler care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1066. A bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COONS, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1067. A bill to establish within the Department of Education the Innovation Inspiration school grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1068. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1069. A bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1070. A bill to make it unlawful to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile device; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1071. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. RISCH, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1072. A bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1073. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve the coordination of refinery outages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1074. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 1075. A bill to extend the phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties under the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1076. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the sole benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant in the Survivor Benefit Plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COONS, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1077. A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1078. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide certain TRICARE

beneficiaries with the opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1079. A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote the artificial reefs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1080. A bill to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1081. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand and enhance authorities on protected communications of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1082. A bill to promote Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1083. A bill to provide high-quality public charter school options for students by enabling such public charter schools to expand and replicate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. Res. 153. A resolution recognizing the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 154. A resolution supporting political reform in Iran and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. Res. 155. A resolution recognizing the City of Erie, Pennsylvania, for its critical role in the development and construction of the fleet of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry during the War of 1812; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. Res. 156. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the 10-year anniversary of NATO Allied Command Transformation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 157. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. Res. 158. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 17. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 415

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 420

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to longstanding regulatory rule.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures under such program.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 650

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650,

a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 699

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 723

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 723, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 777

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to restore the previous policy regarding restrictions on use of Department of Defense medical facilities.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 820

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

S. 825

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 825, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2017, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013-2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by Federal officers and employees, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 953, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level, and for other purposes.

S. 964

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 964, a bill to require a comprehensive review of the adequacy of the training, qualifications, and experience of the Department of Defense personnel responsible for sexual assault

prevention and response for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 975

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 975, a bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009.

S. 992

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 992, a bill to provide for offices on sexual assault prevention and response under the Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces, to require reports on additional offices and selection of sexual assault prevention and response personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 1006

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1006, a bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States.

S. 1009

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1009, a bill to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1009, supra.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans.

S. 1016

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1016, a bill to protect individual privacy against unwarranted governmental intrusion through the use of the unmanned aerial vehicles commonly called drones, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 134

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 134, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that all incidents of abusive, unsanitary, or illegal health care practices should be condemned and prevented and the perpetrators should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 23, 2013, at 11 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 23, 2013, at 9 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "United States-European Union Economic Relations: Crisis and Opportunity."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 23, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 23, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE

The Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Improving Federal Health Care in Rural America: Developing the Workforce and Building Partnerships."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3. An act to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes.

H.R. 271. An act to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1949. An act to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia and Mr. DINGELL of Michigan.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 672(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: Mr. Dov S. Zakheim of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Mr. Michael R. Higgins of Washington, DC.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 3 of the Protect Our Kids Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-275) the Minority Leader appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities: Robert E. "Bud" Cramer of Huntsville, Alabama.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1949. An act to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 954 ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, at 10:30 a.m. on today, the Senate resume consideration of the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 965, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

Ordered further, That, following the vote in executive session, as pursuant to the order of today, the Senate resume its legislative session; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 954.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 965, proposed by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. MERKLEY), to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 27, nays... 71

[Rollcall Vote No. 135 Leg.]

YEAS --- 27

Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Feinstein, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Leahy, Manchin, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Tester, Udall (NM), Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 71

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Blunt, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lee, Levin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Moran, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998, proposed by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS), to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MCCASKILL asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MCCASKILL further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mrs. MCCASKILL further asked unanimous consent that it be in order for each side to move to instruct conferees relative to the debt limit, and to move to instruct conferees relative to taxes/revenues; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled for debate thereon, between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to votes in relation to said motions; that no amendments be in order to said motions; and that there be no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. LEE objected.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mr. RUBIO asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 25; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. RUBIO further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. RUBIO further asked unanimous consent that a conference report on concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 25 that includes reconciliation instructions to increase the debt ceiling not be in order in the Senate.

Mr. MCCAIN objected.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. REED, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) to further amend the pending bill on page 1101, after line 5, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 923).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the time until 1 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the proponents and opponents of amendment No. 923; that, following the vote in executive session, as pursuant to the order of today, the Senate resume its legislative session; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 954; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for

debate on amendment No. 923; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate then vote in relation to said amendment; and that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 923 to the bill, as amended.

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 133

Mr. TOOMEY asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 133) expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution and accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. BLUMENTHAL objected.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 923 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 923 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 44, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 137 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Ayotte, Baldwin, Blumenthal, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Collins, Crapo, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hatch, Heinrich, Heller, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kirk, Klobuchar, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Reed, Risch, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Kaine, King, Landrieu, Leahy, McConnell, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So amendment was agreed to.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being agreeing to amendment No. 998 the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the following be the next first degree amendments in order to be proposed to the bill:

An amendment, Numbered 1031, intended to be proposed by Mrs. HAGAN;

An amendment, Numbered 953, intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COBURN).

Ordered further, That time until 3:15 p.m. be for debate on the amendments; that the following be recognized to speak therein for the times indicated: Mrs. HAGAN, 5 minutes; Mr. DURBIN and Mr. COBURN, 10 minutes; Ms. STABENOW, 5 minutes; that, at 3:15 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; that no amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes thereon; and that, upon disposition of the amendments, Mr. MERKLEY be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. HAGAN to further amend the pending bill on page 1076, after line 17, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1031).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) to further amend the pending bill on page 1101, after line 5, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 953).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1031 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 94, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 138 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 953 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 59, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 139 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cruz, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Reed, Reid, Rubio, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Tester,

Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 33

Barrasso, Baucus, Blunt, Boozman, Chambliss, Cochran, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Kaine, Landrieu, Leahy, McConnell, Moran, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Sanders, Shelby, Stabenow, Thune, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Mr. MERKLEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose his amendment Numbered 978.

Mr. COCHRAN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the following be the next amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 987), intended to be proposed by Mr. MORAN, relative to alfalfa;

An amendment (Numbered 1079), intended to be proposed by Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. JOHANNS), relative to food aid.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to votes; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 129) recognizing the significance of May 2013 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Ms. HIRONO) to amend the preamble, in the fifth clause, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1143).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FRANKEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 158) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE TWO HOUSES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 17) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3) to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 271) to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

COORDINATING COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 93-415, as amended by Public Law 102-586, had appointed the following individual to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: The Honorable Maura Corrigan, of Michigan.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That Mr. LEVIN and Mr. ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions from tomorrow through Monday, June 3, 2013.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive reports on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12:30 p.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Tuesday, May 28,' 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Friday, May 31, 2013, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013; that, on Monday, June 3, 2013, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 954.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that the House has agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 17, the Senate adjourn as pursuant to the provisions of said concurrent resolution until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate subsequently (on Friday, May 24, 2013) having received a message from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 17,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:33 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013.

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KAINE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 3, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 23, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 23, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 2:03 p.m.,

The Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of Mr. LAUTENBERG, late Senator from New Jersey.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3) to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, May 23, 2013, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 271) to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, May 23, 2013, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 23, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 24, 2013, during the

adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 17. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message further announced that pursuant to the National Foundation of the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 955(b) note), the Minority Leader re-appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Council of the Arts: Ms. BETTY MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 24, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the ACTING SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 258. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military decorations or medals.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bill was signed on May 24, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. LEVIN).

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Thursday, May 23, 2013, the following report of a committee was submitted on May 28, 2013:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 744. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN -- PM 11

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, and implements certain statutory requirements of the Iran Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act of 2012 (subtitle D of title XII of Public Law 112-239) (22 U.S.C. 8801 *et seq.*) (IFCA), which amends the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-195) (22 U.S.C. 8501 *et seq.*) (CISADA).

In Executive Order 12957, the President found that the actions and policies of the Government of Iran threaten the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. To deal with that threat, the President declared a national emergency and imposed prohibitions on certain transactions with respect to the development of Iranian petroleum resources. To further respond to that threat, Executive Order 12959 of May 6, 1995, imposed comprehensive trade and financial sanctions on Iran. Executive Order 13059 of August 19, 1997, consolidated and clarified the previous orders. To take additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 and to implement section 105(a) of CISADA, I issued Executive Order 13553 on September 28, 2010, to impose sanction on officials of the Government of Iran and other persons acting on behalf of the Government of Iran determined to be responsible for or complicit in certain serious human rights abuses.

To take additional steps with respect to the threat posed by Iran and to provide implementing authority for a number of the sanctions set forth in the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-172) (50 U.S.C. 1701 note) (ISA) as amended by CISADA, I issued Executive Order 13574 on May 23, 2011, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to implement certain sanctions imposed by the Secretary of State pursuant to ISA, as amended by CISADA. I also issued Executive Order 13590 on November 20, 2011, to take additional steps with respect to this emergency by authorizing the Secretary of State to impose sanctions on persons providing certain goods, services, technology, or support that contribute either to Iran's development of petroleum resources or to Iran's production of petrochemicals, and to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to implement some of those sanctions. On February 5, 2012, in order to take further steps pursuant to this emergency, and to implement section 1245(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81) (22 U.S.C. 8513a), I issued Executive Order 13599 blocking the property of the Government of Iran, all Iranian financial institutions, and persons determined to be owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of, such parties. On April 22, 2012, and May 1, 2012, I issued Executive Orders 13606 and 13608, respectively. Executive Orders 13606 and 13608 each take additional steps with respect to various emergencies, including the emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 concerning Iran, to address the use of computer and information technology to commit serious human rights abuses and efforts by foreign persons to evade sanctions.

To take additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957, I issued Executive Order 13622 of July 30, 2012, imposing further sanctions in light of the Government of Iran's use of revenues from petroleum, petroleum products, and petrochemicals for illicit purposes; Iran's continued attempts to evade international sanctions through deceptive practices; and the unacceptable risk posed to the international financial system by Iran's activities.

Most recently, I issued Executive Order 13628 of October 9, 2012, to take additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 and to implement certain statutory requirements of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-158) (22 U.S.C. 8701 *et seq.*) (TRA), including its amendments to the statutory requirements of ISA and CISADA.

With respect to the order that I have just issued, section 1 of the order authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to impose financial sanctions on or to block all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that come within the United States, or that are or come within the possession or control of any United States person (including any foreign branch) of a foreign financial institution determined to have, on or after the effective date of the order:

knowingly conducted or facilitated any significant transaction related to the purchase or sale of Iranian rials or a derivative, swap, future, forward, or other similar contract whose value is based on the exchange rate of the Iranian rial; or

maintained significant funds or accounts outside the territory of Iran denominated in the Iranian rial.

Section 2 of the order authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to block all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that come within the United States, or that are or come within the possession or contro1 of any United States person (including any foreign branch) of any person upon determining:

that the person has materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, any Iranian person included on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (SDN List) (other than an Iranian depository institution whose property and interests in property are blocked solely pursuant to Executive Order 13599) or any other person included on the SDN List whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this paragraph or Executive Order 13599 (other than an Iranian depository institution whose property and interests in property are blocked solely pursuant to Executive Order l3599); or

pursuant to authority delegated by the President and in accordance with the terms of such delegation, that sanctions shall be imposed on such person pursuant to section 1244(c)(1)(A) of IFCA.

Section 3 of the order authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to impose financial sanctions on a foreign financial institution determined to have knowingly conducted or facilitated any significant financial transaction:

on behalf of any Iranian person included on the SDN List (other than an Iranian depository institution whose property and interests in property are blocked solely pursuant to Executive Order 13599) or any other person included on the SDN List whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to subsection 2(a)(i) of the order or Executive Order 13599 (other than an Iranian depository institution whose property and interests in property are blocked solely pursuant to Executive Order 13599); or

on or after the effective date of the order, for the sale, supply, or transfer to Iran of significant goods or services used in connection with the automotive sector of Iran.

Section 5 of the order authorizes the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the United States Trade Representative, and with the President of the Export-Import Bank, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and other agencies and officials as appropriate, to impose sanctions on a person upon determining that the person:

on or after the effective date of the order, knowingly engaged in a significant transaction for the sale, supply, or transfer to Iran of significant goods or services used in connection with the automotive sector of Iran;

is a successor entity to a person determined to meet that criterion;

owns or controls a person determined to meet that criterion, and had knowledge that the person engaged in the activities referred to therein; or

is owned or controlled by, or under common ownership or control with, a person determined to meet that criterion, and knowingly participated in the activities therein.

Sections 6 and 7 of the order provide that, for persons determined to meet any of these criteria, the heads of the relevant agencies, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall implement the sanctions imposed by the Secretary of State. Those sanctions may include the following actions:

the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank shall deny approval of the issuance of any guarantee, insurance, extension of credit, or participation in an extension of credit in connection with the export of any goods or services to the sanctioned person;

agencies shall not issue any specific license or grant any other specific permission or authority under any statute that requires the prior review and approval of the United State Government as a condition for the export or reexport of goods or technology to the sanctioned person;

for a sanctioned person that is a financial institution: the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shall take such actions as they deem appropriate, including denying designation, or terminating the continuation of any prior designation of, the sanctioned person as a primary dealer in United States Government debt instruments; or agencies shall prevent the sanctioned person from serving as an agent of the United States Government or serving as a repository for United States Government funds;

agencies shall not procure, or enter into a contract for the procurement of, any goods or services from the sanctioned person;

the Secretary of State shall deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall exclude from the United States, any alien that the Secretary of State determines is a corporate officer or principal of, or a shareholder with a controlling interest in, a sanctioned person;

the heads of the relevant agencies, as appropriate, shall impose on the principal executive officer or officers, or persons performing similar functions and with similar authorities, of a sanctioned person any of the sanctions described above, as selected by the Secretary of State;

the Secretary of the Treasury shall take actions where necessary to:

prohibit any United States financial institution from making loans or providing credits to the sanctioned person totaling more than $10,000,000 in any 12-month period, unless such person is engaged in activities to relieve human suffering and the loans or credits are provided for such activities;

prohibit any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and in which the sanctioned person has any interest;

prohibit any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions or by, through, or to any financial institution, to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve any interest of the sanctioned person;

block all property and interests in property that are the in the United States, that come within the United States, or that are or come within the possession or control of any United States person, (including any foreign branch) of the sanctioned person, and provide that such property and interests in property may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in;

prohibit any United States person from investing in or purchasing significant amounts of equity or debt instruments of a sanctioned person;

restrict or prohibit imports of goods, technology, or services, directly or indirectly, into the United States from the sanctioned person; or

impose on the principal executive officer or officers, or persons performing similar functions and with similar authorities, of a sanctioned person any of the sanctions described above, as appropriate.

Section 7 of the order also provides that, when the Secretary of State or the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to authority delegated by the President and in accordance with the terms of such delegation, has determined that sanctions shall be imposed on a person pursuant to section 1244(d)(1)-(A), 1245(a)(1), or 1246(a)(1) of IFCA (including in each case as informed by section 1253(c)(2) of IFCA), such Secretary may select one or more of the sanctions described above for which the Secretary of the Treasury shall take such action, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall take actions where necessary to implement those sanctions.

Sections 8 and 11 of the order implement the statutory requirements of CISADA, as amended by sanction 1249 of IFCA. They authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to block all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that come within the United States, or that are or come within the possession or control of any United States person (including any foreign branch), and the Secretary of State to suspend entry into the United States, of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with or at the recommendation of the Secretary of State:

to have engaged, on or after January 2, 2013, in corruption or other activities relating to the diversion of goods, including

agricultural commodities, food, medicine, and medical devices, intended for the people of Iran;

to have engaged, on or after January 2, 2013, in corruption or other activities relating to the misappropriation of proceeds from the sale or resale of goods described above;

to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, the activities described above or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to these provisions; or

to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to these provisions.

I have delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury the authority, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order, other than the purposes described in sections 5, 6, and 11 of the order. All agencies of the United States Government are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

The order, a copy of which is enclosed, becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on July 1, 2013.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 3, 2013.*

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany S. 306, A bill to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-35).

Report to accompany S. 545, A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-36).

Report to accompany S. 761, A bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-37).

Report to accompany H.R. 267, A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-38).

Report to accompany H.R. 678, A bill to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-39).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1084. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance provided to promote the energy retrofitting of schools; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1085. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1086. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 186

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 186, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where the 4 little Black girls lost their lives, which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 420

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 420, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to longstanding regulatory rule.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 506

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient

observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] were added as cosponsors of S. 674, a bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 829

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 829, a bill to improve the financial literacy of students.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 864

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 878, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 886

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 897, a bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013-2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. PAUL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 953, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 963, a bill preventing an unrealistic future Medicaid augmentation plan.

S. 964

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 964, a bill to require a comprehensive review of the adequacy of the training, qualifications, and experience of the Department of Defense personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 965

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 965, a bill to

eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1003

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.

S. 1032

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1032, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the Uniform Code of Military Justice related to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 15, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Chained Consumer Price Index should not be used to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veterans benefits, or to increase the tax burden on low- and middle-income taxpayers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 154

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 154, a resolution calling for free and fair elections in Iran, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1911. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998, proposed by Ms. STABENOW for Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS), to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 23, 2013,

On motion by Mr. MORAN to further amend the pending bill, in section 11024, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 987).

After debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 23, 2013, as modified,

The question being taken.

yeas... 72, nays... 18

[Rollcall Vote No. 140 Leg.]

YEAS --- 72

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 18

Ayotte, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Cruz, Durbin, Flake, Heller, Kirk, Manchin, Paul, Reed, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Shelby, Toomey.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 23, 2013,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW for Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. ISAKSON) to further amend the pending bill on page 339, line 13, by striking "$40,000,000" and inserting "$60,000,000" (being amendment No. 1079).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

VIETNAM VETERANS DONOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT ACT

On the request of Ms. STABENOW,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 588) to provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW (for Mr. WYDEN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1154, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 954.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

At 6:55 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., offered a prayer, and led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 4, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1732. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Standards for Grades of Almonds in the Shell" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0046), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1733. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Program; Section 610 Review" (Docket No. AMS-LS-07-0143), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1734. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Amendment to the Order to Raise the Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-LS-11-0038), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1735. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling of Beef, Pork, Lamb, Chicken, Goat Meat, Wild and Farm-Raised Fish and Shellfish, Perishable Agricultural Commodities, Peanuts, Pecans, Ginseng, and Macadamia Nuts" (Docket No. AMS-LS-13-0004), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1736. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Regulations Defining Bona Fide Cotton Spot Markets" (Docket No. AMS-CN-12-0024), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1737. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Northeast and Other Marketing Areas; Order Amending the Orders" (Docket No. AMS-DA-07-0026; AO-14-A77), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1738. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Northeast and Other Marketing Areas; Termination of Proceeding on Proposed Amendments to Tentative Marketing Agreements and Orders" (Docket No. AMS-DA-13-0016; AO-14-A74), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1739. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York; Changing Reporting Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0002; FV12-929-1 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May

28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1740. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0038; FV12-906-1 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1741. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Committee Membership Reapportionment for Processed Pears" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0032; FV12-927-3 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1742. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Modification of the Assessment Rate for Fresh Pears" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0030; FV12-927-1 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1743. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0039; FV12-959-1 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1744. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Modification of the Handling Regulation for Area No. 2" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0043; FV12-948-1 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1745. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0010; FV13-946-1 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1746. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0035; FV12-987-1 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1747. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0076; FV13-932-1 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1748. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Redistricting and Reapportionment of Grower Members, and Changing the Qualifications for Grower Membership on the Citrus Administrative Committee" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0076; FV11-905-1 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1749. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Assessment Rate Decrease for Processed Pears" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0031; FV12-927-2 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1750. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Temporary Suspension of Handling Regulations" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0028; FV12-922-2 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1751. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 1 (Scotch) and Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2012-2013 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0088; FV12-985-1A FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1752. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Change in Reporting and Assessment Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0071; FV13-955-1 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1753. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Reestablishment of Membership on the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee, Area No. 2" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0044; FV12-948-2 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1754. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Relaxing Size and Grade Requirements on Valencia and Other Late Type Oranges" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0009; FV13-905-2 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1755. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0026; FV12-923-1 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1756. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing

Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0051; FV12-966-1 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1757. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0045; FV12-905-1 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1758. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0027; FV12-922-1 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1759. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9387-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1760. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guar hydroxypropyltrimethylammonium chloride; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9387-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1761. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Core Principles and Other Requirements for Swap Execution Facilities" (RIN3038-AD18), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1762. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures to Establish Appropriate Minimum Block Sizes for Large Notional Off-Facility Swaps and Block Trades" (RIN3038-AD08), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1763. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending December 31, 2012 (DCN OSS 2013-0764); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1764. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general and brigadier general, respectively, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1765. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Joseph D. Kernan, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1766. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals and accompanying reports relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1767. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to blocking property of the Government of the Russian Federation relating to the disposition of highly enriched uranium extracted from nuclear weapons that was declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1768. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1769. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress on the Profitability of Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1770. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the 2013 Escrows Final Rule under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA37)(Docket No. CFPB-2013-0009)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1771. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of California; Redesignation of San Diego County to Attainment for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9818-1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1772. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oklahoma: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9817-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1773. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States - Korea Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1515-AD86), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1774. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-090, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1775. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff, transmitting a request relative to distinguished visitor trips to Afghanistan for the period of June 1 through October 1, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1776. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting,

pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-064); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1777. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-026); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1778. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0084 - 2013-0098); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1779. A communication from the President and CEO of the African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's Congressional Budget Justification for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1780. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority; Technical Assistance to Improve State Data Capacity -- National Technical Assistance Center to Improve State Capacity to Accurately Collect and Report IDEA Data" (CFDA No. 84.373Y), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1781. A communication from the Acting Chief Policy Officer, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1782. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1087. A bill to award grants to encourage State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement and college and career readiness, the skills of teachers and school leaders, and the efficiency and productivity of education systems at all levels; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COWAN, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1088. A bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1089. A bill to provide for a prescription drug take-back program for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 1090. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1091. A bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1092. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require an Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions taken in response to making protected communications regarding sexual assault; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1093. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the "First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1094. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1095. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in order to limit the penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1096. A bill to establish an Office of Rural Education Policy in the Department of Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Res. 159. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the targeting of Tea Party groups by the Internal Revenue Service and calling for an investigation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 160. A resolution relative to the memorial observances of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COWAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs.

HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 161. A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, Senator from the State of New Jersey; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 162. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2013 as "National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 18. A concurrent resolution providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 104

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 104, a bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing through port State measures.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 269, a bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 360

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 360, a bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 397, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 500

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply payroll taxes to remuneration and earnings from self-employment up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of $250,000.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures under such program.

S. 650

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 728

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 728, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 820

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 888

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 888, a bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 918

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 918, a bill to award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 953, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements.

S. 988

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 988, a bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1007, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property.

S. 1009

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1009, a bill to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to require an independent alternative analysis of the consideration of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known United States person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the United States and for other purposes.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 154

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 154, a resolution calling for free and fair elections in Iran, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 157

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 157, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Iran Sanctions: Ensuring Robust Enforcement, and Assessing Next Steps."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE INTERNET

The Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to hold a hearing on the state of wireless communications."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 126. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 885. An act to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1206. An act to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1919. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 622. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 242. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 885. To expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1206. An act to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1919. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998, proposed by Ms. STABENOW for Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS), to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that it be in order for the majority and minority parties each to make two motions to instruct conferees, relative to debt limit and taxes/revenue.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the motions; that no further motion be in order prior to votes; and that all occur with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. RUBIO objected.

PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE CATAFALQUE FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THE HONORABLE FRANK R. LAUTENBERG

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 18) providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES OF THE HONORABLE FRANK R. LAUTENBERG

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 160) relative to the memorial observances of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:32 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 954.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCAIN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 956).

Ms. LANDRIEU objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and

that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1003).

Ms. LANDRIEU objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1004).

Ms. LANDRIEU objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1005).

Ms. LANDRIEU objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1006).

Ms. LANDRIEU objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1007).

Ms. STABENOW objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that it be in order for amendments cleared for consideration by the majority and the minority to be made pending, en bloc, and considered.

Ms. STABENOW objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that it be in order for every "filed" amendment to be considered proposed, "debatable, and votable".

Ms. STABENOW objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that it be in order for every "filed" amendment to be considered proposed.

Ms. STABENOW objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (No. 1008).

Ms. STABENOW objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (No. 1010).

Ms. STABENOW objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (No. 1076).

Ms. STABENOW objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (No. 1152).

Ms. STABENOW objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 954:

HARRY REID, DEBBIE STABENOW, AMY KLOBUCHAR, CHRIS COONS, SHERROD BROWN, T.R. HARKIN, BEN CARDIN, HEIDI HEITKAMP, PATRICK J. LEAHY, MICHAEL F. BENNET, JOE DONNELLY, AL FRANKEN, MAX BAUCUS, PATTY MURRAY, TIM JOHNSON, MARK UDALL, JON TESTER.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1003

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1003) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1003:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, LAMAR ALEXANDER, KELLY AYOTTE, DAVID VITTER, THAD COCHRAN, ORRIN HATCH, JOHN THUNE, ROB PORTMAN, LISA MURKOWSKI, MICHAEL B. ENZI, JOHN BARRASSO, JOHN MCCAIN, ROGER WICKER, ROY BLUNT, JOHNNY ISAKSON, DAN COATS.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 953

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 953) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 953:

HARRY REID, JACK REED, T.R. HARKIN, DICK DURBIN, PATTY MURRAY, BEN CARDIN, AL FRANKEN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, JON TESTER, SHERROD BROWN, B.A. MIKULSKI, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., ELIZABETH WARREN, CHUCK SCHUMER, S. WHITEHOUSE, BARBARA BOXER.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

ORDER FOR VOTES RELATIVE TO BILLS S. 954, S. 1003, S. 953

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to bring to a close debate on pending bill S. 954; that, following the vote, if said motion is agreed to, and notwithstanding such, the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to bring to a close debate on a motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 1003) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans; that, following said vote, if said motion is agreed to, and notwithstanding such, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to bring to a close debate on a motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 953) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes; and that, following the vote, if said motion has been agreed to, and notwithstanding such, the Senate resume

consideration of bill S. 954, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, if the motion to bring to a close debate on said bill has been agreed to.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said bill, and if either motion to bring to a close debate on either motion to proceed to consider the aforementioned bills was agreed to, the Senate then resume consideration of the motion, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate; that, if both motions to bring to a close debate were agreed to, the Senate resume consideration of the motions to proceed in the order that motions to bring to a close debate thereon were agreed to; and that, if the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1003 is agreed to, and notwithstanding the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 953 having been agreed to, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 953, as pursuant rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, upon disposition of bill S. 1003.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 161) relative to the death of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, Senator from the State of New Jersey, submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COWAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE WITH RESPECT TO CHILDHOOD STROKE AND RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 162) expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2013 as "National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month", submitted today by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. MURPHY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL S. 993 REREFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 993) to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013; that, on Thursday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 954, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, Senators be authorized to "file" first- degree amendments to bill S. 954, as amended, until 1 p.m. on tomorrow; and that Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments until 9:45 a.m. on Thursday next.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:14 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of resolution S. Res. 161, as a further mark of respect to the late Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, until 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 6, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, June 6, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 622. An original bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1097. A bill to prohibit a Federal agency from establishing or implementing a policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1098. A bill to reform the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 to responsibly protect homeownership; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. KING):

S. 1099. A bill to ensure that individuals do not simultaneously receive unemployment compensation and disability insurance benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. COATS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1100. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1101. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child is ready for college or a career; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 1102. A bill to abolish the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1103. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1104. A bill to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 1105. A bill to improve the circulation of $1 coins, to remove barrier to the circulation of such coins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1106. A bill to improve the accuracy of mortgage underwriting used by Federal mortgage agencies by ensuring that energy costs are included in the underwriting process, to reduce the amount of energy consumed by homes, to facilitate the creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1107. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding Native Hawaiian education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1108. A bill to reauthorize the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1109. A bill to amend the school dropout prevention program in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1110. A bill to amend part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin:

S. 1111. A bill to combat cyber espionage of intellectual property of United States persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. THUNE):

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the power of Congress to impose a tax on a failure to purchase goods or services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 203

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.

S. 723

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 723, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 802

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 802, a bill to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes.

S. 820

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, and for other purposes.

S. 950

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 953, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 973, a bill to improve the integrity and safety of interstate horseracing, and for other purposes.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes.

S. 988

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 999, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide social service agencies with the resources to provide services to meet the urgent needs of Holocaust survivors to age in place with dignity, comfort, security, and quality of life.

S. 1001

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1001, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Government of Iran.

S. 1003

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to promote Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs.

S. 1092

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1092, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require an Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions taken in response to making protected communications regarding sexual assault.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1096, a bill to establish an Office of Rural Education Policy in the Department of Education.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 10, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored

persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 157

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 157, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2013, at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Gulf Restoration: A Progress Report 3 years After the Deepwater Horizon Disaster."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2013, at 9:15 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2013, at 11 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing on labor issues in Bangladesh.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "State of the American Dream: Economic Policy and the Future of the Middle Class?"

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 18. Concurrent resolution providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late Senator from the State of New Jersey.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 671. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress an annual report on claims for disabilities incurred or aggravated by military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2216. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, related agencies for the fiscal year ending and September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

The message further announce that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 622. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 671. To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress an annual report on claims for disabilities incurred or aggravated by military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2216. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 744

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744:

HARRY REID, PATRICK LEAHY, ROBERT MENENDEZ, CHRIS COONS, MAZIE K. HIRONO, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, BILL NELSON, BEN CARDIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, AL FRANKEN, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, RON WYDEN, JACK REED, PATTY MURRAY, MICHAEL F. BENNET, TOM HARKIN, CHUCK SCHUMER, DICK DURBIN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the pending motion to proceed be withdrawn.

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998, proposed by Ms. STABENOW for Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS), to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the pending bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 10 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 75, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 141 Leg.]

YEAS --- 75

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 22

Ayotte, Burr, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Flake, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1003

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period of two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1003.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 1003) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 40, nays... 57

[Rollcall Vote No. 142 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Portman, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 57

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

MOTION TO PROCEED CONSIDER BILL S. 953

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period of two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 953.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 953) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 143 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 744 ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following remarks by the leaders on tomorrow, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744; and that the time until 1:30 p.m. be divided and controlled, as follows: Mr. SESSIONS, or his designee, 3 hours, and Mr. REID, or his designee, the remainder of the time therein.

Ordered further, That, following remarks by the leaders on Monday, June 10, 2013, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744; that time until 5 p.m. be divided and controlled, as follows: Mr. SESSIONS, or his designee, 2 hours;, and Mr. LEAHY, or his designee, the remainder; that, at 5 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 954; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 5:30 p.m., time for debate on the bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the Senate then vote in relation to pending amendment No. 998; that

no amendment be in order thereto prior to the vote; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said bill, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744; and that Mr. SESSIONS, or his designee, control one hour of debate thereon on Monday next.

Ordered further, That, following remarks by the leaders on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744; that time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the proponents and opponents; that Mr. SESSIONS, or his designee, control one hour therein; that, at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday next, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said motion to proceed; that, if said motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time until 4 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the proponents and opponents; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Jeffrey L. Schmehl, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for concurrent debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

COMMISSION ON LONG-TERM CARE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 112-240, had appointed the following as a member of the Commission on Long-Term Care: Christopher S. Jacobs, of Washington, DC.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 12:42 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 744

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on Thursday, June 6, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 622. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 744, A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-40).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1112. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the establishment of teacher

evaluation programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1113. A bill to provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BURR, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1114. A bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1115. A bill to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COONS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1116. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1117. A bill to prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1118. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1119. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for integration of mental health services and mental health treatment outreach teams, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 1120. A bill to provide authorities for the appropriate conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies who perform regularly recurring seasonal work to permanent seasonal positions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1121. A bill to stop the National Security Agency from spying on citizens of the United States and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

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

S. Res. 163. A resolution calling for more accountable foreign assistance for Cambodia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 113

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 113, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 521

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 521, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 701

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 701, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 992

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 992, a bill to provide for offices on sexual assault prevention and response under the Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces, to require reports on additional offices and selection of sexual assault prevention and response personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1046, a bill to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.

S. 1097

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1097, a bill to prohibit a Federal agency from establishing or implementing a policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 154

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 154, a resolution calling for free and fair elections in Iran, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:50 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2217. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2217. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mrs. BOXER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1121) to stop the National Security Agency from spying on citizens of the United States and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mrs. BOXER asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mrs. BOXER objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mrs. BOXER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 126) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mrs. BOXER asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mrs. BOXER objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

At 1:06 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2013.

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 7, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 7, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1121) to stop the National Security Agency from spying on citizens of the United States and for other purposes, introduced on Friday, June 7, 2013 by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the

Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 126) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, and read the first time on Friday, June 7, 2013; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 744

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 7, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, June 6, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 744) to provide comprehensive immigration reform, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

CREDENTIALS OF SENATOR-DESIGNATE FROM NEW JERSEY

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of Jeffrey S. Chiesa, appointed by the Governor of the State of New Jersey on Thursday, June 6, 2013, to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the time until the vacancy therein caused by the death of Frank R. Lautenberg, is filled by election as provided by law, which was read and ordered placed on file:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

To: The President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of New Jersey, I, Chris Christie, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint Jeffrey S. Chiesa, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the passing of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Chris Christie, and our seal hereto affixed at Trenton this 6th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2013.

By the governor:

CHRIS CHRISTIE,
Governor.
KIMBERLY M. GUADAGNO,
Secretary of State.

Mr. Chiesa appeared, and the oath of office prescribed by law having been administered by the VICE PRESIDENT, and subscribed by him, he took his seat in the Senate.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 744

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT

The hour of 5 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 6, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agriculture programs through 2018; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998, proposed by Ms. STABENOW for Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. BALDWIN), to the bill, as amended.

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 6, 2013,

Time for debate on the bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was considered concluded.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 998 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 48, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 144 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Baldwin, Baucus, Bennet, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. COATS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 66, nays... 27

[Rollcall Vote No. 145 Leg.]

YEAS --- 66

Alexander, Baldwin, Baucus, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (NM), Vitter, Warren, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 27

Ayotte, Barrasso, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Flake, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Whitehouse.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 744

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1783. A communication from the Program Manager, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Required in Prior Notice of Imported Food" (RIN0910-AG65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1784. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Process for a Designated Contract Market or Swap Execution Facility to Make a Swap Available to Trade under Section 2(h)(8) of the Commodity Exchange Act; Swap Transaction Compliance and Implementation Schedule; Trade Execution Requirement under Section 2(h) of the CEA" (RIN3038-AD18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1785. A communication from the Director of Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Connect Broadband Grant Program" (RIN0572-AC30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1786. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unincorporated Business Entities" (RIN3052-AC65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1787. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sedaxane; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9386-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1788. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9387-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1789. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diisopropyl adipate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9387-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1790. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propamocarb; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9388-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1791. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1,3-Propanediol; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9386-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1792. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Kendall L. Card, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1793. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Gerald R. Beaman, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1794. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Francis J. Wiercinski, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1795. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard P. Formica, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1796. A communication from the Director, Facilities Services Directorate, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Facilities Services Directorate/Pentagon Renovation and Construction Program Office (PENREN) annual report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1797. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to modernization priority assessments provided by the Chiefs of the Reserve and National Guard components; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1798. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department of Defense 2013 Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Annual Reports (MARs); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1799. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Annual Report to Congress for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1800. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) two reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1801. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1802. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Understandings Reached at the 2012 Australia Group (AG) Plenary Meeting and the 2012 AG Intersessional Decisions; Changes to Select Agent Controls"

(RIN0694-AF76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1803. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition, Removals, and Revisions to the List of Validated End-Users in the People's Republic of China" (RIN0694-AF92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1804. A communication from the General Counsel and Agency Ethics Official, Office of General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the National Credit Union Administration" (RIN3133-AE10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1805. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Originator Compensation Requirements Under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z); Prohibition on Financing Credit Insurance Premiums; Delay of Effective Date" ((RIN3170-AA37)(Docket No. CFPB-2013-0013)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1806. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filing, Indexing and Service Requirements for Oil Pipelines" (Docket No. RM12-15-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1807. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reliability Standards for Geomagnetic Disturbances" (Docket No. RM12-22-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1808. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project, Brazoria County, Texas; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1809. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Models for Plant-Specific Adoption of Technical Specifications Task Force Traveler TSTF-426, Revision 5, 'Revise or Add Actions to Preclude Entry into LCO 3.0.3 - RITSTF Initiatives 6B and 6C,' Using the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process" (NUREG-1432), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1810. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Aging Management Criteria for Reactor Vessel Internal Components for Pressurized Water Reactors" (LR-ISG-2011-04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1811. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Allegheny County Reasonably Available Control Technology Under the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9820-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1812. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kentucky: Kentucky Portion of Cincinnati-Hamilton, Revision to the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9820-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1813. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; Removal of Obsolete Regulations and Updates to Citations to State Regulations Due to Recodification" (FRL No. 9819-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1814. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan Revision; Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Ohio Portion of the Wheeling Area" (FRL No. 9821-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1815. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Lima 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9821-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1816. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Maryland; Revisions to the State Implementation Plan Approved by EPA through Letter Notice Actions" (FRL No. 9822-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1817. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revision to the Classification and Implementation of the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards for the Northern Virginia Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9822-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1818. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Low Emission Vehicle Program" (FRL No. 9822-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1819. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indiana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9817-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1820. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Regulatory Guide 1.221 on Design-Basis Hurricane and Hurricane Missiles" (DC/COL-ISG-24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1821. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Final Approval of Sewage Sludge Incinerators State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Indiana" (FRL No. 9821-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 1122. A bill to authorize States to use assistance provided under the Hardest Hit Fund program of the Department of the Treasury to demolish blighted structures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. COONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. WARNER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1123. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1124. A bill to establish requirements with respect to bisphenol A; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1125. A bill to require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress reports on water sharing with Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COWAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1126. A bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1127. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school libraries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. Res. 164. A resolution designating October 30, 2013, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 165. A resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. Res. 166. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and commending its successor, the African Union; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 167. A resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States for the peaceful resolution of territorial, sovereignty, and jurisdictional disputes in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 348

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 348, a bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 548

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve and enhance the capabilities of the Armed Forces to prevent and respond to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 964

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 964, a bill to require a comprehensive review of the adequacy of the training, qualifications, and experience of the Department of Defense personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to provide for education of potential military recruits on healthy body weight and to facilitate and encourage exercise in potential military recruits, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide social service agencies with the resources to provide services to meet the urgent needs of Holocaust survivors to age in place with dignity, comfort, security, and quality of life.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1053

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1053, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs.

S. 1091

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1096, a bill to establish an Office of Rural Education Policy in the Department of Education.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 154

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 154, a resolution calling for free and fair elections in Iran, and for other purposes.

ORDER FOR PRINTING OF TRIBUTES TO THE LATE SENATOR FRANK LAUTENBERG

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That tributes to Mr. Lautenberg be printed as a Senate document; and that Senators be authorized to submit said tributes until 12 noon on Thursday, June 20, 2013.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP FOR THE 113 TH CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) announced that the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, agreed to on March 5, 2013, had appointed Mr. MENENDEZ as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 113th Congress.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SESSIONS.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:44 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Rabbi Moshe Feller, Director at Upper Midwest Merkos-Lubavitch House in St. Paul, Minnesota offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 11, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 744

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, June 6, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to give a speech on immigration reform in Spanish.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:36 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 744

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 6, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, June 6, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 744.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 6, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 2:15 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 6, 2013,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 82, nays... 15

[Rollcall Vote No. 146 Leg.]

YEAS --- 82

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 15

Barrasso, Boozman, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Grassley, Inhofe, Kirk, Lee, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The hour of 4 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 6, 2013,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 84, nays... 15

[Rollcall Vote No. 147 Leg.]

YEAS --- 84

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 15

Barrasso, Boozman, Cochran, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Inhofe, Kirk, Lee, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MANCHIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. HATCH) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, subtitle D, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1183).

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 953

Mr. REED asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, following consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 953) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other

purposes; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. COBURN objected.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUNT) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 855, by striking all beginning on line 24 through line 9, page 856, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1195).

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1822. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Garnishment of Accounts Containing Federal Benefit Payments" (RIN1505-AC20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1823. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, and Southwestern Wisconsin Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AM75), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1824. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Clayton-Cobb-Fulton, GA, Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AM84), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1825. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Office of Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1826. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Education's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1827. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1828. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Status of the Implementation of Recommendations from the 2008 ODCA Audit Report Titled 'Review of the District's Cash Advance Fund'"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1829. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-76, "Certified Business Enterprise Compliance Temporary Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1830. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1831. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of the Interior's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1832. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Corporation for National and Community Service's Report on Final Action for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1833. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report and the Postal Service's response to the report for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1834. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1835. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1836. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1837. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Agriculture's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1838. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from October 1, 2012 through March

31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1839. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1840. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1841. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Chairman's Semiannual Report on Final Action Resulting from Audit Reports, Inspection Reports, and Evaluation Reports for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 ; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1842. A communication from the Administrator of the Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1843. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1844. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1845. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1846. A communication from the Director, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1847. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Reports from the Office of the Treasury Inspector General and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period from October 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1848. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer and Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1849. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Health and Human Service's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1850. A joint communication from the Chairman and the Acting General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1851. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 and the Management Response; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1852. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-up for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1853. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1854. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1855. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States and Area Median Gross Income Figures" (Rev. Proc. 2013-27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1856. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the National Organic Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program (NOP); Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Crops and Processing)" ((RIN0581-AD27)(AMS-NOP-12-0016; NOP-12-07FR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1857. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Animal Feed and Pet Food; Electron Beam and X-Ray Sources for Irradiation of Poultry Feed and Poultry Feed Ingredients; Correction" (Docket No. FDA-2012-F-0178), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1858. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William J. Troy, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1859. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Willie J. Williams, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1860. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Walter M. Skinner, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1861. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Charles J. Leidig, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1862. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1863. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the additional equipment and construction that would have been requested if the President's Budget had equaled the average of the two previous years' Authorization of Appropriations (AoA); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1864. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Defense Environmental Restoration Cost and Schedule Estimating"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1865. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Larry D. James, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1866. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Renewable Electricity Production, Refined Coal Production, and Indian Coal Production, and Publication of Inflation Adjustment Factors and Reference Prices for Calendar Year 2013" (Notice 2013-33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1867. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wilson v. Commissioner" (AOD 2012-07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1868. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Empowerment Zone Designation Extension" (Notice 2013-38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1869. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of waiver authority for Belarus; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1870. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2013 Annual Report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1871. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1872. A communication from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 management reports and statements on system of internal controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1873. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Procedures, Execution and Filing of Forms: Correction of State Office Address for Filings and Recordings, Including Proper Offices for Recording of Mining Claims; Oregon/Washington" (RIN1004-AE31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1874. A communication from the Management Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Postdecisional Administrative Review Process for Occupancy or Use of National Forest System Lands and Resources" (RIN0596-AB45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1875. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Initial Test Programs for Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.68, Revision 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1876. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Corrections" (RIN3150-AJ23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1877. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of waiver authority for Turkmenistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1878. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-074); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1879. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-077); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1880. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-073); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1881. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-069); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1882. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-068); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1883. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-072); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1884. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report responding to a GAO report entitled "U.S. Assistance to Yemen: Actions Needed to Improve Oversight of Emergency Food Aid and Assess Security Assistance"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1885. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1886. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incentives for Nondiscriminatory Wellness Programs in Group Health Plans" (RIN1210-AB55), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1887. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incentives for Nondiscriminatory Wellness Programs in Group Health Plans" (RIN0938-AR48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1888. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the combined seventh, eighth, and ninth quarterly reports relative to the steps the Food and Drug Administration has taken to implement the Menu and Vending Machine Labeling provisions from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1889. A communicating from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Workplace Wellness Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1890. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1891. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Report to Congress on Funding Needs For Contract Support Costs of Self-Determination Awards"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1892. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2011 Report to Congress on Funding Needs For Contract Support Cost of Self-Determination Awards" corrected version; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1893. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Justice's Indian Country Investigations and Prosecution Report for calendar years 2011 and 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1894. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Annual Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1128. A bill to clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1129. A bill to assist coordination among science, technology, engineering, and mathematics efforts in the States, to strengthen the capacity of elementary schools, middle schools, and secondary schools to prepare students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1130. A bill to require the Attorney General to disclose each decision, order, or opinion of a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that includes significant legal interpretation of section 501 or 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 unless such disclosure is not in the national security interest of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1131. A bill to strengthen Indian education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 1132. A bill to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1133. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 1134. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to issue regulations covering the practice of enrolled agents before the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1135. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1136. A bill to authorize the extension of preferential tariff treatment for certain textile goods imported from Nicaragua; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1137. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1138. A bill to reauthorize the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1139. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Hudson River Valley, New York; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1140. A bill to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1141. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the rehabilitation credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 195, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 325

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 325, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to establish a fund to make payments to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:08-CV-00487 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 647

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 650

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 777

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to restore the previous policy regarding restrictions on use of Department of Defense medical facilities.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, and for other purposes.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 916, a bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

S. 945

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 945, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1050

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1050, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure

the issuance of regulations applicable to the Coast Guard regarding consideration of a request for a permanent change of station or unit transfer submitted by a member of the Coast Guard who is the victim of a sexual assault.

S. 1059

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1059, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem any person who has received an award from the Armed Forces of the United States for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat to have satisfied certain requirements for naturalization.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1096, a bill to establish an Office of Rural Education Policy in the Department of Education.

S. 1099

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1099, a bill to ensure that individuals do not simultaneously receive unemployment compensation and disability insurance benefits.

S. 1100

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1100, a bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 11, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the rights of the American people that were taken away by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case and related decisions, to protect the integrity of our elections, and to limit the corrosive influence of money in our democratic process.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 15, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Chained Consumer Price Index should not be used to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veterans benefits, or to increase the tax burden on low- and middle-income taxpayers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 151

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 151, a resolution urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates.

SENATE RESOLUTION 154

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 154, a resolution calling for free and fair elections in Iran, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 164

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 164, a resolution designating October 30, 2013, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 167

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 167, a resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States for the peaceful resolution of territorial, sovereignty, and jurisdictional disputes in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COONS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Sex Trafficking and Exploitation in America: Child Welfare's Role in Prevention and Intervention."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Reducing Duplication and Improving Outcomes in Federal Information Technology."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 11, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 11, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2013, at 6 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, ATMOSPHERE, FISHERIES, AND THE COAST GUARD

The Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and the Coast Guard of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2013, at 3 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to hold a hearing entitled, "Deep Sea Challenge: Innovative Partnerships in Ocean Observation."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services are authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2013, at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2013, at 11 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, after consultation with the ranking member of the Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to Public Law 112-239, had appointed the following individuals to be members of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: The Honorable Stephen E. Buyer, of Indiana, and Edmund P. Giambastiani, Admiral, U.S. Navy (ret), of Florida.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 744.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:39 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 12, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1895. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Voting Assistance Program's 2010 Electronic Voting Support Wizard Pilot Program Report to Congress; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1896. A joint communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) and the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Extremity Trauma and Amputation Center of Excellence; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1897. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Dental Insurance Program" (RIN2900-AN99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1898. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Residential Care" (RIN2900-AO62), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1899. A communication from the Chief of the Border Securities Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Border Zone in the State of New Mexico" (RIN1651-AA95), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on Junes 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1900. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Thea Foss Waterway previously known as City Waterway, Tacoma, WA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0911)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1901. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Vessel Traffic in vicinity of Marseilles Dam; Illinois River" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0344)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1902. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Waldo-Hancock Bridge Demolition, Penobscot River, between Prospect and Verona, ME" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0394)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1903. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard,

Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Change of Dates for Recurring Marine Event in the Fifth Coast Guard District;, Mattaponi Drag Boat Race, Mattaponi River; Wakema, VA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0325)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1904. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations: ODBA Draggin' on the Waccamaw, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Bucksport, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0102)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1905. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations: Daytona Beach Grand Prix of the Sea, Atlantic Ocean; Daytona Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0250)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1906. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Pleasantville Aquatics 15th Annual 5K Open Water Swim, Intracoastal Waterway; Atlantic City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0402)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1907. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations: Annual Swim around Key West, Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico; Key West, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0160)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1908. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations: Swim Across the Potomac, Potomac River; National Harbor Access Channel, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0156)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1909. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Recurring Marine Events and Fireworks Displays within the Fifth Coast Guard District" ((RIN1625-AA00, AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-0970)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1910. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Wy-Hi Rowing Regatta, Trenton Channel; Detroit River, Wyandotte, MI" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0287)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1911. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations: Pro Hydro-X Tour, Lake Dora; Tavares, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0171)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1912. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation, 50 Aniversario Balneario de Boqueron, Bahia de Boqueron; Boqueron, PR" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0297)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1913. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Low Country Splash, Wando River, Cooper River, and Charleston Harbor; Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0052)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1914. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "When Pigs Fly Fireworks Display; San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0276)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1915. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; RXR Sea Faire Celebration Fireworks, Glen Cove, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0358)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1916. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Great Western Tube Float; Colorado River; Parker, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0268)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1917. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Grain-Shipment and Grain-Shipment Assist Vessels, Columbia and Williamette Rivers" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0010)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1918. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 2013 Ocean City Air Show, Atlantic Ocean; Ocean City, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0378)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1919. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; USO Patriotic Festival Air Show, Atlantic Ocean; Virginia Beach, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0377)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1920. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Flagship Niagara Mariners Ball Fireworks, Presque Isle Bay, Erie, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0419)), received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1921. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Tennessee River, Mile 463.5 to 464.5; Chattanooga, TN" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0075)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1922. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Salvage Operations at Marseilles Dam; Illinois River" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0405)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1923. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Figure Eight Causeway Channel; Figure Eight Island, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0258)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1924. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; High Water Conditions; Illinois River" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0323)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1925. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Melrose Pyrotechnics Fireworks Display; Chicago Harbor, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0328)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1926. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Safety Precautions to Protect the Public from the Effects of a Potential Catastrophic Failure of the Marseilles Dam; Illinois River" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0334)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1927. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; USA Triathlon; Milwaukee Harbor, Milwaukee, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0140)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1928. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 2013 Fish Festival Fireworks, Lake Erie, Vermilion, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0163)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1929. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones and Special Local Regulations; Recurring Marine Events in Captain of the Port Long Island Sound Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00, AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1036)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1930. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bay Village Independence Day Fireworks, Lake Erie, Bay Village, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0313)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1931. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Annual Firework Displays within the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound Area of Responsibility" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1932. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Reno, NV" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1195)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 30, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1933. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment of Mediation and Arbitration Procedures" (RIN2140-AB02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1934. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, proposed legislation to stop the excessive payments to Federal contractors that is required by law; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1142. A bill to prohibit Members of Congress from receiving pay when the Federal Government is unable to make payments or meet obligations because the public debt limit has been reached; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1143. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1144. A bill to prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1145. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a lifetime income disclosure; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1146. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 1147. A bill to clarify the disposition of covered persons detained in the United States pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1148. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide notice of average times for processing claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 1149. A bill to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms, and to extend the ban to undetectable firearm receivers and undetectable ammunition magazines; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1150. A bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1151. A bill to reauthorize the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in the State of Iowa; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1152. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help build a stronger health care workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1153. A bill to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1154. A bill to provide that certain requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating on October 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1155. A bill to provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to include mental health professionals in training programs of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 168. A resolution designating June 2013 as "National Aphasia Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. Res. 169. A resolution designating the month of June 2013 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 203

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 203, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 394

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to prohibit and deter the theft of metal, and for other purposes.

S. 420

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 420, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to longstanding regulatory rule.

S. 427

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 427, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs, and for other purposes.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 717

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 717, a bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States

Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by Federal officers and employees, and for other purposes.

S. 955

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 955, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act.

S. 965

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 965, a bill to eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II.

S. 1000

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, a bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1069

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1079

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1079, a bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote the artificial reefs, and for other purposes.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1123, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1130

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1130, a bill to require the Attorney General to disclose each decision, order, or opinion of a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that includes significant legal interpretation of section 501 or 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 unless such disclosure is not in the national security interest of the United States and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 154

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 154, a resolution calling for free and fair elections in Iran, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2013, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2013, at 4 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate office building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 251. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

H.R. 723. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 993. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah.

H.R. 1157. An act to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for

educational, recreational, historical scientific, cultural, and other purposes.

H.R. 1158. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

The message also announced that the Clerk of the House be directed to request the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the bill (H.R. 2217) to make appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Clerk of the House reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Dr. Sharon Leon of Fairfax, Virginia.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 993. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1157. An act to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1158. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 251. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1195, proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUNT), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mr. KAINE asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. KAINE further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. KAINE further asked unanimous consent that it be in order for each side to move to instruct conferees relative to the debt limit, and to move to instruct conferees relative to taxes/revenues; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said motions; that no amendments be in order to said motions; and that there be no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. LEE objected.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1195 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside, and the following be the next first degree amendments in order to be proposed to the bill:

An amendment, Numbered 1197, intended to be proposed by Mr. THUNE;

An amendment, Numbered 1228, intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER;

An amendment, Numbered 1222, intended to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU;

An amendment, Numbered 1198, intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that the time until 4:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate on the aforementioned amendments, and pending amendment No. 1195, between the two managers, or their designees; that, at 4:30 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1195; that, upon disposition thereof, the Senate vote on the remaining aforementioned amendments, in the aforementioned order; that no amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes thereon; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that each amendment receive 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

Mr. GRASSLEY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1195 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. GRASSLEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that the following amendments be in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 1197), intended to be proposed by Mr. THUNE;

An amendment (Numbered 1228), intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER;

An amendment (Numbered 1222), intended to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU; and

An amendment (Numbered 1198), intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER.

Mr. GRASSLEY further asked unanimous consent that the time until 4 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees, on pending amendments Numbered 1195 and 1183; that, at 4 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1195; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1183; that no second-degree amendment be in order to either amendment prior to votes in relation thereto; and that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes.

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1195 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH" AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF APHASIA

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 168) designating June 2013 as "National Aphasia Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia, submitted today by Mr. TIM JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 169) designating the month of June 2013 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month", submitted today by Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. BROWN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL RETURNED TO HOUSE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to return to the House of Representatives the papers on the bill, as pursuant to the request of the House on today; and that, when the bill is received back from the House, it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, with no intervening action or debate.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 744.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following further remarks by Mr. CARPER.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:02 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1195, proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. JOHANNS), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 10 a.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to a motion, intended to be made by Mr. REID, to table the pending amendment; that time until then be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between proponents and opponents of said motion; and that proponents control 5 minutes therein, and opponents control 5 minutes therein.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1195 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. REID to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 57, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 148 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

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Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183, proposed by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. HATCH), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the following be the next first degree amendments in order to be proposed to the bill:

An amendment, Numbered 1197, intended to be proposed by Mr. THUNE;

An amendment, Numbered 1222, intended to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU;

An amendment, Numbered 1228, intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER;

An amendment, Numbered 1198, intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER;

An amendment, Numbered 1227, intended to be proposed by Mr. HELLER.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate on the aforementioned amendments, between the two managers, or their designees; that, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote on the questions of agreeing to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that no amendment be in order to the amendments prior to votes thereon; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that each amendment receive 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

Mr. GRASSLEY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following be the next first degree amendments in order to be proposed to the bill:

An amendment, Numbered 1197, intended to be proposed by Mr. THUNE;

An amendment, Numbered 1222, intended to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU;

An amendment, Numbered 1228, intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER;

An amendment, Numbered 1198, intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No.1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 11:30 a.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Jeffrey L. Schmehl, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 6, 2013.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JOHANNS) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 855, by striking all beginning on line 23 through line 10, page 858, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1197).

The pending amendments were considered laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. COATS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUNT) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 1300, after line 11, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1222).

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11:30 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 6, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1222 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. CRAPO) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines by striking certain words and sums, and inserting other words and sums (being amendment No. 1198).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. VITTER to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 858, after line 10, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1228).

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. on today.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1228 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 953

Ms. WARREN asked unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority

leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 953) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, without any intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. BURR objected.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1228 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

At 2:31 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 3:30 p.m.

AT 3:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1228 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2013, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Kenneth John Gonzales, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for concurrent debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO BELARUS -- PM 12

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2013.

In 2012, the Government of Belarus continued its crackdown against political opposition, civil society, and independent media. The September 23 elections failed to meet international standards. The government arbitrarily arrested, detained, and imprisoned citizens for criticizing officials or for participating in demonstrations; imprisoned at least one human rights activist on manufactured charges; and prevented independent media from disseminating information and materials. These actions show that the Government of Belarus has not taken steps forward in the development of democratic governance and respect for human rights.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions, to commit human rights abuses related to political repression, and to engage in public corruption continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 13, 2013.*

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-19. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging support for continuation of the STARBASE program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

Whereas, STARBASE is a U.S. Department of Defense youth program which targets at-risk students who are historically underrepresented in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Established in 1993, the STARBASE program has grown to 76 locations across 40 states, including three Michigan sites: Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, and Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center. The program reached about 3,500 Michigan students in Fiscal Year 2012; and

Whereas, STARBASE provides exceptional, hands-on curriculum to participating schools and students that helps overall comprehension of science and math and improves MEAP scores. It provides an inquiry-based curriculum of experiential, exploratory learning to motivate fifth graders to explore STEM as they continue their education. A more recent addition, STARBASE 2.0, is aimed at middle school students in an after school program. It offers robotic training opportunities and participation in the Lego League team robotics challenge. STARBASE works with school districts to support their learning objectives and expands relationships with local networks of STEM initiatives and organizations; and

Whereas, The rapid pace of technological change and the globalization of the economy demand that our workforce be literate in science and math. Less than one percent of current elementary students are expected to seek advanced education in the sciences. STARBASE raises student interest and improves their attitudes and confidence in STEM skills: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the support for continuation of the STARBASE program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-20. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the Congress of the United States to maintain operation of the 179th Airlift Wing at Mansfield-Lahm Regional Airport in Mansfield, Ohio; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, The United States Air Force 179th Airlift Wing is a military airlift organization assigned to the Ohio Air National Guard and stationed at Mansfield-Lahm Regional Airport; and

Whereas, Due to its superior record, the 179th Airlift Wing received a mission to operate the C-27J Spartan aircraft, a twin turboprop aircraft with short takeoff and landing capabilities, ideal for the nation's current military needs and for providing rapid response support for homeland emergencies; and

Whereas, The United States Air Force has published proposed personnel actions associated with plans to retire more than 300 aircraft nationwide, including the C-27J; and

Whereas, The United States Air Force has plans to move personnel positions among states to mitigate the impact of the reductions; and

Whereas, The United States Air National Guard, including the 179th Airlift Wing, is responsible for homeland defense, and the C-27J is an important tool in accomplishing this mission; and

Whereas, The 179th Airlift Wing has made United States Air National Guard history by deploying the C-27J in Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas, Closing the Air National Guard Station at Mansfield-Lahm, relocating its personnel, and diverting or retiring its C-27J aircraft would create discontinuity and weaken national defense and homeland disaster readiness: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States is urged to maintain operation of the 179th Airlift Wing at Mansfield-Lahm Regional Airport to ensure Ohio and our nation will continue to benefit from the unique experience and capabilities of its personnel and the region; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio.

POM-21. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing Congress to pass H.R. 1014 to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any order issued under that Act; to the Committee on the Budget.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

Whereas, A federal military technician (dual status) is a federal civilian employee who is assigned to a civilian position as a technician in the administration and training of a Selected Reserve on in the maintenance and repair of supplies or equipment issued to a Selected Reserve or the armed forces. The Selected Reserve include the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reserves, and the Army and Air National Guards. The primary mission of a military technician is to provide day-to-day continuity in the training of reserve units, particularly, Army and Air National Guard. More than 58,000 military technicians are currently employed helping to maintain our military readiness; and

Whereas, Military technicians are generally required to maintain membership in the National Guard or Reserve as a condition of their employment. They are required to attend weekend drills and annual training with their reserve unit and military technicians can be involuntarily ordered to active duty just as other members of the Guard or Reserve; and

Whereas, Under sequestration, uniformed military personnel are exempt from furlough days and pay cuts. However, military technicians in the National Guard and the Reserves were not exempted, placing the readiness of our military at home and abroad at risk: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to pass H.R. 1014 to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any order issued under that act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-22. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States and requesting the Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce to take such action as necessary relative to red snapper season; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the National Marine Fisheries Service, an agency in the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, through the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council, to manage and regulate marine species located in the Gulf of Mexico; and

Whereas, such management and regulation includes a determination of the sustainability of each species and preservation of the sustainability through the setting of take limits, individual fishing quotas, and opening and closing seasons; and

Whereas, on March 25, 2013, a temporary emergency rule was published in the Federal Register that gives the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Services the authority to set separate closure dates for the recreational red snapper season in federal waters off the individual Gulf of Mexico states; and

Whereas, the closure dates will depend on whether state regulations are consistent with federal regulations for the recreational red snapper season length or bag limit; and

Whereas, the federal recreational season for Gulf of Mexico red snapper begins June 1 each year with a two-fish bag limit and the length of the season is determined by the amount of the quota, the average weight of fish landed, and the estimated catch rates over time; and

Whereas, since NOAA Fisheries is responsible for ensuring that the entire recreational harvest, including harvest in state waters, does not exceed the recreational quota, then if states establish a longer season or a larger bag limit for state waters than the federal regulations allow in federal waters, the federal season must be adjusted to account for the additional harvest expected in state waters; and

Whereas, if all states were to implement consistent regulations, the 2013 recreational season would be twenty-eight days, assuming the recreational quota is increased to 4.145 million pounds through separate rule-making; and

Whereas, in addition to Louisiana, the states of Texas and Florida have indicated to NOAA Fisheries that they will implement inconsistent red snapper regulations for their state waters; and

Whereas, without this emergency rule, the 2013 federal season would be reduced to twenty-two days to compensate for that additional expected harvest; and

Whereas, this emergency rule allows NOAA Fisheries to calculate the recreational red snapper fishing season separately in the exclusive economic zone off each state to account for any inconsistency of regulations in state waters; and

Whereas, based on the expected regulations for Texas, Louisiana, and Florida, the preliminary season lengths would be as follows: Texas, twelve days; Louisiana, none days; Mississippi and Alabama, twenty-eight days; and Florida, twenty-one days; and

Whereas, on March 23, 2013, Louisiana implemented weekend-only recreational red snapper season that will end on September 30, with a recreational bag limit of three fish per day at sixteen-inch minimum; and

Whereas, the regional administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Services's Southeast Regional Office and his scientists can provide information on the following issues: (1) emergency rule on the recreational closure authority specific to federal waters off individual states for the recreational red snapper component of the Gulf of Mexico reef fish fishery; (2) methodology for determination of the length, allocations, and quotas for the red snapper season; (3) plans for the future allocations and quotas of red snapper; (4) update on the regional and Gulf of Mexico red snapper stock assessments on natural and artificial habitats; (5) relationship of size of quota to recovery of red snapper fisheries; (6) general conditions and health of red snapper fisheries and projections for future; and (7) requirements in order for Louisiana to get additional allocations or quotas based on Louisiana's management and growth of the red snapper fisheries: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States and requests the secretary of the United States Department of Commerce to take such action as necessary to require the regional administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service's Southeast Regional Office and his scientists to attend a meeting of the Louisiana Senate Committee on Natural Resources, on a date that is convenient for the parties during the month of April or the first week of May, to provide information on the red snapper season, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, to the secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, and the regional administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service's Southeast Regional Office.

POM-23. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Missouri supporting continued and increased development and delivery of oil derived from North American oil reserves to United States refineries; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Whereas, the United States relies—and will continue to rely for many years—on gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel, as well as renewable and alternative sources of energy; and

Whereas, in order to fuel our economy, the United States will need more oil and natural gas while also requiring additional alternative energy sources; and

Whereas, the United States accounts for 20% of world energy consumption and is the world's largest petroleum consumer. The United States consumes more than 15 million barrels of oil each day, with forecast suggesting that this will not change for decades; and

Whereas, even with new technology, oil discoveries, alternative fuels, and conservation efforts, the United States will remain dependent on imported energy for decades to come. A secure supply of crude oil is not only needed for Americans to continue to heat their homes, cook their food, and drive their vehicles, but to allow the United States economy to thrive and grow free from the potential threats and disruptions of crude oil supply from less secure parts of the world; and

Whereas, the growing production of conflict-free oil from Canada's oil sands and the Bakken formation in Saskatchewan, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota can replace crude imported from countries that do not share American values, but additional pipeline capacity to refineries in the United States Midwest and Gulf Coast is required; and

Whereas, increasing energy imports from Canada makes sense for the United States. Canada is a trusted neighbor with a stable democratic government, strong environmental standards equal to that of the United States, and some of the most stringent human rights and worker protection laws in the world; and

Whereas, improvements in production technology have reduced the carbon footprint of Canadian oil sands development by 26% on a per barrel basis since 1990. Oil sands production accounts for 6.9% of Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and 0.1% (1/100th) of global GHG emissions. Total emissions from Canada's oil sands sector was 48 megatons in 2010, equivalent to 0.5% of United States GHG emissions. Oil sands crude has similar CO2 emissions to other heavy oils and is 6% more carbon-intensive than the average crude refined in the United States on a wells-to-wheels basis; and

Whereas, the 57 refineries in the Gulf Coast region provide a total refining capacity of approximately 8.7 million barrels per day (bpd), or half of United States refining capacity. In 2011, these refineries imported approximately 5 million bpd of crude oil from more than 30 countries, with the top four suppliers being Mexico (22%), Saudi Arabia (17%), Venezuela (16%), and Nigeria (9%). Imports from Mexico and Venezuela are declining as production from those countries decreases and supply contracts expire. Once completed, TransCanada's Keystone XL Pipeline and Gulf Coast Expansion projects could displace roughly 40% of the oil the United States currently imports from the Persian Gulf and Venezuela; and

Whereas, the Keystone XL Pipeline project has been subject to the most thorough public consultation process of any proposed United States pipeline, and the subject of multiple environmental impacts statements and several United States Department of State studies which have concluded that it poses the least impact to the environment and is much safer than other modes of transporting crude oil; and

Whereas, the original Keystone Pipeline, which spans across the northern part of Missouri, supplies over 500,000 barrels of North American crude oil to American refiners in the Midwest. When completed, the Keystone XL Pipeline will carry 830,000 barrels of North American crude oil to American refineries in the Gulf Coast region which will make its way back to Missouri in the form of gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel; and

Whereas, the Keystone XL Pipeline project will create approximately 9,000 construction jobs. The Gulf Coast Expansion project is a $2.3 billion project that has created approximately 4,000 construction jobs. Combined, these projects support yet another 7,000 manufacturing jobs. 75% of the pipe used to build the Keystone XL Pipeline in the United States will come from North American mills, including half made by United States workers. Goods for the pipeline valued at approximately $800 million have already been sourced from United States manufacturers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby strongly:

(1) Support continued and increased development and delivery of oil derived from

North American oil reserves to United States refineries;

(2) Urge the United States Congress to support continued and increased development and delivery of oil from Canada to the United States;

(3) Urge the President of the United States to support the continued and increased importation of oil derived from the Bakken formation in Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota, as well as Canadian oil sands;

(4) Urge the United States Secretary of State to approve the newly routed pipeline application from TransCanada to reduce dependence on unstable governments, create new jobs, improve our national security, and strengthen ties with an important ally; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States, the President Pro Tem of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and Terry L. Spieler, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and correct copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. 19, adopted by the House of Representatives on March 14, 2013, and concurred in the Senate on April 17, 2013.

POM-24. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take whatever actions necessary to encourage and support reunification of Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, Ireland is an ancient and distinct land, an island-nation artificially rendered in two in 1922; partitioned by the Government of Ireland Act as an independent Irish state and Northern Ireland which remained a dominion of the United Kingdom; and

Whereas, the partition divided the nation into Northern Ireland, which is composed of six counties and is one of the four constituent countries of the British Crown, and Southern Ireland, which consists of the remaining twenty-six counties and which eventually became the Republic of Ireland in 1949; and

Whereas, the Belfast Agreement, also known as the Good Friday Agreement, was ratified by the Irish and British governments on Apri 10, 1998, as was successfully negotiated with support from the United States; and

Whereas, the Good Friday Agreement represents a fundamental political advance that created a framework and a mechanism for further political development toward the final resolution of the issue and reunification; and

Whereas, today with self determination, the Irish Republic enjoys an unencumbered economic future as a viable member of the European Union; and

Whereas, the time has come to bring about a seamless resolution of the partition of Ireland in favor of a more united, sovereign nation that guarantees equal rights and equal opportunities for all of its citizens; and

Whereas, in every area that affects the overall well-being of the Irish people, including their economy, education, health, governance, and social interaction, a united Ireland proffers the best opportunity for peace and prosperity for a divided Irish population; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to take whatever actions necessary to encourage and support the reunification of Ireland, and be if further

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

POM-25. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide additional funding for research in order to find a treatment and a cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Whereas, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, is more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease; and

Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horns of the spinal cord; and

Whereas, the initial symptom of ALS is usually weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

Whereas, as ALS progresses, the patient typically experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking, and breathing; and

Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

Whereas, ALS does not affect mental capacity of the patient, such that the patient remains alert and aware of surroundings and aware of the loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

Whereas, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

Whereas, despite the catastrophic consequences of a diagnosis of ALS, the disease currently has no known cause, means of protection, or cure; and

Whereas, research indicates that military veterans are at a sixty percent greater risk of developing ALS than those who have not served in the military; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has promulgated regulations to establish a presumption of service connection for ALS thereby presuming that the development of ALS was incurred or aggravated by a veteran's service in the military; and

Whereas, a national ALS registry, administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is currently identifying cases of ALS in the United States and may become the largest ALS research project ever undertaken; and

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases the awareness of the circumstances of living with ALS and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has not only on the patient, but also on the family and community of anyone receiving such a diagnosis; and

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month also increases awareness of research being done to eradicate this dire disease: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 2013 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month, and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide additional funding for research in order to find a treatment and a cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, and be it further

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

POM-26. A resolution adopted by the Georgia State Senate requesting that Georgia's Congressional delegation, Congress as a whole, and President Obama immediately resolve our national debt crisis with a bipartisan, balanced, comprehensive, long-term solution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 423

Whereas, our national debt is more than 70 percent of our economy ($11.1 trillion) and is on track to exceed 100 percent of the economy next decade; and

Whereas, rising national debt threatens to stunt the strength of our economy and eventually lead to an economic crisis; and

Whereas, our national debt threatens the solvency of Social Security and medicare; and

Whereas, if Congress and President Obama fail to avoid the looming fiscal cliff and find a comprehensive solution to our national debt, Georgia could lose up to 50,000 jobs due to federal spending cuts; and

Whereas, continued missed opportunities for resolution and successive manufactured crises add to economic uncertainty, preventing business development and investment; and

Whereas, failing to resolve our national debt crisis imperils the economic and financial security of future generations; and

Whereas, smart and gradual debt reduction can reverse all of the negative economic and generational consequences of elevated and rising debt; and

Whereas, a credible plan could help strengthen our fragile economic recovery by improving confidence and reducing uncertainty; and

Whereas, fixing the debt could restore public faith in Washington's ability to solve problems; and

Whereas, our national debt can only be resolved through a bipartisan, comprehensive solution that reins in spending, raises revenues, and reforms entitlements: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this body request that Georgia's Congressional delegation, Congress as a whole, and President Obama immediately resolve our national debt crisis with a bipartisan, balanced, comprehensive, long-term solution, and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia's Congressional delegation, all Congressional members, and President Obama.

POM-27. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, calling upon the Federal Emergency Management Agency to expedite the release of advisory base flood elevations for Rockland County; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-28. A resolution adopted by the Pecos River Commission requesting that the United States Congress reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, Section 5056, and appropriate sufficient funds to carry out work related to the legislation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-29. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging the United States Congress to pass S. 84 and H.R. 377—Paycheck Fairness Act of 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-30. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Seaside, California expressing its support to the President of the United States, the Senate, and the House of Representatives, for comprehensive immigration reform and urging action to adopt comprehensive immigration legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-31. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey of the State of California urging the United States Supreme Court to affirm the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-32. A resolution adopted by the Pecos River Commission requesting that Congress fully fund the National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP) gages associated with the Pecos River Basin and the U.S. Geological Survey placing a priority on funding these gages under NSIP; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Report to accompany S. Res. 64, An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013 (Rept. No. 113-41).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 579. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-42).

S. 793. A bill to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-43).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. COONS, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1156. A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make such form mandatory; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1157. A bill to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1158. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1159. A bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1160. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for qualified conservation contributions which include National Scenic Trails; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1161. A bill to provide for the development of a fishery management plan for the Gulf of Mexico red snapper, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1162. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities undertaken to address the marine debris impacts of the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1163. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1164. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to clarify provisions with respect to church plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1165. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the immunization of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 1166. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1167. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1168. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1169. A bill to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana for the Limestone Hills Training Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1170. A bill to provide for youth jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. VITTER):

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. Res. 170. A resolution commemorating John Lewis on the 50th anniversary of his chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. NELSON):

S. Res. 171. A resolution designating June 15, 2013, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 104

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 104, a bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.

S. 109

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 109, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 113

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 113, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 117

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to establish a fund to make payments to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:08-CV-00487 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 695

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., and for other purposes.

S. 723

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 723, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 928

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 947

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 947, a bill to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes.

S. 1091

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp.

S. 1118

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1118, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 151

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 151, a resolution urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates.

SENATE RESOLUTION 154

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 154, a resolution calling for free and fair elections in Iran, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 165

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 165, a resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GRASSLEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 13, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 13, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold a International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues & European Affairs joint subcommittee hearing entitled, "A Dangerous Slide Backwards: Russia's Deteriorating Human Rights Situation."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 13, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in SD-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 13, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 13, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 13, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Lessons Learned From the Financial Crisis Regarding Community Banks."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:27 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 634. An act to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

H.R. 742. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to repeal the indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities under such Acts.

H.R. 2167. An act to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish additional requirements to improve the fiscal safety and soundness of the home equity conversion mortgage insurance program.

At 3:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1038. An act to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1256. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission and the

Commodity Futures Trading Commission to jointly adopt rules setting forth the application to cross-border swaps transactions of certain provisions relating to swaps that were enacted as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

At 5:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2217. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 634. An act to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 742. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to repeal the indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities under such Acts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 1038. An act to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 1256. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to jointly adopt rules setting forth the application to cross-border swaps transactions of certain provisions relating to swaps that were enacted as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 2167. An act to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish additional requirements to improve the fiscal safety and soundness of the home equity conversion mortgage insurance program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2217. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations pursuant to the order of 6/12/13.

SUPPORTING POLITICAL REFORM IN IRAN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 154) supporting political reform in Iran and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. HOEVEN) to strike all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1279, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. HOEVEN) to strike the preamble and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1280).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended so as to read "A resolution calling for free and fair elections in Iran, and for other purposes".

DESIGNATING "WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 171) designating June 15, 2013, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day", submitted today by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. NELSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate then resumes its legislative session, it resume consideration of bill S. 744.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:03 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2013.

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 13, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 13, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 13, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the

Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS - - PM 13

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, is to remain in effect beyond June 26, 2013.

The crisis constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, related to Kosovo, which led to the declaration of a national emergency on June 26, 2001, in Executive Order 13219 and to the amendment of that order in Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003, to include acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 in Macedonia, has not been resolved. The acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in Executive Order 13219, as amended, are hostile to U.S. interests and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 17, 2013.*

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 394. A bill to prohibit and deter the theft of metal, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. KING, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1171. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT:

S. Res. 172. A resolution designating the first Wednesday in September 2013 as "National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day" and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 109

At the request of Mr. HELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 109, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 272

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 272, a bill to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 337

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

S. 395

At the request of Mr. BENNET, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 395, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 463

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 463, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term "biobased product".

S. 511

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 511, a bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program, and for other purposes.

S. 520

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 520, a bill to strengthen Federal consumer protection and product traceability with respect to commercially marketed seafood, and for other purposes.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote

patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures under such program.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes.

S. 723

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 723, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 810

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 810, a bill to require a pilot program on an online computerized assessment to enhance detection of behaviors indicating a risk of suicide and other mental health conditions in members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 824

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 909

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 909, a bill to amend the Federal Direct Loan Program under the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for student loan affordability, and for other purposes.

S. 913

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to amend the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000 to reauthorize and improve that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 916, a bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 918

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 918, a bill to award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1046, a bill to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.

S. 1068

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1068, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 1072

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1072, a bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

S. 1086

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 1088

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1104

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1104, a bill to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1117, a bill to prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1123, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 15, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Chained Consumer Price Index should not be used to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veterans benefits, or to increase the tax burden on low- and middle-income taxpayers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 157

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 157, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., in the Mansfield Room, S-207 of the Capitol.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 13, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 13, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL S. 744

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill S. 744 on tomorrow, the time until 12:30 p.m., and from 2:15 p.m. until 3 p.m., be equally divided and controlled for debate, between the two leaders, or their designees, on the pending amendments; and that, at 3 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the following amendments in the following order: amendments Numbered 1197, 1222, 1228, and 1198.

Ordered further, That there be no second-degree amendment in order prior to a vote; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 13, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1228, proposed by Mr. VITTER, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

Pending debate,

HIV ORGAN POLICY EQUITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 330) to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KING (for Mr. GRASSLEY) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 3 and adding other words (being amendment No. 1315).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY COMMITTEE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 111-5 had appointed the following individual to the Health Information Technology Policy Committee: Dr. Aury Nagy of Nevada.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 744, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

At 7:15 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1935. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2013 Management Measures" (RIN0648-XC438), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1936. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish Fishery; Emergency Action" (RIN0648-BC79), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1937. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 18B" (RIN0648-BB58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1938. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery and Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 24 and Framework Adjustment 49" (RIN0648-BC81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1939. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Revise Maximum Retainable Amounts of Groundfish Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-BA43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1940. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC654), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1941. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC369), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1942. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XC634), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1943. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; 2013 Sector Operations Plans and Contracts and Allocation of Northeast Multispecies Annual Catch Entitlements" (RIN0648-XC240), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1944. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Western Pacific Fisheries; Fishing in the Marianas Trench, Pacific Remote Islands, and Rose Atoll Marine National Monuments" (RIN0648-BA98), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1945. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2013 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper" (RIN0648-XC672), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1946. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries in the Western Pacific; 5-Year Extension of Moratorium on Harvest of Gold Corals" (RIN0648-BC89), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1947. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; North and South Atlantic 2013 Commercial Swordfish Quotas" (RIN0648-XC334), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1948. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna

Fisheries; Fishing Restrictions in the Eastern Pacific Ocean" (RIN0648-BC44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1949. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program" (RIN0648-BA82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1950. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 37" (RIN0648-BC66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1951. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Fishing Restrictions and Observer Requirements in Purse Seine Fisheries for 2013-2014" (RIN0648-BC87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1952. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Action #3" (RIN0648-XC686), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1953. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC675), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1954. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Texas Closure" (RIN0648-XC683), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1955. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Big Skate in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC673), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1956. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Alaska Plaice in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC687), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1957. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the apportionment of membership on the regional fishery management councils; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1958. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund" ((RIN3060-AF85)(DA 13-1113)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1959. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Wrightsville Beach, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0174)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1960. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Maritime Administrator, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1961. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert R. Allardice, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1962. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Frank J. Kisner, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1963. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Douglas H. Owens, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1964. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of five (5) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1965. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2011 Report on Department of Defense (DoD) Operation and Financial Support for Military Museums; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1966. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Norway; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1967. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Canada; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1968. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1969. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1970. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, transmitting, pursuant to law, Bank's 2012 Management Report and statement on system of internal controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1971. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1972. A communication from the Chair of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1973. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0099 - 2013-0107); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1974. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority--National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research--Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84. 133B-10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1975. A communication from the Director of the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Black Lung Benefits Act: Standards for Chest Radiographs" (RIN1240-AA07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1976. A communication from the Acting Chief Policy Officer, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1977. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpyroximate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9388-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1978. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus pumilus strain BU F-33; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9389-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1979. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulations; Buy Indian Act; Procedures for Contracting" (RIN1090-AB03), received on June 13, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1980. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program 2013 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1981. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to deployments of U.S. Armed Forces for combat (OSS-2013-0859); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1172. A bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1173. A bill to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. NELSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1174. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1175. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire interests in real property that are in compliance with habitat conservation plans approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1176. A bill to impose a fine with respect to international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1177. A bill to authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1178. A bill to better integrate engineering education into kindergarten through grade 12 instruction and curriculum and to support research on engineering education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1179. A bill to improve the coordination of export promotion programs and to facilitate export opportunities for small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1180. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the public availability of Medicare claims data; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr.

ISAKSON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1181. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. LEE):

S. 1182. A bill to modify the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things, and provide appropriate transition procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COONS, Mr. KING, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S.J. Res. 19. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 173. A resolution designating September 2013 as "National Child Awareness Month" to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 174. A resolution designating June 20, 2013, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 316

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 528

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 528, a bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to restrict institutions of higher education from using revenues derived from Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 562, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 650

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650,

a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

S. 676

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 676, a bill to prevent tax-related identity theft and tax fraud.

S. 717

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 717, a bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 765

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 765, a bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 852, a bill to improve health care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs by increasing access to complementary and alternative medicine and other approaches to wellness and preventive care, and for other purposes.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 913

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to amend the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000 to reauthorize and improve that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1009

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1009, a bill to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1091

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp.

S. 1106

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1106, a bill to improve the accuracy of mortgage underwriting used by Federal mortgage agencies by ensuring that energy costs are included in the underwriting process, to reduce the amount of energy consumed by homes, to facilitate the creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1159

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1166, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 16, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the power of Congress to impose a tax on a failure to purchase goods or services.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 60

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 60, a resolution supporting women's reproductive health.

SENATE RESOLUTION 151

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 151, a resolution urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates.

SENATE RESOLUTION 172

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were

added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 172, a resolution designating the first Wednesday in September 2013 as "National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day" and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

AFRICAN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold an African Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Examining Prospects for Democratic Reform and Economic Recovery in Zimbabwe."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "High Prices, Low Transparency: The Bitter Pill of Health Care Costs."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Long Term Sustainability for Reverse Mortgages: HECM's Impact on the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund."

WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND GLOBAL NARCOTICS AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a Western Hemisphere and Global Narcotics Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Security Cooperation in Mexico: Examining the Next Steps in the U.S.-Mexico Security Relationship."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 253. An act to provide for the conveyance of approximately 80 acres of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes.

H.R. 520. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes.

H.R. 674. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System.

H.R. 862. An act to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960.

H.R. 876. An act to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

At 2:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 588) to provide for donor contribution acknowledgements to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 253. To provide for the conveyance of approximately 80 acres of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 674. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 862. An act to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 876. An act to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1228, proposed by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. RON JOHNSON), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:43 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1228 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1197, proposed by Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JOHANNS), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The hour of 3 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 39, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 151 Leg.]

YEAS --- 39

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1222, proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. COATS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUNT), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the order of yesterday that the pending amendment receive 60 yea votes to be agreed to, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1222 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1228 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 36, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 152 Leg.]

YEAS --- 36

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

NAYS --- 58

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1198, proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. HEINRICH), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 94, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 153 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183, proposed by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. HATCH), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following be the next first-degree amendments in order to be proposed to the bill:

An amendment, Numbered 1268, intended to be proposed by Mr. MANCHIN;

An amendment, Numbered 1298, intended to be proposed by Mr. PRYOR;

An amendment, Numbered 1237, intended to be proposed by Mr. MERKLEY;

An amendment, Numbered 1240, intended to be proposed by Mrs. BOXER;

An amendment, Numbered 1224, intended to be proposed by Mr. REED;

An amendment, Numbered 1251, intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN;

An amendment, Numbered 1208, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE;

An amendment, Numbered 1200, intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL

An amendment, Numbered 1227, intended to be proposed by Mr. HELLER;

An amendment, Numbered 1320, intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ.

Ordered further, That it be in order for only amendments Numbered 1237 and 1200 to be modified; that no amendment be in order to be divided; and that no amendment be in order to the amendments, prior to votes thereon.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

REAFFIRMING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AS A PRIORITY ON THE OCCASION OF "WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 143) recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2013.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CHILD AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. KAINE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 173) designating September 2013 as "National Child Awareness Month" to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "AMERICAN EAGLE DAY"

On the request of Mr. KAINE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 174) designating June 20, 2013, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, submitted today by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CORKER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 744.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. FLAKE.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:42 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 19, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1982. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use of Cooperative Threat Reduction funds for nuclear and radiological materials transport outside the former Soviet Union; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1983. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Defense Production Act Annual Fund Report for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1984. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice and Procedure: Enterprise and Federal Home Loan Bank Housing Goals Related Enforcement Amendment" (RIN2590-AA57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1985. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wassenaar Arrangement 2012 Plenary Agreements Implementation: Commerce Control List, Definitions, and Reports" (RIN0694-AF83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1986. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Carolina: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9823-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1987. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; 110(a)(1) and (2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9820-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1988. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Infrastructure SIP for the 19997 8-Hour Ozone and the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter Standards" (FRL No. 9824-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1989. A communication from the Senior Management Analyst, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addresses of Regional Offices" (RIN1018-AY13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1990. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Shelter for Individuals Displaced by Severe Storms and Tornadoes in Oklahoma" (Notice 2013-39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1991. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Land Trust" (Rev. Rul. 2013-14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1992. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the February 20, 2013 - April 20, 2013 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1993. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period February 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1994. A communication from the Director, International Broadcasting Bureau, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2013 Program Plan and Sequestration Summary; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1995. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Defense Trade Cooperation Treaties with Australia and the United Kingdom" ((RIN0750-AH70)-(DFARS Case 2012-D034)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1996. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) complying with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act (IPERA) of 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1997. A communication from the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Broadcasting Board of Governors, International Broadcasting Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1998. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1999. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2000. A communication from the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2001. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2002. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2003. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with

an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 959. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to compounding drugs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEE, Mr. TOOMEY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COATS, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 1183. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1184. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the Medicare and You Handbook and to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1185. A bill to enhance penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting seniors; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. COWAN):

S. 1186. A bill to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1187. A bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 1188. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1189. A bill to adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1190. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to permit agencies to count certain contracts toward contracting goals; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1191. A bill to facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants regarding energy efficiency in buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1192. A bill to implement common sense controls on the taxpayer-funded salaries of government contractors by limiting reimbursement for excessive compensation; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COWAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COONS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WICKER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. NELSON, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 175. A resolution observing Juneteenth Independence Day, June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery finally came to an end in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 176. A resolution designating July 12, 2013, as "Collector Car Appreciation Day" and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. VITTER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ENZI, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COWAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NELSON, Mr. COONS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Ms. WARREN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. THUNE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 177. A resolution honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business concerns in the United States during National Small Business Week, which begins on June 17, 2013; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 360

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 360, a bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to

provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

S. 401

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care for their children.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, supra.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 710

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 710, a bill to provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes.

S. 765

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 765, a bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 826

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 826, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2017, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 916, a bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

S. 929

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 929, a bill to impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses committed against nationals of Vietnam or their family members, and for other purposes.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1039

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1039, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship to include spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1063

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1063, a bill to improve teacher quality, and for other purposes.

S. 1079

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1079, a bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote the artificial reefs, and for other purposes.

S. 1088

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1126

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1126, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 109

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 109, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should leave no member of the Armed Forces unaccounted for during the drawdown of forces in Afghanistan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 157

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 157, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas.

SENATE RESOLUTION 164

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 164, a resolution designating October 30, 2013, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 170

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 170, a resolution commemorating John Lewis on the 50th anniversary of his chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Staying on Track: Next Steps in Improving Passenger and Freight Rail Safety".

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reducing Senior Poverty and Hunger: The Role of the Older Americans Act" on June 19, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2013, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 19, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 19, 2013, at 3 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 19, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "Social Security Payments Go Paperless: Protecting Seniors from Fraud and Confusion."

The Committee will meet in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

The Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing on airline industry consolidation.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 475. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines.

H.R. 1151. An act to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1797. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1896. An act to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that the United States can comply fully with the obligations of the Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1797. To amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1896. An act to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that the United States can comply fully with the obligations of the Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1151. An act to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183, proposed by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. HATCH), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. BLUNT) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1208).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. MURRAY) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 919, line 17, after "agents," by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1240).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. REID) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 861, line 9, by striking "4 members, consisting of 1 member," and inserting "5 members, consisting of 1 member from the Southwestern State of Nevada and 1 member" (being amendment No. 1227).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. CRUZ to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 896, by striking all beginning on line 11 through line 17, page 942, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1320).

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, without intervening action or debate.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that it be in order for each side to move to instruct conferees relative to the debt limit, and to move to instruct conferees relative to taxes/revenues; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled for debate thereon, between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to votes in relation to said motions; that no amendment be in order to said motions; and that there be no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. TOOMEY objected.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1320 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. BLUNT) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1200).

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Mr. PAUL modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1200, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. COATS) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all beginning with section 2 through the end of title I, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1251).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 1793, after line 17, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1237).

Mr. MERKLEY modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1237, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. LEAHY, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on

various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), amendment No. 1268; Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. JOHANNS), amendment No. 1298; Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. FRANKEN), amendment No. 1224.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1224 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID called for regular order with respect to amendment No. 1200, as modified.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1200, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to lay the pending amendment, as modified, on the table.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 61, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 154 Leg.]

YEAS --- 61

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 37

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1224 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the time until 4:35 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the following pending amendments; and that Mr. SESSIONS control 7 minutes of the time of the minority therein: amendments Numbered 1268, 1208, as may be modified, 1298, 1227, and 1237, as modified.

Ordered further, That, at 4:35 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1224 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Michael Froman, of New York, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1224 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SESSIONS,

Ordered, That amendment No. 1208 be modified.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1268 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MANCHIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 72, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 155 Leg.]

YEAS --- 72

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 26

Ayotte, Blunt, Burr, Carper, Coburn, Cochran, Crapo, Cruz, Fischer, Graham, Hatch, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kaine, Lee, McCain, Paul, Portman, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1208, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 39, nays... 59

[Rollcall Vote No. 156 Leg.]

YEAS --- 39

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 59

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1298 to the reported

amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the order of today, that the pending amendment receive 60 yea votes to be agreed to, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1298 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1227 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HELLER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 89, nays... 9

[Rollcall Vote No. 157 Leg.]

YEAS --- 89

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cowan, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 9

Barrasso, Coats, Collins, Cruz, Enzi, Johnson (WI), Lee, Scott, Sessions.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1237, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

Ordered, That the order of today, that the pending amendment, as modified, receive 60 yea votes to be agreed to, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1237, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1224 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

PROMOTING OBSERVER STATUS FOR TAIWAN AT THE TRIENNIAL ICAO ASSEMBLY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 579) to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS ON THE CALENDAR EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the following bills on the calendar, en bloc:

S. 23. A bill to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes, without amendment;

S. 25. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes, without amendment;

S. 26. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, without amendment;

S. 112. A bill to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes, without amendment;

S. 130. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming, without amendment;

S. 157. A bill to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes, without amendment;

S. 230. A bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes, without amendment;

S. 244. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project, without amendment;

S. 276. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir, without amendment;

S. 304. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes, without amendment;

S. 352. A bill to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers, and for other purposes, without amendment;

S. 383. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, without amendment;

S. 393. A bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, without amendment;

S. 459. A bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes, without amendment.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the bills be read the third time, en bloc, and passed, en bloc; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN LEWIS' CHAIRMANSHIP OF SNCC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 170) commemorating JOHN LEWIS on the 50th anniversary of his chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

Pending debate,

OBSERVING JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 175) observing Juneteenth Independence Day, June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery finally came to an end in the United States, submitted today by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COWAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COONS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WICKER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. NELSON, Mr. TOM UDALL, and Ms. WARREN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 176) designating July 12, 2013, as "Collector Car Appreciation Day" and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States, submitted today by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BURR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING SMALL BUSINESS DURING NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 177) honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business concerns in the United States during National Small Business Week, which begins on June 17, 2013, submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. VITTER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ENZI, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COWAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NELSON, Mr. COONS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Ms. WARREN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. THUNE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. TESTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMENDING THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO INCLUDE VACCINES AGAINST SEASONAL INFLUENZA

On the request of Mr. REID,

As pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 23, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 475) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 23, 2013,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the majority and the minority.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 20, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 744

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, following the remarks of the two leaders, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 744; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate, between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 12 noon, he be recognized.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1224, proposed by Mr. LEAHY for Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. FRANKEN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 1251.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1251, proposed by Mr. CORNYN, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to lay the pending amendment on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to a vote on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 1251.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

Pursuant to the order of today,

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 54, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 159 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Portman, Pryor, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1224 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Ms. LANDRIEU asked unanimous consent that the following amendments be proposed and agreed to: amendments Numbered 1285, 1286, 1408, 1344, 1255, as modified, 1288, 1250, 1386, 1281, 1342, 1234, 1239, 1261, 1338, 1382, 1383, 1341, 1183, a technical amendment by Mr. LEAHY, an amendment by Mr. LEAHY, relative to EB5 clarification, and amendments Numbered 1368, 1253, 1223, 1416, 1272, 1405, 1241, 1242.

Mr. GRASSLEY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1224 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. LANDRIEU,

Ordered, That time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the majority leader be recognized at 2 p.m.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1224 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, time until 4 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate, between the two leaders, or their designees; that time in quorum calls therein be equally divided; and that, at 4 p.m., he be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1224 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 945, after line 20, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1507).

Mr. CARPER raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. LEAHY objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of a quorum,

When

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered That the quorum call be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1507 to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID raised a point of order, viz, that the amendment is improperly drafted to amendment No. 1183, and therefore is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time until 6:30 p.m. be for debate only; that time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 6:30 p.m., he be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment.

Mr. LEAHY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1203).

Mr. LEAHY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Ms. HIRONO asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside.

Mr. LEAHY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time until 7:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate only, between the majority and the minority; and that, at 7:30 p.m., he be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time until 8:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate only, between the majority and the minority; and that, at 8:30 p.m., he be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time until 9:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate only, between the majority and the minority; that time in quorum calls be counted equally; and that, at 9:30 p.m., he be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time until 10:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate only, between the majority and the minority; and that, at 10:30 p.m., he be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE DISPOSITION OF RUSSIAN HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM -- PM 14

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the emergency declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012, with respect to the disposition of Russian highly enriched uranium is to continue in effect beyond June 25, 2013.

The risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13617 with respect to the disposition of Russian highly enriched uranium.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 20, 2013.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2004. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2005. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2006. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments" (RIN3133-AE20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2007. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Standby Mode and Off Mode for Microwave Ovens" (RIN1904-AC07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2008. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conclusive Presumption of Worthlessness of Bad Debts" (Notice 2013-35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2009. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Purchase Price Safe Harbors for sections 143 and 25" (Notice 2013-28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2010. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans; Small Business Health Options Program" (RIN0938-AR76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2011. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incentives for Nondiscriminatory Wellness Programs in Group Health Plans" ((RIN1545-BL07)(TD 9620)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2012. A communication from the Division Chief of the Policy Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Foreign Ownership Policies for Common Carrier and Aeronautical Radio Licensees under Section 310 (b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended" (FCC 13-50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2013. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology,, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules to Amend the Definition of Auditory Assistance Devices in Support of Simultaneous Language Interpretation" ((FCC 13-59)(ET Doc. No. 10-26)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2014. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Labeling Rule; Final Rule" (RIN3084-AB15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2015. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telemarketing Sales Rule Fees" (RIN3084-AA98), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2016. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Used Motor Vehicle Trade Regulation Rule" (RIN3084-AB05), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2017. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labeling Requirements for Alternative Fuels and Alternative Fueled Vehicles" (RIN3084-AB21), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2018. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Division of Restoration and Recovery, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" (RIN1018-AY67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2019. A communication from the Executive Director, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2012 Annual Report to the President and Congress; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2020. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1161)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2021. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1316)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2022. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0614)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2023. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1109)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2024. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1231)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2025. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Powered Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1172)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2026. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1068)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2027. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0855)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2028. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0445)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2029. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1072)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2030. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Twin Commander Aircraft LLC Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0393)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2031. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0695)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2032. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Slingsby Sailplanes Ltd. Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0220)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2033. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Spectrolab Nightsun XP Searchlight" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0221)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2034. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Revo, Incorporated Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0845)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2035. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aircraft Industries a.s. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0456)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2036. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0808)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2037. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1163)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 1197. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-44).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 162. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COATS, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1193. A bill to require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice to such individuals in the case of a breach of security involving such information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1194. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 1195. A bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1196. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for clarification as to the meaning of access without authorization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1197. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1198. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for adjustments to Medicare part B and D premiums for high-income beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1199. A bill to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1200. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to promote energy efficiency and energy savings in residential buildings; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1201. A bill to restrict funds related to escalating United States military involvement in Syria; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1202. A bill to establish an integrated Federal program to respond to ongoing and expected impacts of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, restoring, and conserving the natural resources of the United States, and to maximize government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and other entities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1203. A bill to promote permanent families for children, privacy and safety for unwed mothers, responsible fatherhood, and security for adoptive parents by establishing a National Responsible Father Registry and encouraging States to enter into agreements to contribute the information contained in the States Responsible Father Registry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1204. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1205. A bill to reduce energy waste, strengthen energy system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and promote local economic development by helping public and private entities to assess and implement energy systems that recover and use waste heat and local renewable energy resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1206. A bill to encourage benchmarking and disclosure of energy information for commercial buildings; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1207. A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1208. A bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1209. A bill to establish a State Energy Race to the Top Initiative to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1210. A bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1211. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the use of the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill to give a false impression of approval or endorsement by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1212. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1213. A bill to reauthorize the weatherization and State energy programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 178. A resolution honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the agency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 179. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 180. A resolution making minority party appointments for the 113th Congress; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 109

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 109, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 195, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 568

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 568, a bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to

expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 824

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 953, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.

S. 1032

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1032, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the Uniform Code of Military Justice related to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the rehabilitation credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1154

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1154, a bill to provide that certain requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating on October 1, 2013.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 172

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 172, a resolution designating the first Wednesday in September 2013 as "National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day" and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 20, 2013, at 2:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 20, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 20, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 20, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., to hold a briefing on Syria.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Developing a Skilled Workforce for a Competitive Economy: Reauthorizing the Workforce Investment Act" on June 20, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce and Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 20, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the Workforce of the U.S. Intelligence Community and the Role of Private Contractors."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 20, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 20, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a roundtable entitled "Sequestration: Small Business Contractors Weathering the Storm in a Climate of Fiscal Uncertainty."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 20, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702 and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER reappoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Jeffrey W. Thomas of Columbus, Ohio.

CONSTITUTING MAJORITY PARTY MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 179) to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MAKING MINORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 180) making minority party appointments for the 113th Congress, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 744; and that Mr. REID then be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 10:32 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183, proposed by Mr. LEAHY, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the time until 2:30 p.m. be for debate only; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that Mr. SESSIONS control 2 hours therein; that time in quorum calls therein be equally divided; and that, at 2:30 p.m., Mr. REID be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. LEAHY, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, as modified, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1551).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending amendment No. 1183, as modified; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1183, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill S. 744:

HARRY REID, PAT LEAHY, MICHAEL F. BENNET, CHUCK SCHUMER, DICK DURBIN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, PATTY MURRAY, DEBBIE STABENOW, ROBERT P. CASEY JR., MARK WARNER, TOM CARPER, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, ANGUS S. KING, JR., CHRIS COONS, CHRIS MURPHY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1552).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "3 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "2 days" (being amendment No. 1553).

On motion by Mr. REID to recommit the pending bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 1554).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions contained in the pending motion to recommit by striking "6 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "5 days" (being amendment No. 1555).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "5 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "4 days" (being amendment No. 1556).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1556 to amendment No. 1555 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 1554) contained in the motion to recommit.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 181. A resolution recognizing the sesquicentennial of West Virginia and commemorating its history, people, and culture; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KING, and Mr. BROWN):

S. Res. 182. A resolution congratulating the American Dental Hygienists' Association on the 100th anniversary of the profession of dental hygiene and commending its work to improve the oral health of the people of the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 380

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and update the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative for grants to address the problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress.

S. 647

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 710

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 710, a bill to provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 172

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 172, a resolution designating the first Wednesday in September 2013 as "National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day" and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:10 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 475. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Anthony Renard Foxx, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Transportation; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Penny Pritzker, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Commerce; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF WEST VIRGINIA AND COMMEMORATING ITS HISTORY, PEOPLE, AND CULTURE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 181) recognizing the sesquicentennial of West Virginia and commemorating its history, people, and culture, submitted today by Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROFESSION

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 182) congratulating the American Dental Hygienists' Association on the 100th anniversary of the profession of dental hygiene and commending its work to improve the oral health of the people of the United States, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KING, and Mr. BROWN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on Monday, June 24, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 744; and that time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments to amendment No. 1183, as modified, until 4 p.m. on Monday next.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 2:47 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on Monday, June 24, 2013.

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 21, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 21, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 21, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1556, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 1555, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 1554) contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill S. 744:

HARRY REID, PAT LEAHY, MICHAEL F. BENNET, CHUCK SCHUMER, DICK DURBIN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, PATTY MURRAY, DEBBIE STABENOW, ROBERT P. CASEY JR., MARK R. WARNER, TOM CARPER, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, ANGUS S. KING, JR., CHRIS COONS, CHRIS MURPHY.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 744:

HARRY REID, PAT LEAHY, MICHAEL F. BENNET, CHUCK SCHUMER, DICK DURBIN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, PATTY MURRAY, DEBBIE STABENOW, ROBERT P. CASEY JR., MARK R. WARNER, TOM CARPER, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, ANGUS S. KING, JR., CHRIS COONS, CHRIS MURPHY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorums under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1556 to amendment No. 1555 to the instructions (designated

amendment No. 1554) contained in the motion to recommit.

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 21, 2013, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1183, proposed by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ALEXANDER), as modified, to bill S. 744.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 21, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 67, nays... 27

[Rollcall Vote No. 160 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chiesa, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 27

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Fischer, Grassley, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The motion having been agreed to,

The pending motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions (designated amendment No. 1554), and amendments Numbered 1555 and 1556 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2038. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's 2012 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2039. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the annual plan and certification for the procurement of aircraft for the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2040. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses for Acquisition of Commercial Items" ((RIN0750-AH70)(DFARS Case 2012-D056)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2041. A communication from the Chairman of the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Appraisal Subcommittee's 2012 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2042. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's management reports and statements on system of internal controls for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2043. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Regulations; National Park System, Demonstrations, Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter" (RIN1024-AD91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2044. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA)"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2045. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fuel Oil Systems for Emergency Power Supplies" (Regulatory Guide 1.137, Revision 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2046. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Assurance Program Requirements (Operation)" (Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2047. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Environmental Review for Renewal of Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses" (RIN3150-AI42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2048. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to the Congress: Medicare and the Health Care Delivery System"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2049. A communication from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's 2013 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2050. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of certain U.S. forces to Jordan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2051. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2013 Update"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2052. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

petition to add workers who were employed at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2053. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress Related to Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence as Required by the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011 (FSMA)"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2054. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Mica-Based Pearlescent Pigments" (Docket No. FDA-2012-C-0224), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2055. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Orphan Drug Regulations" ((RIN0910-AG72)-(Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0583)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2056. A communication from the Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating OSHA Standards Based on National Consensus Standards; Signage" (RIN1218-AC77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2057. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2058. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-67; Introduction" (FAC 2005-67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2059. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-67; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2060. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States" (RIN9000-AM20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2061. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Interagency Acquisitions: Compliance by Nondefense Agencies with Defense Procurement Requirements" (RIN9000-AM36), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2062. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; System for Award Management Name Change, Phase 1 Implementation" (RIN9000-AM51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2063. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Contracting Officer's Representative" (RIN9000-AM52), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2064. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Terms of Service and Open-Ended Indemnification, and Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations" (RIN9000-AM45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2065. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Deletion of Report to Congress on Foreign-Manufactured Products" (RIN9000-AM54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2066. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Price Analysis Techniques" (RIN9000-AM27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2067. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Updated Postretirement Benefit (PRB) References" (RIN9000-AM23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2068. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Free Trade Agreement (FTA) - Panama" (RIN9000-AM43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2069. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Contracting with Women-Owned Small Business Concerns" (RIN9000-AM59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2070. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2012 through March

31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2071. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Seventy-Second Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2072. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Mandatory Label Information for Wine" (RIN1513-AB36), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1214. A bill to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1215. A bill to strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight related to domestic surveillance conducted pursuant to the USA PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 183. A resolution commemorating the relaunching of the 172-year-old Charles W. Morgan by Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 184. A resolution recognizing refugee women and girls on World Refugee Day; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 185. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of R. Wayne Patterson v. United States Senate, et al.; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 160

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 160, a bill to exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 420

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to longstanding regulatory rule.

S. 422

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 546

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 546, a bill to amend entrance counseling and exit counseling for borrowers under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 548

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve and enhance the capabilities of the Armed Forces to prevent and respond to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 647

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 650

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 737

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 737, a bill to require the Federal banking agencies to conduct a quantitative impact study on the cumulative effect of the Basel III framework devised by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision before issuing final rules amending the agencies' general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets, as proposed in the Advanced Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rules Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Standardized Approach for Risk-Weighted Assets Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and the Implementation of Basel III, Minimum Regulatory Capital Ratios Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in June 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 820

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

S. 895

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 895, a bill to improve the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to study the use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 916, a bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

S. 955

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 955, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act.

S. 1118

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1118, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1123, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1180

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1180, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the public availability of Medicare claims data.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1183, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 144

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 144, a resolution concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts supporting long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 151

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 151, a resolution urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2013, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Curbing Prescription Drug Abuse in Medicare."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2013 at approximately 5:30 p.m.

RECOGNIZING REFUGEE WOMEN AND GIRLS ON WORLD REFUGEE DAY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 184) recognizing refugee women and girls on World Refugee Day, submitted today by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Ms. STABENOW), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION BY SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 185), submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of R. Wayne Patterson v. United States Senate, et al., and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 744; and that Senators be authorized to "file" first degree amendments to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. PORTMAN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:44 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2073. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetamiprid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9391-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2074. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyproconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9387-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2075. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Triforine, Pesticide Tolerances; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9389-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2076. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to Congress on the Nuclear Employment Strategy of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2077. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, and expanded in Executive Order 13551 of August 20, 2010, and addressed further in Executive Order 13570 of April 18, 2011, with respect to the current existence and risk of the proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2078. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination to Defer Sanctions; California; South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9826-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2079. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9825-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2080. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Infrastructure SIP for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone and the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter Standards" (FRL No. 9825-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2081. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Diego Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9815-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2082. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Address for Region 7; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9825-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2083. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham and Winston-Salem Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9824-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2084. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon: Heat Smart Program and Enforcement Procedures" (FRL No. 9802-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2085. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9825-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2086. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9797-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2087. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference for Florida; Approval of Recodification of the Florida Administrative Code; Correcting Amendments" (FRL No. 9824-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2088. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 9390-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2089. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Petroleum Refineries" (FRL No. 9751-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2090. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Operation of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and the Tropical Forest Conservation Act 2012 Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2091. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-056); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2092. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program; Interim Final Rule" (RIN1840-AD13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2093. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program - Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers" (CFDA Nos. 84.133E-5; 84.133E-6; 84.133E-7; and 84. 133E-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2094. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133B-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2095. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program - Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133E-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2096. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program" (CFDA No. 84.133P-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2097. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program - Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133E-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2098. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Seventy-Second Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2099. A communication from the Director, Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Readiness and Force Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, additional fiscal year 2012 reports from the Department of Defense Components relative to the implementation of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with a preamble:

S. Res. 144. A resolution concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts supporting long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in

the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 151. A resolution urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates.

S. Res. 165. A resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 166. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and commending its successor, the African Union.

S. Res. 167. A resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States for the peaceful resolution of territorial, sovereignty, and jurisdictional disputes in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 1216. A bill to improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MORAN, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 1217. A bill to provide secondary mortgage market reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1218. A bill to establish a State Energy Race to the Top Initiative to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1219. A bill to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1220. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1221. A bill to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1222. A bill to amend the small, rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965,; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. Res. 186. A resolution congratulating the Miami Heat for winning the 2013 National Basketball Association Finals; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 231

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 658

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 658, a bill to amend titles 10 and 32, United States Code, to enhance capabilities to prepare for and respond to cyber emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1069

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1166, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1192

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1192, a bill to implement common sense controls on the taxpayer-funded salaries of government contractors by limiting reimbursement for excessive compensation.

S. 1195

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1195, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1199

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1199, a bill to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 1211

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1211, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the use of the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill to give a false impression of approval or endorsement by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1215, a bill to strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight related to domestic surveillance conducted pursuant to the USA PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 144

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 144, a resolution concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts supporting long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 151

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 151, a resolution urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates.

SENATE RESOLUTION 165

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 165, a resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling.

SENATE RESOLUTION 167

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 167, a resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States for the peaceful resolution of territorial, sovereignty, and jurisdictional disputes in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Private Student Loans: Regulatory Perspectives."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Program Integrity: Oversight of Recovery Audit Contractors."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2013, at 3 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Building a Foundation of Fairness: 75 Years of the federal Minimum Wage" on June 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY

The Subcommittee on Energy of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Are We Prepared? Measuring the Impact of Preparedness Grants Since 9/11."

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 1552, proposed by Mr. REID, to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 2:15 p.m. on today, and notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it be in order for the Senate to proceed to executive session, and consideration of the nomination of Penny Pritzker, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Commerce, as pursuant to the order of Friday, June 21, 2013.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:54 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 21, 2013, as modified today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 21, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That, at 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on amendment No. 1183, as modified, be considered concluded; that pending amendment No. 1551 thereto be withdrawn; that, if a Budget Act point of order is raised against an amendment or the bill during the pendency of amendment No. 1183, as modified, and a motion to waive is made, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to waive; that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1183, as modified; that, upon disposition of said amendment, as modified, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended; that, if said motion is agreed to, it be considered to have been agreed to at 1 a.m. on tomorrow; and that, following said vote, and if said motion is agreed to, the majority leader then be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER raised a point of order, viz, that the pending bill violates provisions of section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and section 4(g)(3) of Public Law 111-139, to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending bill, and amendments thereto.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing on the motion.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to waive.

Pending debate,

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside, and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1580).

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to waive.

CONGRATULATING THE MIAMI HEAT FOR WINNING THE 2013 NBA FINALS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 186) congratulating the Miami Heat for winning the 2013 National Basketball Association Finals, submitted today by Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 744; and that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments to the reported amendment (in the nature of substitute) and the bill until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:03 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013

Mr. WILLIAM M. COWAN, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. COWAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 26, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM M. COWAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COWAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the motion, by Mr. LEAHY, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, and section 4(g)(3) of Public Law 111-139, to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending bill, and amendments thereto.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes.

The question being on the agreeing to the motion under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, and section 4(g)(3) of Public Law 111-139, to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending bill, and amendments thereto.

The hour of 11:30 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on amendment No. 1183, as modified, was concluded.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Amendment No. 1551, proposed by Mr. REID, was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken on the agreeing to the motion under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, and section 4(g)(3) of Public Law 111-139, to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending bill, and amendments thereto.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 68, nays... 30

[Rollcall Vote No. 162 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chiesa, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 30

Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1183, as modified, proposed by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ALEXANDER), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 69, nays... 29

[Rollcall Vote No. 163 Leg.]

YEAS --- 69

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chiesa, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 29

Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, June 24, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 24, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 67, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 164 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

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Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553, proposed by Mr. REID,

to amendment No. 1552, proposed by Mr. REID, to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that it be in order for the majority and minority parties each to make two motions to instruct conferees, relative to debt limit and taxes/revenue.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the motions; that no further motion be in order prior to votes; and that all occur with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. CRUZ objected.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language proposed to be stricken by the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1330); and that said amendment be eligible for a vote.

Mr. BENNET objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent, that it be in order for a managers' package of amendments to be proposed; that the amendments therein be considered en bloc; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to said amendments en bloc; that, upon disposition thereof, the following amendments be in order to be proposed; and that the instruction lines be modified to conform to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended:

An amendment (Numbered 1334), intended to be proposed by Mr. SESSIONS;

An amendment (Numbered 1718), intended to be proposed by Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BENNET);

An amendment (Numbered 1594), intended to be proposed by Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. INHOFE);

An amendment (Numbered 1636), intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. DURBIN);

An amendment (Numbered 1445), intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER;

An amendment (Numbered 1311), intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. HARKIN);

An amendment (Numbered 1599), intended to be proposed by Mr. TOOMEY;

An amendment (Numbered 1386), intended to be proposed by Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. COONS, and Mr. LEAHY);

An amendment (Numbered 1563), intended to be proposed by Mr. COATS;

An amendment (Numbered 1457), intended to be proposed by Mrs. MCCASKILL;

An amendment (Numbered 1380), intended to be proposed by Mr. RON JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. COBURN);

An amendment (Numbered 1260), intended to be propose by Mrs. BOXER;

An amendment (Numbered 1580), intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. INHOFE);

An amendment (Numbered 1250), intended to be proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. COONS, Mr. TOM UDALL, and Mr. KIRK);

An amendment (Numbered 1214), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE;

An amendment (Numbered 1218), intended to be proposed by Mr. TOM UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH);

An amendment (Numbered 1577), intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER;

An amendment (Numbered 1459), intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER;

An amendment (Numbered 1474), intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER;

An amendment (Numbered 1593), intended to be proposed by Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. FRANKEN);

An amendment (Numbered 1207), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE;

An amendment (Numbered 1419), intended to be proposed by Mr. WHITEHOUSE;

An amendment (Numbered 1579), intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ;

An amendment (Numbered 1691), intended to be proposed by Mr. TOM UDALL;

An amendment (Numbered 1583), intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ;

An amendment (Numbered 1342), intended to be proposed by Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. TOM UDALL);

An amendment (Numbered 1585), intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ;

An amendment (Numbered 1608), intended to be proposed by Mr. REED;

An amendment (Numbered 1586), intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ;

An amendment (Numbered 1253), intended to be proposed by Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. WICKER);

An amendment (Numbered 1469), intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. WICKER);

An amendment (Numbered 1634), intended to be proposed by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. TESTER).

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that, at 9 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote in relation to the aforementioned amendments in the foregoing order; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 1634, pending amendments Numbered 1553 and 1552 be withdrawn; that Mr. REID then be recognized to raise points of order against the remaining pending amendments to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute); that, upon disposition thereof, the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be agreed to; that the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 744 then be withdrawn; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. GRASSLEY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. TESTER asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1634); and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said amendment.

After debate,

Mr. GRASSLEY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Anthony Renard Foxx, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Transportation; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order to be made; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL S. 744

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following executive session on tomorrow, as pursuant to the foregoing order, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill S. 744 be concluded; that the pending amendments (Numbered 1552, and 1553 thereto) to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn; that the majority leader then be recognized to raise points of order against the remaining pending amendments; that, when the chair holds the points of order well-taken and the amendments not in order, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended; and that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill, as thus amended.

Ordered further, That, if said motion to bring to a close debate on the bill is agreed to, it be considered to have been agreed to at 7 a.m. on tomorrow.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2100. A communication from the Executive Director, Defense Science Board, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to research budgets and plans for cyberwarfare and cybersecurity of the military services and the defense agencies; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2101. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Requirements for Acquisitions Pursuant to Multiple Award Contracts" ((RIN0750-AH91)(DFARS Case 2012-D047)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-33. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to prevent unnecessary and unintended harm to coastal communities, individuals, and businesses by immediately amending the Biggert-Waters Act and mandating revision of Federal Emergency Management Agency flood-risk maps; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91

Whereas, in 2012 Congress re-authorized the National Flood Insurance Program in the Biggert-Waters Act; and

Whereas, language in the Biggert-Waters Act phases out certain subsidized flood insurance rates, thereby allowing rate increases to the costs of obtaining such flood insurance of either twenty or twenty-five percent a year, depending upon on the property, until properties reach actuarial status; and

Whereas, at the same time the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") issued new flood-risk maps showing that properties not protected by one hundred year flood federal levees would be considered as inadequately safeguarded against floods, with the result that such properties became significantly higher-risk property for the purpose of flood insurance rate premium calculation and elevation requirements; and

Whereas, the confluence of these two events has resulted in potential economic disaster for coastal communities, businesses, and individuals now faced not only with unaffordable flood insurance premiums but also with the inability to transfer or sell property deemed by FEMA to be at higher risk of flooding; and

Whereas, legislation and amendments are pending in Congress to delay the premium increases authorized by the Biggert-Waters Act for one year to determine the effects of such changes upon the availability, affordability, and sustainability of flood insurance; and

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is also now in discussions to reconsider and revise its flood-risk maps to include the effects of locally built levees, pumping stations and floodgates, all of which have been funded, designed and built to provide substantial protection from flooding, and also to develop new maps that more accurately reflect actual area flood risk; and

Whereas, it is necessary for both Congress and FEMA to take immediate action to prevent pending and unintended economic catastrophe for coastal communities, individuals, and businesses; and

Whereas, without action by both Congress and FEMA it has been estimated that at least half a million homes and businesses in Louisiana could be severely impacted, and that other coastal communities outside of Louisiana could face similar economic devastation, including communities, individuals, and businesses in New York, New Jersey and other states severely damaged by Hurricane Sandy in 2012: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to prevent unnecessary and unintended harm to coastal communities, individuals, and businesses by immediately amending the Biggert-Waters Act and mandating revision of Federal Emergency Management Agency flood-risk maps; and be it further

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

POM-34. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana

memorializing the Congress of the United States to prevent unnecessary and unintended harm to coastal communities, individuals, and businesses by immediately amending the Biggert-Waters Act and mandating revision of Federal Emergency Management Agency flood-risk maps; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

Whereas, in 2012 Congress re-authorized the National Flood Insurance Program in the Biggert-Waters Act; and

Whereas, language in the Biggert-Waters Act phases out certain subsidized flood insurance rates, thereby allowing rate increases to the costs of obtaining such flood insurance of either twenty or twenty-five percent a year, depending upon the property, until rates reach actuarial status; and

Whereas, at the same time the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued new flood-risk maps showing that properties not protected by one hundred year flood federal levees would be considered as inadequately safeguarded against floods, with the result that such properties became significantly higher-risk property for the purpose of flood insurance rate premium calculation and elevation requirements; and

Whereas, the confluence of these two events has resulted in potential economic disaster for coastal communities, businesses, and individuals now faced not only with unaffordable flood insurance premiums but also with the inability to transfer or sell property deemed by FEMA to be at higher risk of flooding; and

Whereas, legislation and amendments are pending in Congress to delay the premium increases authorized by the Biggert-Waters Act for one year to determine the effects of such changes upon the availability, affordability, and sustainability of flood insurance; and

Whereas, FEMA is also now in discussions to reconsider and revise its flood-risk maps to include the effects of locally-built levees, pumping stations, and floodgates, all of which have been funded, designed, and built to provide substantial protection from flooding, and also to develop new maps that more accurately reflect actual area flood risk; and

Whereas, it is necessary for both Congress and FEMA to take immediate action to prevent pending and unintended economic catastrophe for coastal communities, individuals, and businesses; and

Whereas, without action by both Congress and FEMA, it has been estimated that at least half a million homes and businesses in Louisiana could be severely impacted, and that other coastal communities outside of Louisiana could face similar economic devastation, including communities, individuals, and businesses in New York, New Jersey, and other states severely damaged by Hurricane Sandy in 2012: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to prevent unnecessary and unintended harm to coastal communities, individuals, and businesses by immediately amending the Biggert-Waters Act and mandating revision of Federal Emergency Management Agency flood-risk maps; and be it further

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

POM-35. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to take certain actions concerning federal public lands in Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, The Federal Government manages and controls over 85 percent of the land in Nevada; and

Whereas, Nevada has an abundance of natural resources, including vast areas of land suitable for raising livestock and for conservation and general recreational use, large deposits of gold, silver, copper and other minerals, and plentiful renewable resources, including, without limitation, sun, wind and geothermal resources that may be used to generate electricity; and

Whereas, Many of those renewable resources are located on public lands managed and controlled by the Federal Government; and

Whereas, Activities that occur on those public lands increase the demand for services provided by the State of Nevada and local governments in Nevada; and

Whereas, The State of Nevada and local governments in Nevada are limited in their ability to collect taxes or other fees from the Federal Government or from the users of public lands to fund services provided by the State and local governments; and

Whereas, The Federal Government receives revenue from the licensing and permitting of activities that occur on those public lands, including mining, grazing livestock, general recreational use and generating electricity from renewable resources; and

Whereas, In recent years, efforts have been made to curtail the practice by the Federal Government of sharing a portion of that revenue with the State of Nevada and local governments, including curtailing the practice of sharing with the counties a portion of the revenue derived from the lease of public lands and royalties from the generation of electricity from geothermal resources; and

Whereas, Recent legislation introduced in the 111th and 112th United States Congress would have, if enacted, required the Secretary of the Interior to establish a leasing program for wind and solar energy development on federal public lands; and

Whereas, Such legislation would also have required the sharing of a portion of the revenue from the competitive leasing program with the counties from which the revenue is derived, thereby creating a beneficial and meaningful role for counties in Nevada; and

Whereas, The members of the 113th Congress are now considering the budget submitted by the United States Department of the Interior for federal Fiscal Year 2014, and its possible effects on the counties' share of royalties derived from the generation of electricity from geothermal resources: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress:

1. To ensure that the public lands in Nevada that are managed and controlled by the Federal Government remain open and accessible to multiple uses, such as raising livestock, mining, conservation, general recreational use and the use of renewable resources, including, without limitation, sun, wind and geothermal resources that may be used to generate electricity; and

2. To enact legislation ensuring that the State of Nevada and the affected local governments in Nevada receive a portion of the revenue received by the Federal Government for activities conducted on the federal public lands in Nevada and ensuring that such sharing includes, without limitation, the continuation of federal laws and policies whereby local governments receive appropriate rents and royalties for activities which generate electricity from geothermal resources; and be it further

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

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-36. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana expressing support for the Nagorno Karabakh Republic's efforts to develop as a free and independent nation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

Whereas, Nagorno Karabakh, also known as Artsakh, has historically been Armenian territory, populated by an overwhelming majority of Armenians, which was illegally severed from Armenia by the Soviet Union in 1921 and placed under the newly created Soviet Azerbaijani administration; and

Whereas, February 20, 1988, marked the beginning of the national liberation movement in Nagorno Karabakh, which inspired people throughout the Soviet Union to stand up against tyranny and for their rights and freedoms, helping to bring democracy to millions and contributing to world peace; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has repeatedly expressed support for the legitimate freedom aspirations of the people of Nagorno Karabakh; and

Whereas, on September 2, 1991, the legislature of Nagorno Karabakh declared formation of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, in accordance with then acting legislation; and

Whereas, on December 10, 1991, the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic voted in favor of the independence, and on January 6, 1992, the democratically elected legislature of the Republic formally declared independence; and

Whereas, since proclaiming independence, the Nagorno Karabakh Republic has registered significant progress in democracy building, which has been most recently demonstrated during the July 19, 2012, presidential elections that were assessed by international observers as free and transparent: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby encourages and supports the Nagorno Karabakh Republic's continuing efforts to develop as a free and independent nation in order to guarantee its citizens those rights inherent in a free and independent society; and be it further

Revolved, That the president and Congress of the United States of America are hereby urged to support the self-determination and democratic independence of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and its constructive involvement with the international community's efforts to reach a just and lasting solution to security issues in that strategically important region; and be it further

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

POM-37. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging and requesting the Department of Health and Hospitals examine the benefits of routine nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment for those who are malnourished or at risk for malnutrition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

Whereas, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) has established policy promoting the importance of quality nutrition for all Americans in order to maintain healthy, active, independent lifestyles; and

Whereas, the NBCSL adopted policy supporting increased access to quality nutrition and support for infants and children, as passed by the United States Congress in Resolution HHS-11-19; and

Whereas, leading health and nutrition experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of patient health and that good nutrition and good patient health can keep people healthy and out of institutionalized health care facilities, thus reducing healthcare costs; and

Whereas, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is not routinely viewed as a medical concern in this nation, and that malnutrition is particularly prevalent in vulnerable populations, such as older adults, hospitalized patients, or minority populations that statistically shoulder the highest incidences of the most severe chronic illnesses such as diabetes, kidney disease, and cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; the elderly lose lean body mass more quickly and to a greater extent than younger adults and weight assessment (body weight and body mass index) can overlook accurate indicators of lean body mass; and

Whereas, the American Nursing Association defines therapeutic nutrition as the administration of food and fluids to support the metabolic processes of a patient who is malnourished or at high risk of becoming malnourished; and

Whereas, access to therapeutic nutrition is critical in restoring lean body mass such that it resolves malnutrition challenges and, in turn, improves clinical outcomes, reduces health care costs, and can keep people and our communities healthy; and

Whereas, despite the recognized link between good nutrition and good health, nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment have not been incorporated as routine medical treatments across the spectrum of health care: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana urges and requests that the Department of Health and Hospitals examine the benefits of routine nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment for those who are malnourished or at risk for malnutrition, as well as examine the benefits of nutrition screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment as part of the standard for evidenced-based hospital care; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana supports an increased emphasis on nutrition through the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, as well as for Medicare beneficiaries, to improve their disease management and health outcomes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana is encouraged that preventive and wellness services, such as counseling for obesity and chronic disease management, are part of the Essential Health Benefits package included in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, the vice president of the United States, the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, and to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

POM-38. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico relative to requesting the President and the Congress of the United States begin the process to admit Puerto Rico to the Union as a State; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-39. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Santa Ana, California expressing support for comprehensive federal immigration reform and urging the 113th Congress to enact reforms that secure our borders, ensure economic strength, and promote stronger communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1223. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand and intensify programs of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to translational research and related activities concerning cavernous angioma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1224. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 1225. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that solar energy property need not be located on the property with respect to which it is generating electricity in order to qualify for the residential energy efficient property credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1226. A bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1227. A bill to authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1228. A bill to establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating Medicare beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1229. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to empower the States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1230. A bill to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1231. A bill to amend the Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1232. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LEE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1233. A bill to achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control the development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HATCH, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. WICKER, Mr. LEE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1234. A bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HELLER, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1235. A bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. COWAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1236. A bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 187. A resolution congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2013 Stanley Cup; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 188. A resolution recognizing June 30, 2013, as the centennial of the Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental highway, which originally spanned 3,389 miles through 13 states, including the great State of Nebraska; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COWAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 189. A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable William Dodd Hathaway, former United States Senator for the State of Maine; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 183

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services.

S. 373

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 425

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, and for other purposes.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to require a study and report by the Small Business Administration regarding the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations.

S. 647

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 717

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 717, a bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 868

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 868, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, and for other purposes.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013-2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 916, a bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

S. 1009

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1009, a bill to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1029

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1029, a bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents.

S. 1032

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1032, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the Uniform Code of Military Justice related to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1039

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1039, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship to include spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1046, a bill to clarify certain provisions of the Native

American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1096, a bill to establish an Office of Rural Education Policy in the Department of Education.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1195

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1195, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 165

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 165, a resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "From the Lab Bench to the Courtroom: Advancing the Science and Standards of Forensics."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Health Care Quality: The Path Forward."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "Renewing the Conversation: Respecting Patients' Wishes and Advance Care Planning."

The Committee will meet in room 124 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1092. An act to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center".

H.R. 2289. An act to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA.

H.R. 2383. An act to designate the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri, and southwestern Illinois as the "Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge".

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2289. An act to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1092. An act to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center".

CONCERNING THE ONGOING CONFLICT IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 144) concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts supporting long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the resolution.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAU

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 166) commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and commending its successor, the African Union.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS ON WINNING THE STANLEY CUP

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 187) congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2013 Stanley Cup, submitted today by Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 188) recognizing June 30, 2013, as the centennial of the Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental highway, which originally spanned 3,389 miles through 13 states, including the great State of Nebraska,

submitted today by Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR WILLIAM DODD HATHAWAY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 189) relative to the death of the Honorable William Dodd Hathaway, former United States Senator for the State of Maine, submitted today by Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COWAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 744; that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers, or their designees; and that Senators be recognized for 10 minutes each therein.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. CHAMBLISS for 15 minutes, and Mr. SESSION for 30 minutes.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, as modified,

At 8:35 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to provisions of resolution S. Res. 189, as a further mark of respect to the late Senator William D. Hathaway, of Maine, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 27, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 744) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 1552, proposed by Mr. REID, to the language proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. LEAHY asked unanimous consent that the following amendments be proposed, en bloc; that the instruction lines may be modified to conform to the intended page and line numbers of the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the amendments, as may be modified, en bloc:

An amendment (Numbered 1512), intended to be proposed by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER);

An amendment (Numbered 1240), intended to be proposed by Mrs. BOXER;

An amendment (Numbered 1597), intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN;

An amendment (Numbered 1286), intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK);

An amendment (Numbered 1558), intended to be proposed by Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN);

An amendment (Numbered 1590), intended to be proposed by Mr. CARPER;

An amendment (Numbered 1288), intended to be proposed by Mr. COATS;

An amendment (Numbered 1373), intended to be proposed by Mr. COATS;

An amendment (Numbered 1509), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

An amendment (Numbered 1715), intended to be proposed by Mr. COONS;

An amendment (Numbered 1472), intended to be proposed by Mr. FLAKE;

An amendment (Numbered 1342), intended to be proposed by Mr. HEINRICH;

An amendment (Numbered 1417), intended to be proposed by Mr. HEINRICH;

An amendment (Numbered 1559), intended to be proposed by Mr. HEINRICH;

An amendment (Numbered 1593), intended to be proposed by Ms. HEITKAMP;

An amendment (Numbered 1261), intended to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR;

An amendment (Numbered 1526), intended to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR;

An amendment (Numbered 1338), intended to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. COATS);

An amendment (Numbered 1383), intended to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN);

An amendment (Numbered 1454), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY;

An amendment (Numbered 1455), intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY;

An amendment (Numbered 1451), intended to be proposed by Mr. MURPHY;

An amendment (Numbered 1368), intended to be proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. CRAPO);

An amendment (Numbered 1618), intended to be proposed by Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. WICKER);

An amendment (Numbered 1223), intended to be proposed by Mr. REED;

An amendment (Numbered 1608), intended to be proposed by Mr. REED;

An amendment (Numbered 1416), intended to be proposed by Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. KIRK);

An amendment (Numbered 1272), intended to be proposed by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE);

An amendment (Numbered 1405), intended to be proposed by Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. COLLINS);

An amendment (Numbered 1236), intended to be proposed by Mr. TOOMEY;

An amendment (Numbered 1241), intended to be proposed by Mr. TOM UDALL;

An amendment (Numbered 1242), intended to be proposed by Mr. TOM UDALL.

After debate,

Mr. CORNYN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That Ms. HIRONO be recognized to speak for 2 minutes; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HIRONO,

Ordered, That Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. SCHATZ be added as cosponsors to amendment No. 1317.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HIRONO,

Ordered, That Mr. WHITEHOUSE and Mr. SCHATZ be added as cosponsors to amendment No. 1718.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 744.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1553 to amendment No. 1552 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Pending amendments Numbered 1552 and 1553 thereto, were withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1224, proposed by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. FRANKEN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Mr. REID raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment is to language that was amended when amendment No. 1183, as modified, was agreed to, is improperly drafted, and therefore is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1320, proposed by Mr. CRUZ, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Mr. REID raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment is to language that was amended when amendment No. 1183, as modified, was agreed to, is improperly drafted, and therefore is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1240, proposed by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. MURRAY), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Mr. REID raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment is to language that was amended when amendment No. 1183, as modified, was agreed to, is improperly drafted, and therefore is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following 2 votes be 10 minutes each.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 68, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 166 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chiesa, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, June 24, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the pending bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 24, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 68, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 167 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chiesa, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, the time until 4 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate, between Mr. LEAHY and Mr. GRASSLEY, or their designees; that the following Senators be recognized to speak for 8 minutes each from the time of the majority: Mr. FLAKE, Mr. BENNET, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. SCHUMER; that Ms. LANDRIEU be recognized for 5 minutes; that time during quorum calls therein be equally divided; that the final 20 minutes for debate be equally divided and controlled; and that Mr. REID control the final 10 minutes therein.

Ordered further, That, at 4 p.m. on today, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the pending bill, as amended, be concluded; that the bill as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage thereof.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The hour of 4 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the bill, was concluded.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 68, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 168 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chiesa, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1238

Mr. REED asked unanimous consent that the Chair lay before the Senate the bill (S. 1238) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF A CERTAIN BILL

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate a bill introduced on today by Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, and Mr. CARPER); that the bill be read twice and considered; that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that no amendment be in order to be proposed to the bill; that the bill be subject to Budget Act points of order; that, upon conclusion of debate and disposition of motions to waive, the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill.

Mr. REED objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

NOTIFICATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTENT TO TERMINATE THE DESIGNATION OF BANGLADESH AS A BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY UNDER THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) PROGRAM -- PM 15

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 502(f)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the "1974 Act") (19 U.S.C. 2462(f)(2)), I am providing notification of my intent to suspend the designation of Bangladesh as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program. Section 502(b)(2)(G) of the 1974 Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b)(2)(G)) provides that the President shall not designate any country a beneficiary developing country under the GSP if such country has not taken or is not taking steps to afford internationally recognized worker rights in the country (including any designated zone in that country). Section 502(d)(2) of the 1974 Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(d)(2)) provides that, after complying with the requirements of section 502(f)(2) of the 1974 Act, the President shall withdraw or suspend the designation of any country as a beneficiary developing country if, after such designation, the President determines that as the result of changed circumstances such country would be barred from designation as a beneficiary developing country under section 502(b)(2) of the 1974 Act.

Pursuant to section 502(d) of the 1974 Act, having considered the factors set forth in section 502(b)(2)(G), I have determined that it is appropriate to suspend Bangladesh's designation as a beneficiary developing country under the GSP program because it is not taking steps to afford internationally recognized worker rights to workers in the country.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 27, 2013.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2102. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfoxaflor; Pesticide Tolerances; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9391-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2103. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethalfluralin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9391-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2104. A communication from the Manager of the BioPreferred Program, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Product Categories for Federal Procurement, Round 10" (RIN0599-AA16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2105. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13348 relative to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2106. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2107. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lending Limits" (RIN1557-AD59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2108. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the competitiveness of the export financing services for the period from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2109. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "Report to Congress: 2013 Compact Analysis" and "Impact of the Compacts of Free Association on Guam: Fiscal Year 2004 through Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2110. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Regulation Revision: Removal of the Pesticide Discharge Permitting Exemption in Response to Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Decision" (FRL No. 9829-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2111. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois" (FRL No. 9824-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2112. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; South Coast Air Basin; Approval of PM10 Maintenance Plan and Redesignation to Attainment for the PM10 Standard" (FRL No. 9826-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2113. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Removal of Consumer and Commercial Products Rules" (FRL No. 9828-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2114. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities; Hospice Services" (RIN0938-AP32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2115. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Railroad Unemployment Insurance System"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2116. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Railroad Retirement System"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2117. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services

Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2118. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Expansion of Applicability of the Senior Executive Compensation Benchmark" ((RIN9000-AM38)(FAC 2005-68)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2119. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-68; Introduction" (FAC 2005-68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2120. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2121. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-067, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2122. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-099, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2123. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-030); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2124. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-081); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2125. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-066); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2126. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-063); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2127. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-058); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2128. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-053); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2129. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-082); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2130. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-085); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2131. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-057); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2132. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-095); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2133. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-088); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2134. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-070); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2135. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-084); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2136. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-076); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2137. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-083); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2138. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-091); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2139. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-049); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2140. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0108 - 2013-0118); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2141. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer/Acting Executive Director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2011-2012 Impact of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 on the Administration of Elections for Federal Office (NVRA) report; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2142. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, a report

of proposed amendments to the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2143. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identity Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies Under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, as Amended by the Red Flag Program Clarification Act of 2010" (RIN3084-AA94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2144. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information Act" (16 CFR Part 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2145. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area, Gulf of Mexico: Mississippi Canyon Block 20, South of New Orleans, LA; Correction" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0064)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2146. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Wicomico Community Fireworks Rain Date, Great Wicomico River, Heathsville, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0386)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2147. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Delaware River Waterfront Corp. Fireworks Display, Delaware River; Camden, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0496)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2148. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Mississippi River Mile 95.5 - Mile 96.5; New Orleans, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0188)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2149. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Fourth of July Fireworks Displays within the Captain of the Port Charleston Zone, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0415)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2150. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras, Lake Erie, Fairport, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0417)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2151. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fifth Coast Guard District Fireworks Display, Currituck Sound; Corolla, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0421)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2152. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Private Party Fireworks; Lake Michigan, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0462)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2153. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Queen's Cup; Lake Michigan; Milwaukee, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1463)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2154. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Inbound Transit of M/V TEAL, Savannah River, Savannah, GA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0245)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2155. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Installed Systems and Equipment for Use by the Flightcrew" (RIN2120-AJ83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2156. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Rochester Yacht Club Fireworks, Genesee River, Rochester, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0312)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2157. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ad Club's 100th Anniversary Gala Fireworks Display, Boston Inner Harbor, Boston, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0256)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2158. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Mile Marker 219 to Mile Marker 229, in the vicinity of Port Allen Lock" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0376)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2159. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Summer Events; Captain of the Port Lake Michigan Zone" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0327)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2160. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Atlantic City Offshore Race, Atlantic Ocean; Atlantic City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0305)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2161. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Marine Events in Northern New England" ((RIN1625-AA00; AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-1057)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2162. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Marine Events, Wrightsville Channel; Wrightsville Beach, NC" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0118)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2163. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; ODBA Draggin' on the Waccamaw, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Bucksport, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0102)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2164. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Heritage Coast Offshore Grand Prix, Tawas Bay; East Tawas, MI" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0434)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2165. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures" (RIN0648-BC98), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2166. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Gag Management Measures" (RIN0648-BC64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2167. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Beeville-Chase Field, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0821)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2168. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cherokee, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0051)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2169. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Tuba City, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0147)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2170. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Portland-Hillsboro, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1142)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2171. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Eureka, NV" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0852)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2172. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Easton, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0394)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2173. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Kingston, NY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0831)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2174. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; El Monte, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1242)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2175. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class C Airspace; Nashville International Airport; TN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0031)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2176. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class B Airspace, Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0662)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2177. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D and Class E Airspace; Pueblo, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0371)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2178. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (83); Amdt. No. 3535" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2179. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard

Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (10); Amdt. No. 3536" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2180. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (79); Amdt. No. 3533" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2181. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (44); Amdt. No. 3534" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2182. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Washington, DC" (RIN2120-AA66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2183. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification and Revocation of Air Traffic Service Routes; Jackson, MS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0016)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-40. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to urge the U.S. Department of State to approve the presidential permit application allowing the construction and operation of the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline between the United States and Canada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

Whereas, the United States of America accounts for nearly nineteen percent of the world energy consumption and is the world's largest petroleum consumer with a daily consumption of almost nineteen million barrels of oil; and

Whereas, current imports amount to more than eight million barrels each day that represents approximately fifty percent of this country's requirements; and

Whereas, even with new technology, oil discoveries, alternative fuels and conservation efforts, the United States will continue to remain dependent on imported oil; and

Whereas, the growing production of oil from Canada's oil sands and the Bakken formation in Saskatchewan, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota has the potential to replace the oil imported from other countries; and

Whereas, the fifty-seven operable refineries of the Petroleum Administration for Defense District 3 that consists of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Texas produce 8.7 million barrels of oil per day that represent nearly half of the United States refining capacity and import approximately 5 million barrels of oil per day; and

Whereas, once completed the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline and the additional Gulf Coast Expansion project could displace about forty percent of the oil the United States currently imports from the Middle East and Venezuela; and

Whereas, the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline has been the subject of the most thorough public consultation process of any proposed pipeline, and the subject of multiple environmental impact statements and several United States Department of State studies; and

Whereas, these statements and studies have concluded that it poses the least impact to the environment and is much safer than other modes of transporting oil; and

Whereas, the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline will support over ten thousand jobs in construction and manufacturing in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to urge the U.S. Department of State to approve the presidential permit application allowing the construction and operation of the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline between the United States and Canada; and be it further

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

POM-41. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to adopt the Constitution Restoration Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 88

Whereas, on Monday, June 27, 2005, the United States Supreme Court in two razor-thin majorities of 5-4 in Van Orden v. Perry (Texas) and ACLU v. McCreary County (Kentucky) concluded that it is consistent with the First Amendment to display the Ten Commandments in an outdoor public square in Texas but not on the courthouse walls of two counties in Kentucky; and

Whereas, American citizens are concerned that the court has produced two opposite results involving the same Ten Commandments, leading to the conclusion that, based on the Kentucky decision, the Ten Commandments may be displayed in a county courthouse provided it is not backed by a belief in God; and

Whereas, Supreme Justice Scalia emphasized the importance of the Ten Commandments when he stated in the Kentucky case, "The three most popular religions in the United States, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, which combined account for 97.7% of all believers, are monotheistic. All of them, moreover, believe that the Ten Commandments were given by God to Moses and are divine prescriptions for a virtuous life"; and

Whereas, Chief Justice Rehnquist in the Texas case referred to the duplicity of the United States Supreme Court in telling local governments in America that they may not display the Ten Commandments in public buildings in their communities while at the same time allowing these same Ten Commandments to be presented on these specific places on the building housing the United States Supreme Court stating, "Since 1935, Moses has stood holding two tablets that reveal portions of the Ten Commandments written in Hebrew, among other lawgivers in the south frieze. Representations of the Ten Commandments adorn the metal gates lining the north and south sides of the courtroom as well as the doors leading into the courtroom. Moses also sits on the exterior east facade of the building holding the Ten Commandments tablets"; and

Whereas, a recent poll by the First Amendment Center revealed that seventy percent of Americans would have no objection to posting the Ten Commandments in government buildings and eighty-five percent would approve if the Ten Commandments were included as one document among many historical documents when displayed in public buildings; and

Whereas, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which provides in part that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion", is a specific and unequivocal instruction to only the United States Congress, and the United States Constitution makes no restriction on the ability of states to acknowledge God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe; and

Whereas, the United States District Court Southern District of Indiana on November 30, 2005, entered a final judgment and permanent injunction ordering the speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives not to permit sectarian prayers as part of the official proceedings of the House; and

Whereas, the federal judiciary has violated one of the most sacred provisions of the United States Constitution providing for three branches of government and the separation of powers of those branches by overstepping its authority and dictating the activities of the inner workings of the legislative branch of government; and

Whereas, the federal judiciary has overstepped its constitutional boundaries and ruled against the acknowledgment of God as the sovereign source of law, liberty, and government by local and state officers and other state institutions, including state schools; and

Whereas, there is concern that recent decisions of the court will be used by litigants in an effort to remove God from the public square in America, including public buildings and public parks; and

Whereas, there is concern that the federal judiciary will continue to attempt to micromanage the internal workings of the legislative as well as executive branches of government; and

Whereas, Congress has previously filed, but has failed to adopt, the Constitution Restoration Act, which will limit the jurisdiction of the federal courts and preserve the right to acknowledge God to the states and to the people and resolve the issue of improper judicial intervention in matters relating to the acknowledgment of God: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to adopt the Constitution Restoration Act and, in doing so, continue to protect the ability of the people of the United States to display the Ten Commandments in public places, to express their faith in public, to retain God in the Pledge of Allegiance, and to retain "In God We Trust" as our national motto, and to use Article III, Section 2.2 of the United States Constitution to except these areas from the jurisdiction of the United States Supreme Court; and be it further

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

POM-42. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana establishing a task force to study and make recommendations relative to implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 in Louisiana; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

Whereas, Act No. 807 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature directs the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to not implement the provisions of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; and

Whereas, Act No. 151 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature directs the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to not implement the provisions of the federal PASS ID Act of 2009; and

Whereas, House Bill No. 395 by Representative Guinn of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended, proposes to enact R.S. 32:412(M) and R.S. 40:1321(M) to require the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to issue a driver's license or special identification card that bears a United States Department of Homeland Security approved security marking that reflects such credential, meets the standards of the REAL ID Act of 2005 upon request of any individual who is otherwise eligible to be issued a driver's license or special identification card as provided by law and who meets all the requirements of the United States Department of Homeland Security for a REAL ID Act compliant credential; and

Whereas, House Bill No. 395, as amended, further proposes to enact R.S. 32:412(M) and R.S. 40:1321(M) to provide that if a Louisiana resident elects not to be issued a REAL ID Act compliant driver's license or special identification card, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall issue a driver's license or special identification card to any individual who is otherwise eligible to be issued a driver's license or special identification card as provided by law that indicates such driver's license or special identification card is not accepted by federal agencies for official purposes in compliance with the United States Department of Homeland Security rules and the words "Not for federal identification" shall be printed on the driver's license or special identification card: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana establishes the Louisiana REAL ID Act of 2005 Task Force to study all issues and disputes related to implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, and to report its findings and recommendations on whether or not Louisiana should implement the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; and be it further

Resolved, That the Louisiana REAL ID Act of 2005 Task Force shall be comprised of the following members:

(1) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

(2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

(3) The chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, or his designee.

(4) The chair of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, or his designee.

(5) The deputy secretary of public safety services of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or his designee.

(6) The commissioner of the office of motor vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or his designee.

(7) Each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation or the member's designee; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this task force shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of the organizations they represent; and be it further

Resolved, That the president of the Senate or his designee shall act as chairman of the task force and the Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee shall act as vice chairman; and be it further

Resolved, That a majority of the total membership shall constitute a quorum of the task force and any official action by the task force shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting; and be it further

Resolved, That the names of the members chosen or designated as provided herein shall be submitted to the chairman of the task force not later than August 15, 2013, and that the chairman shall thereafter call the first meeting of the task force not later than September 15, 2013; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force shall meet as necessary, shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the chairmen of the Senate and House committees on transportation, highways, and public works not later than sixty days prior to the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature, and shall terminate upon submission of its report; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the deputy secretary of public safety services of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, and each member of Louisiana's congressional delegation.

POM-43. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging and

requesting the Louisiana congressional delegation to review the basis for the discontinuance of funding of the Bossier Sheriff's Young Marines Program through a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Civil Rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 192

Whereas, since 2002, the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office has successfully administered the Bossier Sheriff's Young Marines Program, a program sanctioned by the United States Marine Corps which provides community-based physical education programs that are designed to teach young men and women, ages 8 to 18, respect for their bodies through physical fitness, which in return will instill resistance to the temptations of illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco use; and

Whereas, the focus of the program is character-building, along with core values of discipline, leadership, teamwork and commitment and instills into the participants the ideals of honesty, integrity and respect and at-risk youth developing goals for academic success; and

Whereas, the program has been partially funded by the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) provided by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE); and

Whereas, because of the success of the program, local judges started sentencing court-ordered juveniles to the program as a diversion from jail time; however, the Young Marines Program was never intended to be a "diversion" program and the LCLE staff has recommended that the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office create a new separate program, specifically for court-ordered juveniles; and

Whereas, in December 2012, the Sheriff's Office submitted a JABG application for the Bossier Youth Diversion Program which was created similar to the Bossier Sheriff's Young Marines Program, while also incorporating "Character Counts" and "The Great Body Shop", as recommended by LCLE staff, for court-ordered juveniles only; and

Whereas, the Sheriff's Office was advised by the LCLE that pursuant to the direction of the United States Department of Justice, Office for Civil Rights, the program can "NOT include prayer as part of the Diversion program. Any prayer, even if voluntary, needs to be separate in time or location from the Diversion Program activities."; and

Whereas, on February 22, 2013, the Sheriff's Office responded by email to the LCLE, "In response to the prayer issue, the time that was offered for prayer was optional for all of the kids. It was led by any child that wanted to volunteer and if there wasn't a volunteer, it became a few moments of silence."; and

Whereas, on March 7, 2013, LCLE responded, at the direction of the United States Department of Justice, requesting an official letter, "... signed by the Sheriff, which states that there will be no prayer activities conducted during the Diversion program ..." and that the LCLE "... will not be able to issue an award until this letter is received."; and

Whereas, at that time, the Sheriff withdrew the grant request; and

Whereas, on February 6, 2013, the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office submitted a Program Plan Worksheet requesting the one-time Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention funds available for the Bossier Sheriff's Young Marines Program and was denied upon the same grounds involving prayer activities; and

Whereas, at this time, the Sheriff's Office has been divested of funding by the LCLE for both the Bossier Sheriff's Young Marines Program and the Bossier Youth Diversion Program due to prayer and the mention of God in the programs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Louisiana congressional delegation are hereby urged and requested to review with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Civil Rights, the basis for the discontinuance of funding of the Bossier Sheriff's Young Marines Program with a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, the governor, the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, and the Bossier Parish Sheriff.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1243. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-45).

By Mr. PRYOR, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1244. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-46).

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1245. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-47).

By Mr. JOHNSON, of South Dakota, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2216. A bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-48).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 27. A bill to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes" (Rept. No. 113-49).

S. 59. A bill to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California (Rept. No. 113-50).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 156. A bill to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska (Rept. No. 113-51).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 211. A bill to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-52).

S. 225. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-53).

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

S. 241. A bill to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-54).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 256. A bill to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa (Rept. No. 113-55).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 284. A bill to transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District, New Mexico (Rept. No. 113-56).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 305. A bill to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park (Rept. No. 113-57).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 312. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Carson National Forest, New Mexico (Rept. No. 113-58).

S. 342. A bill to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada (Rept. No. 113-59).

S. 349. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-60).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 368. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-61).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 371. A bill to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-62).

S. 447. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota (Rept. No. 113-63).

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

S. 476. A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission (Rept. No. 113-64).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 507. A bill to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-65).

S. 609. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-66).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 736. A bill to establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees applicable to certain cabins on National Forest System land in the State of Alaska (Rept. No. 113-67).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 757. A bill to provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and Lincoln County, Nevada, to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-68).

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

H.R. 316. A bill to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects (Rept. No. 113-69).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) (by request):

S. 1237. A bill to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1238. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1239. A bill to expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1240. A bill to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1241. A bill to establish the interest rate for certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COONS, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1242. A bill to amend the Fair Housing Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1243. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1244. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1245. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1246. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal defense contract, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1247. A bill to improve and enhance research and programs on childhood cancer survivorship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1248. A bill to permit employees to request, and to ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1249. A bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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

S. 1250. A bill to provide $50,000,000,000 in new transportation infrastructure funding through bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation, including roads, bridges, rail and transit systems, ports, and inland waterways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1251. A bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1252. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1253. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KING, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1254. A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1255. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a deduction for travel expenses to medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1256. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 1257. A bill to protect financial transactions in the United States from enforcement of certain excise taxes imposed by any foreign government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1258. A bill to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor posthumously to First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing for acts of valor during the Civil War; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1259. A bill to amend the Public Health Services Act to provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary educational system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1260. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a standard home office deduction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1261. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 1262. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans conservation corps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 1263. A bill to establish a wilderness area, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development in Douglas County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1264. A bill to foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1265. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the implementation of round 2 of the Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Acquisition Program for competitive acquisition areas in Tennessee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1266. A bill to provide for the establishment of a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1267. A bill to cut taxes for innovative businesses that produce renewable chemicals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (by request):

S. 1268. A bill to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 190. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that foreign assistance for child welfare should adhere to the goals of the United States Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. JOHANNS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REID, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 191. A resolution designating July 27, 2013, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 192. A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and the significance of this battle in the history of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 19. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or

recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 425

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care, and for other purposes.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to establish a fund to make payments to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:08-CV-00487 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 628

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend the duration of the Physical Disability Board of Review and to the expand the authority of such Board to review of the separation of members of the Armed Forces on the basis of mental condition not amounting to disability, including separation on the basis of a personality or adjustment disorder.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 710

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 710, a bill to provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 877

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 877, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to allow public access to research of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms.

KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 966

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 966, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits.

S. 1066

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans.

S. 1072

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1072, a bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

S. 1089

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to provide for a prescription drug take-back program for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1093

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1093, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the "First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1148, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide notice of average times for processing claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1154

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1154, a bill to provide that certain requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating on October 1, 2013.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1166, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1195

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1195, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes.

S. 1229

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1229, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to empower the States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions, and for other purposes.

S. 1234

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1234, a bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State.

S. 1235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1235, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1236

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1236, a bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 153

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 153, a resolution recognizing the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. HAGAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 27, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 27, 2013 at 10 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate office building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of Federal Risk Management and Emergency Planning Programs to Prevent and Address Chemical Threats, Including the Events Leading Up to the Explosions in West, TX and Geismar, LA."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 27, 2013, at 11:45 a.m., in SD-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 27, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 27, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Contract Management by the Department of Energy."

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jennifer A. Dorsey, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada; that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2013, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Gregory Alan Phillips, Wyoming, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General; that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RELATIVE TO OBSERVER STATUS FOR TAIWAN AT THE TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION ASSEMBLY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1151) to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "STAN MUSIAL VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. SHAHEEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2383) to designate the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri, and southwestern Illinois as the "Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge", received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

GRANTING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL, COLLECTIVELY, TO THE FIRST SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE, IN RECOGNITION OF ITS SUPERIOR SERVICE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 324) to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 192) commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and the significance of this battle in the history of the United States, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 19) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the majority leader, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. REED be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following bills, introduced earlier today, be considered read twice, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1238. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1241. A bill to establish the interest rate for certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12:15 P.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12:15 p.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Friday, July 5, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2013; that, on Monday, July 8, 2013, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that the House has agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 19, the Senate adjourn as pursuant to the provisions of said concurrent resolution until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate subsequently (on Friday, June 28, 2013) having received a message from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 19,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:20 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2013.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 27, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 27, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1238) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 27, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 28, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives

announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 19. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 28, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 324. An act to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

H.R. 1151. An act to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2383. An act to designate the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri, and southwestern Illinois as the "Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bills were signed on July 2, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. REED).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2184. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2185. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of four (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2186. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2187. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2188. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Counter-terrorism Sanctions Regulations Implemented by OFAC" (31 CFR Parts 594, 595, and 597), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2189. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's management report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2190. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Exchange Functions: Eligibility for Exemptions; Miscellaneous Minimum Essential Coverage Provisions" (RIN0938-AR68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2191. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-042); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2192. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-087); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2193. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Pell Grant Program" (RIN1840-AD11), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2194. A communication from the Program Manager, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act, Exempt Record System; Implementation" (45 CFR Part 5b), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2195. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Traumatic Brain Injury in the United States: Understanding the Public Health Problem among Current and Former Military Personnel"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2196. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Accrued Sick and Safe Leave Act of 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2197. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2198. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report entitled "Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) 2012 Post-Election Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1269. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to support community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 194

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 194, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to

the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 373

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 397, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 422

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 813

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 934

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 934, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding reasonable break time for nursing mothers.

S. 993

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II.

S. 1084

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1084, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance provided to promote the energy retrofitting of schools.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1130

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1130, a bill to require the Attorney General to disclose each decision, order, or opinion of a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that includes significant legal interpretation of section 501 or 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 unless such disclosure is not in the national security interest of the United States and for other purposes.

S. 1159

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1163, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1195

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1195, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1211

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1211, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the use of the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill to give a false impression of approval or endorsement by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, a bill to strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight related to domestic surveillance conducted pursuant to the USA PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

S. 1238

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1238, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1241

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1241, a bill to establish the interest rate for certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

SENATE RESOLUTION 164

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 164, a resolution designating October 30, 2013, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1613. An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1864. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to require an Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions taken in response to making protected communications regarding sexual assault.

H.R. 1960. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2231. An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy explorations and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1613. An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1864. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to require an Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions taken in response to making protected communications regarding sexual assault; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 2231. An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1960. To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 27, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 27, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1238.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1238:

HARRY REID, TOM HARKIN, JACK REED, K.E. GILLIBRAND, PAT LEAHY, AMY KLOBUCHAR, TOM UDALL, S. WHITEHOUSE, RON WYDEN, BEN CARDIN, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, CHRIS COONS, SHERROD BROWN, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., ELIZABETH WARREN, AL FRANKEN, DICK DURBIN, DEBBIE STABENOW.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES REVITALIZATION AND REFORM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 793) to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the majority leader be recognized; that, following remarks by him, the first hour be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, at 11 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jennifer Dorsey to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; and that provisions of the order of Thursday, June 27, 2013, remain in effect.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:03 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013

Ms. TAMMY BALDWIN, from the State of Wisconsin, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. BALDWIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 9, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TAMMY BALDWIN, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. BALDWIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1238) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 27, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 27, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:35 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1238.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1270. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for reform of public and private pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected

disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 325

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 325, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 395

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 395, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 415

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to require a study and report by the Small Business Administration regarding the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 913

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to amend the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000 to reauthorize and improve that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide social service agencies with the resources to provide services to meet the urgent needs of Holocaust survivors to age in place with dignity, comfort, security, and quality of life.

S. 1068

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1068, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 1072

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1072, a bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary

of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1166, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units.

S. 1171

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1171, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1229

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1229, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to empower the States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions, and for other purposes.

S. 1238

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. COWAN] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 1238, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1241

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1241, a bill to establish the interest rate for certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer.

SENATE RESOLUTION 151

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 151, a resolution urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates.

SENATE RESOLUTION 191

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 191, a resolution designating July 27, 2013, as "National Day of the American Cowboy".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1171. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

H.R. 1341. An act to require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to conduct a study of the likely effects of the differences between the United States and other jurisdictions in implementing the derivatives credit valuation adjustment capital requirement.

H.R. 1564. An act to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to prohibit the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or require the use of different auditors on a rotating basis.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1171. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

H.R. 1341. An act to require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to conduct a study of the likely effects of the differences between the United States and other jurisdictions in implementing the derivatives credit valuation adjustment capital requirement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1564. An act to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to prohibit the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or require the use of different auditors on a rotating basis; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN TO ENSURE TRANSPARENT AND CREDIBLE PRESIDENTIAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 151) urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the majority leader then be recognized; that, following remarks by him, the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 12 noon, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1238.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

At 7 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2013

Mr. JOE DONNELLY, from the State of Indiana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. DONNELLY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 10, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOE DONNELLY, a Senator from the State of Indiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. DONNELLY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1238) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1241

Mr. BURR asked unanimous consent, that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1238 is not agreed to, it then be in order for a motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 1241) to establish the interest rate for certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes, to be made; that a motion to bring to a close debate on said motion be considered made; and that notwithstanding time for debate thereon, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed.

Mr. HARKIN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1238.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The hour of 12 noon having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, July 8, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1238.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, July 8, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 171 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 49

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That time until 5 p.m. on today be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that time in quorum calls be equally counted.

Pending debate,

HONORING THE FALLEN HEROES OF THE GRANITE MOUNTAIN INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREW

On the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 193) honoring the fallen heroes of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot

Crew, submitted today by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill. S. 1238.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2199. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Novaluron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 98389-7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2200. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenbuconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9390-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2201. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to balances carried forward at the end of fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2202. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) two reports relative to vacancies in the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2203. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2204. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibitions and Conditions on the Importation and Exportation of Rough Diamonds" (RIN1515-AD85), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2205. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streamlining Requirements Governing the Use of Funding for Supportive Housing for the Elderly and Persons With Disabilities Programs" (RIN2502-AI67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2206. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Production of FHFA Records, Information, and Employee Testimony in Third-Party Legal Proceedings" (RIN2590-AA51), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2207. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Availability of Non-Public Information" (RIN2590-AA06), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2208. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2209. A communication from the Management Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of a Ski Area" (RIN0596-AD12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2210. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Energy Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 3 Disposition Decision Analysis and Timeline Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2211. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Annual Plan: Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research and Development Program"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2212. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Format and Content for Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report" (Regulatory Guide 1. 185, Revision 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2213. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Nuclear Material Control and Accounting Systems for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 5.29, Revision 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2214. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: MAGNASTOR System" (RIN3150-AJ22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2215. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of Authority to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to Implement and Enforce National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants and New Source Performance Standards" (FRL No. 9828-6),

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2216. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; District of Columbia; Control of Emissions from Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerator Units" (FRL No. 9829-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2217. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Method for the Determination of Lead in Total Suspended Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9828-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2218. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Final Integrated Section 203 Navigation Study Report and Environmental Assessment for the Canaveral Harbor, Brevard County, Florida project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2219. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification that the Administration has contracted with the National Academy of Public Administration to develop and submit a report proposing a long-range strategic plan for the Social Security Administration's consideration; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2220. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Croatian Per Se Corporation" (Notice 2013-44), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2221. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage for Purposes of the Premium Tax Credit" (Notice 2013-41), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2222. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - July 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2223. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guideline - New Qualified Plug-In Electric Drive Motor Vehicle Credit" (UIL: 30D.00-00), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2224. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant Issue Revenue Procedure" (Rev. Proc. 2013-32), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2225. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Child Welfare Outcomes 2008-2011: Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2226. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to revoking the designation of a group designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (OSS 2013-0968); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2227. A communication from the Acting Inspector General, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2228. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-033); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2229. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-065); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2230. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-099); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2231. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-086); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2232. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to amendment to parts 120, 121, 123, 124, and 125 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1271. A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1272. A bill to provide that certain requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating on October 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1273. A bill to establish a partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore for our country with the Federal Government; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1274. A bill to extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1275. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue a fishing capacity

reduction loan to refinance the existing loan funding the Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1276. A bill to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management, strengthen the authority to terminate or debar employees and contractors involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of security clearance background investigations, enhance transparency regarding the criteria utilized by Federal departments and agencies to determine when a security clearance is required, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1277. A bill to establish a commission for the purpose of coordinating efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. Res. 193. A resolution honoring the fallen heroes of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 194. A resolution congratulating the 1963 men's basketball team of Loyola University Chicago on its induction into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, the 50th anniversary of the team's Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball championship, and the team's historic NCAA tournament game against Mississippi State University; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 273

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 273, a bill to modify the definition of fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans.

S. 325

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 325, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to protect American job creation by striking the Federal mandate on employers to offer health insurance.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 825

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 825, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 855

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 855, a bill to increase the portion of community development block grants that may be used to provide public services, and for other purposes.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1009

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1009, a bill to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1068

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1068, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1123, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1159

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1217

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1217, a bill to provide secondary mortgage market reform, and for other purposes.

S. 1241

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1241, a bill to establish the interest rate for certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room SH-562 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Repealing the SGR and the Path Forward: A View from CMS."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Lessons Learned from the Boston Marathon Bombings: Preparing for and Responding to the Attack."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "Diabetes Research: Reducing the Burden of Diabetes at All Ages and Stages."

The Committee will meet in room G-50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beinnging at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, PRODUCT SAFETY, AND INSURANCE

The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will conduct a hearing entitled, "Stopping Fraudulent Robocall Scams: Can More Be Done?"

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of his birth.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 588

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 588) to provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. REID,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

SOUTH UTAH VALLEY ELECTRIC CONVEYANCE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 251) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BONNEVILLE UNIT CLEAN HYDROPOWER FACILITATION ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 254) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be

deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the majority leader then be recognized; that, following remarks by the leaders, the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.; and that, at 2:15 p.m., the majority leader be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Pastor Kris Holzmeyer from Northwoods Baptist Church, Newburgh, Indiana, offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 11, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1238) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that it be in order for each side to move to instruct conferees relative to the debt limit, and to move to instruct conferees relative to taxes and revenue; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon, between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to votes in relation to said motions; that no amendments be in order to said motions; and that there be no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. RUBIO objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1238.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:48 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) called the Senate to order.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2233. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-91, "Fiscal Year 2013 Revised Budget Request Temporary Adjustment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2234. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-92, "Saving D.C. Homes from Foreclosure Enhanced Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2235. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-93, "Teachers' Retirement Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2236. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-94, "Attendance Accountability Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2237. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-95, "Fire and Casualty Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee

on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2238. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Sufficiency Review of the Reasonableness of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's (DC Water) Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue Estimate totaling $447, 479,008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2239. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2012 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2240. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2241. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Food and Drug Administration's report relative to the Fourth Review of the Backlog of Postmarketing Requirements and Postmarketing Commitments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2242. A communication from the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council's 2013 annual status report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2243. A communication from the Director, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranes and Derricks in Construction: Revising the Exemption for Digger Derricks" (RIN1218-AC75), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2244. A communication from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act; Implementation" (45 CFR Part 5b), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2245. A communication from the Program Manager, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network" (RIN0906-AA73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2246. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Reactive Blue 246 and Reactive Blue 247 Copolymers; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket Nos. FDA-2011-C-0344 and FDA-2011-C-0463), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2247. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importer Permit Requirements for Tobacco Products and Processed Tobacco, and Other Requirements for Tobacco Products, Processed Tobacco, and Cigarette Papers and Tubes" (RIN1513-AB37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2248. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report to Congress concerning intercepted wire, oral, or electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2249. A communication from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial condition of The American Legion as of December 31, 2012 and 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2250. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-102); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2251. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Scott R. Van Buskirk., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2252. A joint communication from the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Palau; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2253. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Efficiency Design Standards for New Federal Commercial and Multi-Family High-Rise Residential Buildings" (RIN1904-AC60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2254. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1283. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-70).

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1284. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-71).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1278. A bill to prohibit certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013, military coup d'etat; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1279. A bill to prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1280. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to

agricultural research organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1281. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. KING):

S. 1282. A bill to reduce risks to the financial system by limiting banks' ability to engage in certain risky activities and limiting conflicts of interest, to reinstate certain Glass-Steagall Act protections that were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1283. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1284. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 1285. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program and provide for a small business early-stage investment program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1286. A bill to encourage the adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1287. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to raise the limitation on the election to accelerate the AMT credit in lieu of bonus depreciation for 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1288. A bill to amend rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1289. A bill to retain the existing vehicle weight limitations for vehicles traveling along any segment of U.S. Highway 78 within Mississippi after such segment is incorporated into the Interstate Highway System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1290. A bill to protect victims of stalking from gun violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1291. A bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BURR, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1292. A bill to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; read the first time.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1293. A bill to establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. TESTER):

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 360

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 360, a bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, supra.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 888

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr.

HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 888, a bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

S. 909

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 909, a bill to amend the Federal Direct Loan Program under the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for student loan affordability, and for other purposes.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1123, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1171

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1171, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1211

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1211, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the use of the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill to give a false impression of approval or endorsement by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1238

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1238, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1274

At the request of Mr. CHIESA, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1274, a bill to extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster, and for other purposes.

S. 1276

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1276, a bill to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management, strengthen the authority to terminate or debar employees and contractors involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of security clearance background investigations, enhance transparency regarding the criteria utilized by Federal departments and agencies to determine when a security clearance is required, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 157

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 157, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TOM UDALL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 11, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 11, 2013, at 11 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Mitigating Systemic Risk Through Wall Street Reforms."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 11, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 11, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "Assessing the Transition in Afghanistan."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 11, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 11, 2013, at 11 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 11, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 251. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

H.R. 254. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project.

H.R. 588. An act to provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent, as in executive session, that, at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2013, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote, in "stacked" sequence, on the confirmation of following nominations: Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board, Harry I. Johnson III, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and Philip Andrew Miscimarra, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

Mr. MCCONNELL further asked unanimous consent, as in executive session, that, following the votes, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor; and that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate immediately vote on the confirmation of the nomination.

Mr. MCCONNELL further asked unanimous consent, as in executive session, that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate immediately vote on the confirmation of the nomination.

Mr. MCCONNELL further asked unanimous consent, as in executive session, that the Senate then vote on vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate immediately vote on the confirmation of the nomination.

Mr. MCCONNELL further asked unanimous consent, as in executive session, that, following the votes, the Senate then vote on vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board, and Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

Mr. REID objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1238.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RENAMING CERTAIN SECTION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 AS THE KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON SPOUSAL IRA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2289) to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 43) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of his birth, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 191) designating July 27, 2013, as "National Day of the American Cowboy".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1292) to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BURR, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ALEXANDER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the majority leader then be recognized; that following remarks by the two leaders, the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the majority leader be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:50 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013.

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2:01 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KAINE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 15, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 11, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 11, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1238) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That quorum calls until 5:30 p.m. be counted equally.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. KING raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) directed the roll to be called to be called;.

When eight Senators answered to their names, as follows:

Ayotte, Begich, Cowan, Enzi, Hirono, Reid, Tom Udall, Warner.

A quorum not being present,

The PRESIDING OFFICER directed the names of the absentees to be called.

The Assistant Legislative Clerk thereupon called the names of the absent Senators;

When eight Senators answered to their names, as follows:

Alexander, Bennet, Cornyn, Crapo, Isakson, Manchin, Moran, Toomey.

A quorum still not being present,

On motion by Mr. REID to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 69, nays... 28

[Rollcall Vote No. 172 Leg.]

YEAS --- 69

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cowan, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 28

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson (WI), Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; and, as indicated by the foregoing rollcall, a quorum being present.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1238.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 363. A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-72).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 659. A bill to reauthorize the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-73).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 684. A bill to amend the Mni Wiconi Project Act of 1988 to facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-74).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 693. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-75).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 12. A joint resolution to consent to certain amendments enacted by the legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Act, 1920 (Rept. No. 113-76).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1294. A bill to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1295. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans with notice, when veterans electronically file claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, that relevant services may be available from veterans service organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 1296. A bill to amend the Wounded Warrior Act to establish a specific timeline for the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to achieve interoperable electronic health records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

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

S. Res. 195. A resolution to authorize testimony and representation In the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill to improve the retirement of American families by strengthening Social Security.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital

(MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 844

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to support the community schools model.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 916, a bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 928

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1123, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1195

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1195, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 157

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 157, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas.

SENATE RESOLUTION 165

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 165, a resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling.

SENATE RESOLUTION 183

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 183, a resolution commemorating the relaunching of the 172-year-old Charles W. Morgan by Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2013, at 3 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Strategic Sourcing: Leveraging the Government's Buying Powers to Save Billions."

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 195) to authorize testimony and representation In the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 112-272, had appointed the following as a member of the World War I Centennial Commission: Edwin Fountain, of Virginia.

ORDER FOR RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it recess until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:07 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2013

(Legislative day of Monday, July 15, 2013)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

CREDENTIALS OF A SENATOR-ELECT FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of Edward J. Markey, duly chosen a Senator by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, to fill a vacancy in the representation from said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States caused by the resignation of Senator John F. Kerry, as follows; which was deemed read and ordered placed on file:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the twenty-fifth day of June, two-thousand and thirteen Edward J. Markey was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the third day of January, two thousand and fifteen, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States caused by the resignation of Senator John F. Kerry.

Witness: His Excellency, the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, and our seal hereto affixed at Boston, this tenth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen.

By His Excellency, Governor

DEVAL PATRICK.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[State Seal Affixed]

Mr. Markey appeared, and the oath of office prescribed by law having been administered by the VICE PRESIDENT, and subscribed by him, he took his seat in the Senate.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

The Senate resumed consideration of its pending business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1238) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment (on Thursday, July 11, 2013),

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1292) to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, introduced on Thursday last by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BURR, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. GRAHAM), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate resume its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2255. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for the South Atlantic Lesser Amberjack, Almaco Jack, and Banded Rudderfish Complex" (RIN0648-XC714), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2256. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions Nos. 4 and 5" (RIN0648-XC705), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2257. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack" (RIN0648-XC702), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2258. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC722), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2259. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC724), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2260. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2013 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish" (RIN0648-XC671), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2261. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment 4 to the Corals and Reef Associated Plants and Invertebrates Fishery Management Plan of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; Seagrass Management" (RIN0648-BC38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2262. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment 94 to the Gulf of Alaska Fishery Management Plan and Regulatory Amendments for Community Quota Entities"

(RIN0648-BB94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2263. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Adjusted Closure of the 2013 Gulf of Mexico Recreational Sector for Red Snapper" (RIN0648-XC715), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2264. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 9" (RIN0648-BC58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2265. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Framework Adjustment 50 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan and Sector Annual Catch Entitlements; Updated Annual Catch Limits for Sectors and the Common Pool for Fishing Year 2013" (RIN0648-BC97), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2266. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions, Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 48; Final Rule; Correction" (RIN0648-BC27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2267. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program" (RIN0648-BC25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2268. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XC392), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2269. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inadmissibility of Consumer Products and Industrial Equipment Noncompliant with Applicable Energy Conservation or Labeling Standards" (RIN1515-AD82), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2270. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transition Relief for Employees and Related Individuals Eligible to Enroll in Eligible Employer-Sponsored Health Plans for Non-Calendar Plan Years that Begin in 2013 and End in 2014" (Notice 2013-42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2271. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Wash Sale Rules to Money Market Fund Shares" (Notice 2013-48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2272. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding Deferred Discharge of Indebtedness Income of Corporations and Deferred Original Issue Discount Deductions" ((RIN1545-BI96)(TD 9622)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2273. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 108(i) to Partnerships and S Corporations" ((RIN1545-BI99)(TD 9623)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2274. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report on the continued compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan with the 1974 Trade Act's freedom of emigration provisions, as required under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2275. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lacey Act Implementation Plan; Definitions for Exempt and Regulated Articles" ((RIN0579-AD11)(Docket No. APHIS-2009-0018)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1297. A bill to establish the Government Transformation Commission to review and make recommendations regarding cost control in the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1298. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the limits on expensing of certain depreciable business assets; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 1299. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of vehicles on certain Wisconsin highways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1300. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1301. A bill to provide for the restoration of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the

State of Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1302. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1303. A bill to amend certain appropriations Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1304. A bill to promote strategic sourcing principles within the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1305. A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1306. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1307. A bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COONS:

S. 1308. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (by request):

S. 1309. A bill to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. HELLER, Mr. VITTER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1310. A bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 196. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 109

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 109, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 825

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 825, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr.

UDALL] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1039

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1039, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship to include spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1068

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1068, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 1073

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1073, a bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve the coordination of refinery outages, and for other purposes.

S. 1078

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1078, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with the opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1130

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1130, a bill to require the Attorney General to disclose each decision, order, or opinion of a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that includes significant legal interpretation of section 501 or 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 unless such disclosure is not in the national security interest of the United States and for other purposes.

S. 1171

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1171, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

S. 1182

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1182, a bill to modify the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things, and provide appropriate transition procedures, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1241

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1241, a bill to establish the interest rate for certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 1242

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1242, a bill to amend the Fair Housing Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1292

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 1292, a bill to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, a concurrent resolution commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "A Hearing on S. 980, The Embassy Security and Personnel Protection Act of 2013."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Pooled Retirement Plans: Closing the Retirement Plan Coverage Gap for Small Businesses" on July 16, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs' Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Implementation of Wartime Contracting Reforms."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2013, at

2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2609. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2642. An act to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

At 5:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2289. An act to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2609. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2642. An act to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

CONSTITUTING MAJORITY PARTY MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 196) to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the majority leader then be recognized; that, following any remarks by the two leaders, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, as pursuant to the order of today; and that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. THUNE.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:05 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2013

Mr. CARL LEVIN, from the State of Michigan, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEVIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 17, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CARL LEVIN, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. LEVIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1238

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1238) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States

Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that it be in order for each side to move to instruct conferees relative to the debt limit, and to move to instruct conferees relative to taxes and revenue; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said motions; that no amendments be in order to said motions prior to votes; and that there be no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. LEE objected.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMER LIBERIAN REGIME OF CHARLES TAYLOR -- PM 16

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication stating that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2013.

Although Liberia has made advances to promote democracy, and the Special Court for Sierra Leone recently convicted Charles Taylor for war crimes and crimes against humanity, the actions and policies of former Liberian President Charles Taylor and other persons, in particular their unlawful depletion of Liberian resources and their removal from Liberia and secreting of Liberian funds and property, could still challenge Liberia's efforts to strengthen its democracy and the orderly development of its political, administrative, and economic institutions and resources. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *July 17, 2013*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2276. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0856)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2277. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1000)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2278. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (BELL) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0470)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2279. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0930)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2280. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbojet Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1331)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2281. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DASSAULT AVIATION Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1322)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2282. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1227)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2283. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Iniziative Industriali Italiane S.p.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0455)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2284. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Boca Grande, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1337)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2285. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sanibel, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1334)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2286. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Captiva, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1335)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2287. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Pine Island, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1336)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2288. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Boothbay, ME" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0792)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2289. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Linton, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1097)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2290. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Immokalee-Big Cypress Airfield, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1051)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2291. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Bend, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0026)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2292. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Blue Mesa, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0193)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2293. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D and Class E Airspace and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Pasco, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1345)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2294. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Tobe, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0194)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2295. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Clifton/Morenci, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1237)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2296. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Atwood, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1431)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2297. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; La Pryor, Chaparrosa Ranch Airport, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1099)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2298. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9391-1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2299. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2300. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of ten (10) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2301. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of six (6) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2302. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Proposed Obligations for Cooperative Threat Reduction"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1311. A bill to provide for phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance payments during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO,

Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 1312. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to limit the circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 1313. A bill to promote transparency, accountability, and reform within the United Nations system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 1314. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide that the President's annual budget submission to Congress list the current fiscal year spending level for each proposed program and a separate amount for any proposed spending increases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1315. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; read the first time.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1316. A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board; read the first time.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1317. A bill to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2014 through 2016 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. Res. 197. A resolution recommending the posthumous award of the Navy Cross to Lieutenant Thomas M. Conway of Waterbury, Connecticut; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 695

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1048, a bill to revoke the charters for the Federal National Mortgage Corporation and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation upon resolution of their obligations, to create a new Mortgage Finance Agency for the securitization of single family and multifamily mortgages, and for other purposes.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1272, a bill to provide that certain requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating on October 1, 2013.

S. 1279

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1279, a bill to prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities.

S. 1303

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1303, a bill to amend certain appropriations Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York, and for other purposes.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1310, a bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 18, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 15, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Chained Consumer Price Index should not be used to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veterans benefits, or to increase the tax burden on low- and middle-income taxpayers.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing entitled, "Reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission," during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013 at 2:30 a.m. in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "E-Rate 2.0: Connecting Every Child to the Transformative Power of Technology."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Health Information Technology: A Building Block to Quality Health Care.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security at 10 Years: Harnessing Science and Technology to Protect National Security and Enhance Government Efficiency."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013, at 1 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "From Selma to Shelby County: Working Together to Restore the Protections of the Voting Rights Act."

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013, at 3 p.m. in room 428A Russell Senate Office building to conduct a hearing entitled "Small Business Tax Reform: Making the Tax Code Work for Entrepreneurs and Startups."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, PRODUCT SAFETY, AND INSURANCE

The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "The Expansion of Internet Gambling: Assessing Consumer Protection Concerns."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Shining a Light on the Consumer Debt Industry."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2013.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1848. An act to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2576. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2611. An act to designate the headquarters building of the Coast Guard on the campus located at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue Southeast in the District of Columbia as the "Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building", and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 13101 of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act (Public Law 111-5), the Minority Leader reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the HIT Policy Committee for a term of 3 years: Mr. Paul Egerman of Weston, Massachusetts.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1848. An act to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2576. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

COMMEMORATING THE RELAUNCHING OF THE CHARLES W. MORGAN BY MYSTIC SEAPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 183) commemorating the relaunching of the 172-year-old Charles W. Morgan by Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1315) to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, introduced today by Mr. CORNYN, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1316) to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board, introduced today by Mr. CORNYN, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1911) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, June 3, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the majority leader be recognized; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume executive session to consider the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Ordered further, That time during adjournment, morning business, legislative session, and recess be counted, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 7:25 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 18, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1243

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1243) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1315) to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from

enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, introduced on yesterday by Mr. CORNYN, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1316) to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board, introduced on yesterday by Mr. CORNYN, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1911) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, June 3, 2013, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2303. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual reports of the Attorney General relative to enforcement actions taken by the Department of Justice under the Lobbying Disclosure Act for the periods beginning on January 1, 2011, and July 1, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2304. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions to the List of Validated End-Users in the People's Republic of China: Samsung China Semiconductor Co. Ltd. and Advance Micro-Fabrication Equipment, Inc., China" (RIN0694-AF93), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2305. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eliminating the Prohibition Against General Solicitation and General Advertising in Rule 506 and Rule 144A Offerings" (RIN3235-AL34), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2306. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retail Foreign Exchange Transactions" (RIN3235-AL19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2307. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Supervised Investment Bank Holding Company Rules" (RIN3235-AL35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2308. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of 'Predominantly Engaged in Activities That Are Financial in Nature or Incidental Thereto'" (RIN3064-AD73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2309. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2310. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the obligation and expenditure of funds for the implementation of Cooperative Threat Reduction activities (DCN OSS-2013-1046); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2311. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Clothes Dryers and Room Air Conditioners" (RIN1904-AC98), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2312. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming Regulatory Program" (Docket No. WY-043-FOR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2313. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Section 274b Agreements with States" (Management Directive 5.8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2314. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State of Kansas; Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9833-7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2315. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Determination of Attainment for the Sacramento Nonattainment Area for the 2006 Fine Particle Standard; California; Determination Regarding Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements" (FRL No. 9833-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2316. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York State Ozone Implementation Plan Revision" (FRL No. 9830-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2317. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Additional Qualifying Renewable Fuel Pathways under the Renewable Fuel Standard Program; Final Rule Approving Renewable Fuel Pathways for Giant Reed (Arundo Donax) and Napier Grass (Pennisetum Purpureum)" (FRL No. 9822-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2318. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Second Ten-Year PM10 Maintenance Plan for Canon City" (FRL No. 9832-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2319. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Approval of 'Infrastructure' SIP with respect to Source Impact Analysis Provisions for the 2006 24-Hour PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9832-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2320. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Redesignation of the Indianapolis Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Standard for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9832-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2321. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for North Carolina: Partial Withdrawal" (FRL No. 9831-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2322. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Georgia: Partial Withdrawal" (FRL No. 9831-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2323. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9831-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2324. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Coverage Determinations for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2325. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs: Essential Health Benefits in Alternative Benefit Plans, Eligibility Notices, Fair Hearing and Appeal Processes, and Premiums and Cost Sharing; Exchanges: Eligibility and Enrollments" (RIN0938-AR04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2326. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification that a report relative to the Palestinian Authority with respect to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is not required; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2327. A communication from the Executive Director, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2328. Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the obligation and expenditure of funds for the implementation of the Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2329. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-106); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2330. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-094); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2331. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0119 - 2013-0126); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2332. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2333. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Meeting Rooms and Public Spaces" (RIN3095-AB77), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2217. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for

the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-77).

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1329. An original bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-78).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

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

S. 1318. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. COATS, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1319. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1320. A bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1321. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide that the President's annual budget submission to Congress list the current fiscal year spending level for each proposed program and a separate amount for any proposed spending increases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

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

S. 1322. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1323. A bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1324. A bill to prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a presidential memorandum relating to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1325. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the small employer health insurance credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1326. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and make permanent the rule providing 5-year amortization of expenses incurred in creating or acquiring music or music copyrights; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1327. A bill to make enrollment in health benefits plans under the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program available to employees of qualified employers when fewer than 2 qualified health plans are offered through the Small Business Health Options Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1328. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1329. An original bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1330. A bill to delay the implementation of the employer responsibility provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1331. A bill to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1332. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1333. A bill to reinstate funding for the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1334. A bill to establish student loan interest rates, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1335. A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LEE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1336. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office; placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

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

S. Res. 198. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of the Russian Federation should turn over Edward Snowden to United States authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 40

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 40, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 395

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 395, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to protect American job creation by striking the Federal mandate on employers to offer health insurance.

S. 425

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 765

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 765, a bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1046, a bill to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.

S. 1072

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1072, a bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1152

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1152, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help build a stronger health care workforce.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1166, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1271, a bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1274

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1274, a bill to extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster, and for other purposes.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of

2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 1313

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1313, a bill to promote transparency, accountability, and reform within the United Nations system, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 197

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 197, a resolution recommending the posthumous award of the Navy Cross to Lieutenant Thomas M. Conway of Waterbury, Connecticut.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 18, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 18, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 18, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Climate Change: It's Happening Now."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 18, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 18, 2013, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1243

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1243.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2642) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of the bill (S. 954) to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018, as passed, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that the Senate then insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate in a ratio of 7 majority- to 5 minority party Senators; and that there be no intervening action or debate.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1243

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1243.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1243; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1243:

MARK BEGICH, B.A. MIKULSKI, PATTY MURRAY, MARK R. WARNER, TOM UDALL, MARTIN HEINRICH, ANGUS KING, S. WHITEHOUSE, ELIZABETH WARREN, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, PAT LEAHY, TOM HARKIN, JACK REED, DICK DURBIN, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, MARY LANDRIEU, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, HARRY REID.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to bring to a close debate at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 23, 2013; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed; and that, if said motion to proceed is agreed to, the text of bill H.R. 2610, as reported by the House Committee on Appropriations be deemed House-passed text for purposes of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, the following bills, introduced on today, be read the first and second times, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1335. A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 1334. A bill to establish student loan interest rates, and for other purposes.

S. 1336. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12:15 P.M. ON TOMORROW, FROM TOMORROW UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12:15 p.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that no business is to be conducted therein; that the Senate then adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2013; that, on Tuesday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the majority leader then be recognized; that, following remarks by the two leaders, the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on Tuesday next, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12:15 p.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013

Ms. MAZIE K. HIRONO, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 12:15:28 p.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 19, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MAZIE K. HIRONO, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. HIRONO took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 12:15:59 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 18, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 18, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1243

The hour of 12 noon having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 18, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 1243) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 18, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 73, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 181 Leg.]

YEAS --- 73

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 26

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hoeven, Johanns, Lee, McConnell, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The motion having been agreed to,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 18, 2013,

Time for debate on the motion to proceed, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to;

Whereupon

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1243) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 18, 2013, as modified,

At 12:31 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1243.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER to amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1744).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That time until 4:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. VITTER and Mrs. MURRAY, or their designees, on pending amendment No. 1744; that, at 4:45 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no second-degree amendment be in order thereto prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1744 to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 99, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 182 Leg.]

YEAS --- 99

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Rockefeller.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That when the Senate resumes consideration of the pending bill on tomorrow, Mr. PORTMAN be recognized to propose his amendment Numbered 1749.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2334. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Report for fiscal year 2012 for the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2335. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Report for fiscal year 2012 for the Medical Device User Fee Act (MDUFA); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2336. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Head Start Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2010"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2337. A communication from the Acting Chief Policy Officer, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2338. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" (RIN1210-AB44), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2339. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings" (Docket No. FDA-2012-F-0728), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2340. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coverage of Certain Preventative Services Under the Affordable Care Act" (RIN0938-AR42), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2341. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" ((RIN1545-BJ60)(TD 9624)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2342. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Strategic Integrated Management Plan for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), and the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2343. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to obligations and unobligated balances of funds provided for Federal-aid highway and safety construction programs for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2344. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for fiscal years 2010-2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2345. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries

Organization for 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2346. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle, and Nonroad Technical Amendments" (RIN2127-AL31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2347. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing" (RIN2132-AB09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2348. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Roaring Springs, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 12-236, RM-11671), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2349. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Dove Creek, Colorado)" (MB Docket No. 12-352, RM-11686), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2350. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Matagorda, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 13-52, RM-11693), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2351. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closed Captioning of Internet Protocol-Delivered Video Programming: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010" (MB Docket No. 11-154, FCC 13-84), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2352. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities" (FCC 13-82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2353. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Vapor Control Systems" ((RIN1625-AB37)(Docket No. USCG-1999-5150)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2354. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Summit, Mississippi)" (MB Docket No. 12-84, RM-11627), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2355. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Marine Events in Captain of the Port Long Island Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00; AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0447)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2356. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Amdt. No. 507" (RIN2120-AA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2357. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (144); Amdt. No. 3538" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2358. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (94); Amdt. No. 3537" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2359. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0024)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2360. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1162)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2361. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2362. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0426)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2363. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bass Harbor, ME" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0793)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2364. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Gillette, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0185)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2365. A communication from the Inspector General of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification that the audit of the financial statements of the Federal Trade Commission for fiscal year 2013 has commenced; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2366. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Residential Furnaces and Boilers" (RIN1904-AC96), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2367. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-092, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2368. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Canadian Firearms Components Exemptions" (RIN1400-AD07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2369. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Indian Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Report to Congress Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 450j-1(c) on the Funding Requirements for Contract Support Costs"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2370. A joint communication from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities and accomplishments of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Council for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2371. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medications Prescribed by Non-VA Providers" (RIN2900-AO77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2372. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report for fiscal year 2014 on the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile, Nuclear Weapons Complex, Nuclear Weapons Delivery Systems and Nuclear Weapons Command and Control System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2373. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Inventory of Contracts for Services"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1337. A bill to promote the tracing of firearms used in crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 1338. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1339. A bill to reauthorize the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1340. A bill to improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1341. A bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1342. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 1343. A bill to protect the information of livestock producers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1344. A bill to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1345. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. R. Adams Cowley, in recognition of his lifelong commitment to the advancement of trauma care; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1346. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1347. A bill to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1348. A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 101

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 101, a bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to State and local governments for payment of obligations, to prohibit the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from financially assisting State and local governments, and for other purposes.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 231

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 308

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, to provide for cash relief for years for which annual COLAs do not take effect under certain cash benefit programs, and to provide for Social Security benefit protection.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 420

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to longstanding regulatory rule.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to establish a fund to make payments to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:08-CV-00487 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill to improve the retirement of American families by strengthening Social Security.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 686

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to extend the right of appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board to certain employees of the United States Postal Service.

S. 723

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 723, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from New

Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 826

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 826, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 836, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide video programming to subscribers on an a la carte basis, and for other purposes.

S. 929

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 929, a bill to impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses committed against nationals of Vietnam or their family members, and for other purposes.

S. 945

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 945, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1044

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1044, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

S. 1068

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1068, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 1072

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1072, a bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

S. 1091

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp.

S. 1128

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1128, a bill to clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1235

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1271, a bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1279

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1279, a bill to prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities.

S. 1282

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1282, a bill to reduce risks to the financial system by limiting banks' ability to engage in certain risky activities and limiting conflicts of interest, to reinstate certain Glass-Steagall Act protections that were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1292

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1292, a bill to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1296

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1296, a bill to amend the Wounded Warrior Act to establish a specific timeline for the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to achieve interoperable electronic health records, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to

establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

S. 1334

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1334, a bill to establish student loan interest rates, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1335, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, a concurrent resolution commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 198

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 198, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of the Russian Federation should turn over Edward Snowden to United States authorities, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in room 328A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing on July 23, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-266 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the nominations of Kenneth Kopocis to be Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), James Jones to be Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention of the EPA, and Avi Garbow to be General Counsel for the EPA.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2013, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2013, at 10:15 a.m., to hold a briefing on nuclear employment.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Hearing on National Labor Relations Board Nominees" on July 23, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on, July 23, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The 90/10 Rule: Improving Educational Outcomes for our Military and Veterans."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Pay-for-Delay Deals: Limiting Competition and Costing Consumers."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BANKRUPTCY AND THE COURTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and the Courts, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 23, 2013, at 3 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Sequestering Justice: How the Budget Crisis is Undermining Our Courts."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Financial Holding Companies: Should Banks Control Power Plants, Warehouses and Oil Refineries?

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2013, at 3 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Creating a Housing Finance System Built to Last: Ensuring Access for Community Institutions.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, ATMOSPHERE, FISHERIES, AND THE COAST GUARD

The Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and the Coast Guard of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session the Senate on July 23, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "New England and Mid-Atlantic Perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 2668. An act to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4(b) of the World War I Centennial Commission Act (Public Law 112-272), and

the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Minority Leader appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the World War I Centennial Commission: Mr. Robert Dalessandro of Alexandria, Virginia.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States lnterparliamentary Group: Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Chairman and Mrs. MILLER of Michigan.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Chairman and Mr. DUFFY of Wisconsin.

At 2:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 697. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1542. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish weapons of mass destruction intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2353. An act to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of vehicles on certain Wisconsin highways, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

At 3:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1411. An act to include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 697. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1411. An act to include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1542. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish weapons of mass destruction intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2353. An act to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of vehicles on certain Wisconsin highways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2668) to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1243, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, at 3:40 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate observe a moment of silence in memory of the deaths of Office Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson, of the United States Capitol Police, who were killed 15 years ago while defending the Capitol against an armed gunman.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1911

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1911) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes; that an amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. BURR), be the only first-degree amendment in order to the bill; and that the only second-degree amendments in order thereto be amendments intended to be proposed by Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. WARREN), and by Mr. SANDERS.

Ordered further, That there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the proponents and opponents on each amendment; that there be three hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the chairman and ranking member, or their designees, on the bill; that Mrs. BOXER control 30 minutes of the time of the majority therein, and Mr. REED control 15 minutes of the time of the majority therein; that Budget Act points of order, and motions to waive in relation thereto, be in order; that no other point of order or motion be in order; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the second-degree amendments in the aforementioned order; that, upon disposition of the amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. SANDERS, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment to

be proposed by Mr. MANCHIN, as may be amended; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended; that the bill, as may be amended, receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, between the votes; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:10 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2013

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 24, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2374. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Citrus Fruit From Uruguay, Including Citrus Hybrids and Fortunella spp., Into the Continental United States" ((RIN0579-AD59)(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0060)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2375. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program: Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2376. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations Based on the 2012 Missile Technology Control Regime Plenary Agreements" (RIN0694-AF81), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2377. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2378. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations that was established in Executive Order 13581 on July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2379. A communication from the Associate Director, Financial Reporting and Accounting Policy, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2012 Statement on the System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines and accompanying reports; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2380. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2381. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2382. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ireland; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2383. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Israel; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2384. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2385. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Singapore; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2386. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disqualification of Felons and Other "Bad Actors" from Rule 506 Offerings" (RIN3235-AK97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2387. A communication from the President and Chief Operating Officer, Financing Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2012 Audited Financial Statements; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2388. A communication from the President and Chief Operating Officer, Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2012 Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2389. A communication from the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, transmitting, the January 2013 Quarterly Report to Congress of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Programs; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2390. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, United States Enrichment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's eighteenth annual report regarding its activities as Executive Agent for the U.S. government in the implementation of the 20-year contract to purchase low enriched uranium derived from dismantled Russian nuclear weapons; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2391. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Critical Habitat Map for the Fountain Darter" (RIN1018-AZ68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2392. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Species Status for Six West Texas Aquatic Invertebrates" (RIN1018-AX70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2393. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Six West Texas Aquatic Invertebrates" (RIN1018-AZ26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2394. A communication from the Chief of the Foreign Species Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing One Distinct Population Segment of Broad-Snouted Caiman as Endangered and a Second as Threatened with a Special Rule" (RIN1018-AT56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2395. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Buena Vista Lake Shrew" (RIN1018-AW85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2396. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2013" (RIN3150-AJ19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2397. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Limits and Loading Combinations for Class 1 Linear Type Supports" (Regulatory Guide 1.124, Revision 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2398. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Limits and Loading Combinations for Class 1 Plate-and-Shell-Type Supports" (Regulatory Guide 1.130, Revision 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2399. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Applications" (Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1, Revision 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2400. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Right-to-Know; Direct Final Rule to Adopt 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes for Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting" (FRL No. 9825-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2401. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone; The 2013 Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" (FRL No. 9809-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2402. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Part D Plans Generally Include Drugs Commonly Used by Dual Eligibles: 2013 (OEI-05-13-00090)"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2403. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Year in Trade 2012"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2404. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Media Space, Inc. v. Commissioner" (AOD 2012-08), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2405. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - August 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2406. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2407. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Timeline and Other Guidance Regarding the Implementation of FATCA" (Notice 2013-43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2408. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Expanded Eligibility for Temporary Housing for Individuals Displaced by Severe Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes in Oklahoma" (Notice 2013-47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2409. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Static Mortality Tables for the Years 2014 and 2015" (Notice 2013-49), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2410. A joint communication from the Secretary of Labor, Chair of the Board and the Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2012 actuarial evaluation of the expected operations and status of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation funds; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2411. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Ammonium Formate" (Docket No. FDA-2008-F-0151), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2412. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Animal Feeds Contaminated With Salmonella Microorganisms" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0253), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2413. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's fiscal year 2011 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs annual report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2414. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health, United States, 2012"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2415. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2416. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2417. A communication from the Director of the Diversity and Inclusion Division, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2418. A communication form the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2419. A communication from the Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2420. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Commerce's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2421. A communication from the Chairman and Members of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2422. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2423. A communication from the Director, National Security Agency, transmitting a report relative to classified information sharing and safeguarding efforts on computer networks; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-44. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to pass the Marketplace Fairness Act; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, In the case of National Bellas Hess, Inc. v. Department of Revenue, 386 U.S. 753 (1967), the United States Supreme Court held, in relevant part, that Congress alone has the power to regulate and control the taxation of commerce which is conducted between a business that is located within one state, and a customer who is located in another state and who communicates with and purchases from the business using only remote means; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court established in Quill Corp. v. North Dakota, 504 U.S. 298 (1992), that a state government cannot, of its own accord, require out-of-state retailers to collect sales tax on sales within the state; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court also announced in Quill that Congress could exercise its authority under the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution to decide whether, when and to what extent the states may require collection of sales tax on remote sales; and

Whereas, The State of Nevada and municipalities within this State receive significant operating revenue from sales taxes collected by brick-and-mortar businesses and online vendors with a nexus to the State and from use taxes on purchases made online through vendors without a brick-and-mortar location in the State; and

Whereas, Remittance of use taxes not collected by a vendor from online purchases puts an undue burden and widely unknown obligation on consumers; and

Whereas, The unequal taxation schemes as between online and traditional retailers create a disadvantage for Nevada-based retailers, who are rooted and invested in the Nevada community and employ residents of this State; and

Whereas, The tax collection loophole for online retailers deprives local governments of revenue that could be used to fund necessities such as schools, police and fire departments, and other important infrastructure; and

Whereas, The Marketplace Fairness Act, S. 336, 113th Cong. (2013), and H.R. 684, 113th Cong. (2013), proposes to provide states with the authority to require out-of-

state retailers, such as online and catalog retailers, to collect and remit sales tax on purchases shipped into the state; and

Whereas, The State of Nevada has enacted the Simplified Sales and Use Tax Administration Act, chapter 360B of NRS, which is in compliance with the Marketplace Fairness Act, S. 336, 113th Cong. §2 (2013) and H.R. 684, 113th Cong. §2 (2013): Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature urge Congress to pass the Marketplace Fairness Act without delay; and be it further

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

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-45. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada expressing support for wild horses and burros in Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, Wild horses and burros are an integral part of the ecosystem and rangelands of the United States and the State of Nevada; and

Whereas, Wild horses and burros helped to build this nation and are living symbols of freedom and our American Western heritage, as represented by the depiction of wild horses on the Nevada State quarter; and

Whereas, Wild horses and burros are natural resources and cultural assets, and have the potential to promote tourism and job creation in this State; and

Whereas, Building eco-sanctuaries that enable the public to view and photograph wild horses and burros may provide a much needed boost to the Nevada economy; and

Whereas, Wild horses and burros depend on the understanding, cooperation and fairness of all interested parties: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the Nevada Legislature:

1. Supports the preservation and protection of our iconic wild horses and burros in the State of Nevada as living symbols of freedom, the pioneer spirit of the West and America's heritage, as well as valuable natural resources and cultural assets;

2. Supports the development of wild horse and burro related ecotourism in the State of Nevada;

3. Encourages the State Department of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with local wild horse and burro advocacy groups pursuant to NRS 569.031 concerning wild horses and burros living on private lands that are under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Agriculture; and

4. Encourages a spirit of cooperation, collaboration and fairness among wild horse and burro advocacy groups, private land owners and the State Department of Agriculture; and be it further

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

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-46. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to amend the Clean Air Act and to fully consider the impact of the new regulations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1001

To the Congress of the United States of America:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, the Clean Air Act is a federal law designed to minimize air pollution nationwide; and

Whereas, the Clean Air Act requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to enforce regulations intended to protect the public from air pollutants believed to be hazardous to public health; and

Whereas, in 1970, Congress amended the Clean Air Act by mandating comprehensive state and federal regulations for both stationary and non-stationary sources of pollution; and

Whereas, the 1970 amendments dramatically expanded the EPA's regulatory authority; and

Whereas, additional amendments adopted in 1990 expanded the Clean Air Act by allowing the EPA to address acid rain, ozone depletion, gasoline formulation and evaporative emissions; and

Whereas, in April 2009, the EPA issued an endangerment finding, declaring that current and future greenhouse gas emissions pose a serious threat to public health and safety, allowing the agency to regulate carbon dioxide emissions; and

Whereas, as written, the Clean Air Act gives states, not the federal government, the primary role in establishing and carrying out plans to comply with EPA regulations; and

Whereas, as written, the Clean Air Act requires the EPA to consider the economic impact of its proposed regulations; and

Whereas, in spite of these provisions, recent actions by the EPA reflect a disturbing and legally questionable shift away from state and towards federal primacy; and

Whereas, these actions include the EPA's recent rejection of Arizona's State Implementation Plan for Regional Haze, which may cost Arizona consumers as much as one billion dollars for new technology that will make an imperceptible improvement in air quality compared to the state's plan; and

Whereas, while Americans support efforts to improve air quality, such efforts should be carefully balanced to ensure that the cost of new regulations on the economy do not exceed potential benefits; and Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress amend the Clean Air Act to further clarify that the states, not the EPA, have the primary role in developing plans for regulating air pollutants and fully consider the impact of new regulations on the state and national economy before approval or implementation of new regulations.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-47. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon urging Congress to increase investment in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 7

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas generations of Oregonians have enjoyed access to safe, reliable and accessible public water, but a lack of investment in critical water systems that are relied upon to bring clean, accessible water to communities and the aging of public water infrastructure pose significant threats to the quality, safety, reliability and accessibility of public water; and

Whereas water is widely viewed in Oregon as a public trust to be managed for the common good of the public at large; and

Whereas approximately 80 percent of Oregon residents get their drinking water from public water systems; and

Whereas the federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 created the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the purpose of assisting states with funding to ensure safe public drinking water; and

Whereas in 2010 the Department of Human Services determined that $44 million would be needed in order to fund projects for protecting existing sources of public drinking water in Oregon; and

Whereas in 2010 the final amount of funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund available for use on Oregon priority projects was $9,752,311, representing less than 25 percent of the amount needed; and

Whereas according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, approximately 45 percent of the investment needs in Oregon for public water infrastructure are in communities with a population of less than 10,000; and

Whereas the Title VI provisions of the federal Clean Water Act created the Clean Water State Revolving Fund in 1987 for the purpose of assisting states with funding to ensure clean water resources and wastewater systems and treatment facilities for the public; and

Whereas in 2011 the Department of Environmental Quality determined that $380,821,000 will be needed in order to fully fund projects for maintaining clean water resource programs and wastewater systems and treatment facilities to protect the public and Oregon water resources; and

Whereas in 2011 the funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund predicted to be available for use on Oregon priority projects was $23,017,000, representing six percent of the amount needed; and

Whereas 50 percent of Oregon priority projects for funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund would serve communities with a population of less than 5,000; and

Whereas the current levels of funding for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund are not sufficient to ensure that Oregon's public drinking water and wastewater systems and treatment facilities are maintained and protected to benefit the health and safety of Oregon residents and benefit Oregon water resources;

Whereas investing in Oregon's public drinking water and wastewater systems and treatment facilities will create and support family wage jobs for Oregon workers; and

Whereas according to the National Utility Contractors Association, for every $1 billion that is invested nationally in water infrastructure, almost 27,000 jobs are created; and

Whereas it is critical for Oregon students to have access to safe and clean drinking water; and

Whereas there is currently no dedicated federal funding available for updating and repairing drinking water systems in public schools; and

Whereas protecting the public drinking water and wastewater systems and treatment facilities in the nation's communities is of crucial importance and requires an ongoing federal funding commitment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon urges the Congress of the United States of America to increase investment in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to upgrade and repair the nation's aging public drinking water systems in order to ensure that all citizens have access to safe, clean and affordable drinking water.

(2) The Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to increase investment in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to upgrade and repair the nation's aging public water and wastewater treatment systems in order to ensure the health and safety of the nation's urban and rural environments and water resources.

(3) The Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to ensure that federal funding is available for public water systems in both large and small communities and ensure that dedicated funding is made available for updating and repairing drinking water systems in the nation's public schools.

(4) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

POM-48. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation reauthorizing the federal Older Americans Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, In 2006, Congress reauthorized the federal Older Americans Act of 1965 in its entirety, effective through the 2011 fiscal year; and

Whereas, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 has not been reauthorized since 2006, although it was updated in 2009 and funding for its programs has been authorized since that date on an annual basis; and

Whereas, The congressional appropriations staff continue to stress the tight spending caps on discretionary programs imposed by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and

Whereas, A substantial number of older Americans living in the State of California will be at risk if there are significant reductions in allocated funds for the programs funded by the act; and

Whereas, Further delay in the reauthorization of the federal Older Americans Act of 1965 will erode the capacity of the act's various structures to deliver services to meet the needs of older Americans; and

Whereas, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 should immediately be reauthorized to preserve the aging network's role in home- and community-based services, maintain the advocacy and consumer directed focus of the act, and give area agencies on aging increased flexibility in planning and delivering services to vulnerable older Americans; and

Whereas, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 should be funded in the same manner in which the act has been funded for the past 48 years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation that would reauthorize the federal Older Americans Act of 1965; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-49. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois relative to urging the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, and the United States Department of Education to consider communities in the State of Illinois as Promise Neighborhoods; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 0154

Whereas, The Promise Neighborhoods program was founded in 2010 on the premise of significantly improving the educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in distressed communities by providing access to great schools and strong systems of community support to aid in the transition from childhood to career; and

Whereas, The Promise Neighborhoods grant program consists of planning grants and implementation grants; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Education proposed to fund Promise Neighborhoods through the legislative authority of the Fund for the Improvement of Education Program in 2010; the level and allocation of planning and implementation funds are contingent upon each fiscal year's final budget; and

Whereas, The Promise Neighborhoods grant program is expected to continue in 2013 with another round of applications and award winners: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that we urge the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, and the United States Department of Education to consider communities in this State, including communities in the City of Chicago, as Promise Neighborhoods and award grants as such; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, each member of the Illinois congressional delegation, the President of the United States, and the U.S. Secretary of Education.

POM-50. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to protest against the closure of the Cherrybell Postal Processing and Distribution Center; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2007

To the Members of the United States Congress:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, the Cherrybell Postal Processing and Distribution Center (Cherrybell) serves the entire southern portion of Arizona covering the counties of Pima, Santa Cruz and Cochise. Currently, Southern Arizona is facing a potential economic downfall due to the initial decision made by the United States Postal Service Board of Governors to close Cherrybell; and

Whereas, more than 1.8 million people and 23,197 businesses use the Cherrybell postal services. According to United States Postal Service officials, over 3 million pieces of mail go through Cherrybell each day as it is the 15th largest facility serving the 33rd largest population area in our nation. Thus, the processing and sorting operations at Cherrybell that are being proposed to be moved to Phoenix affect approximately 280 jobs in Southern Arizona; and

Whereas, Southern Arizona, which includes both the Tohono O'odham nation and Pasqua Yaqui tribal lands, encompasses the California and Arizona border at Yuma south to Nogales, across to Douglas and Bisbee in Cochise County and the military installations located at Fort Huachuca and Davis Monthan, depends on the Cherrybell Post office; and

Whereas, Council Member Richard Fimbres went on record opposing the closure of Cherrybell Post Office and requested that the Tucson City Council work directly with Tucson's congressional delegation and community members to frame a campaign to protect the vital jobs at Cherrybell; and

Whereas, Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez, objects to the closure of Cherrybell and firmly believes this change will clearly impact the activities of the state and county elections officials in Arizona and will cause a detrimental impact to voters. The information provided to the public by the United States Postal Services is based entirely on economic considerations with no apparent regard for the impact of the change on the fundamental right to vote of all citizens and, in particular, the significant additional detrimental impact to Native American voters in the region; and

Whereas, 600 people attended the public hearing, which was scheduled three days after Christmas, and 6,000 people wrote letters and signed online petitions urging the United States Postal Service Board of Governors not to close Cherrybell.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the Congress of the United States protest the proposed closing of Cherrybell Postal Processing and Distribution Center.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-51. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide rights to victims of crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE MEMORIAL 2002

To the Congress of the United States of America:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, criminal defendants are afforded numerous federal rights and procedural protections; and

Whereas, victims of crime are not afforded any federal constitutional rights or protections; and

Whereas, the people of this state believe in the individual rights and liberties of all persons and have amended the Constitution of Arizona to provide crime victims with rights, and yet it is clear that without federal constitutional rights, crime victims' rights are less meaningful and enforceable.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, prays:

1. That the Congress of the United States propose to the people an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that provides rights to crime victims and that embodies the following principles:

(a) The right to be informed of and not excluded from any public proceedings relating to the crime.

(b) The right to be heard regarding any release from custody.

(c) The right to consideration for the safety and privacy of the victim, the victim's interest in avoiding unreasonable delay and the victim's interest in restitution.

(d) The right to be heard regarding any negotiated plea or sentence.

(e) The right to receive notice of release or escape.

2. That any amendment to the Constitution of the United States to establish rights for crime victims grant standing to victims of crime to assert all rights established by the Constitution.

3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-52. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, The United States is predominantly a nation of immigrants that draws strength from the diversity of its residents; and

Whereas, Hardworking persons who aspire to become citizens of the United States have contributed to the prosperity of the State of Nevada in extraordinary ways through the years; and

Whereas, The operation of a strong and vibrant democracy is likely to be impeded unless all men and women, regardless of their race, creed, color, ethnicity or birthplace, are able to participate meaningfully in the political process with full rights and the equal protection attendant thereto; and

Whereas, We believe in the human dignity of all residents of the United States, regardless of their immigration status, and recognize the importance of the many contributions that immigrants have made to the social and economic fabric of Nevada; and

Whereas, A comprehensive approach to fixing our broken immigration system would strengthen the economy of our State and our nation, and would free aspiring citizens to make even greater contributions to our communities, our State and our nation; and

Whereas, We support immigration reform that keeps families together, upholds our values as a nation, promotes economic growth and provides long-term solutions to the current problems resulting from our immigration system; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must include a significant reduction in the often unreasonable wait times and arbitrary rules that keep families separated from their loved ones; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must include a realistic pathway to citizenship for all hardworking and taxpaying aspiring citizens who live in this country and meet reasonable requirements; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must provide a mechanism for aspiring citizens who have grown up in this country to become citizens and be better able to fully contribute to our joint future; and

Whereas, The reform of our nation's immigration system must occur in a thoughtful manner which builds the strength and unity of working people, and guarantees the same rights, obligations and basic fairness for all workers, no matter their country of birth or origin; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must include a new temporary worker program that provides for strict compliance with the labor standards and wage and hour requirements of the United States, portability of work visas so that workers may change jobs and the ability of workers to petition for permanent residency; and

Whereas, The enforcement provisions which accompany comprehensive immigration reform must restore respect for the law by promoting strict adherence to our nation's values, including due process, civil and human rights, accountability and proportionality; and

Whereas, The focus of law enforcement, both within and at the borders of the United States, should be to prevent criminals, and those persons attempting to enter the country for the purpose of doing harm to this nation, from entering or remaining in the United States; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must include a funding stream to address the entire spectrum of fiscal impacts that will be experienced by state governments as a result of programs for guest workers, earned legalization and increases in the number of immigrants; and

Whereas, Our federal elected officials must create an immigration process that strengthens our nation's economy and allows aspiring citizens to continue making contributions to our communities, our State and our nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform as outlined in this resolution which addresses: (1) earned legal residency accompanied by a clear path to citizenship; (2) the future immigration of families and workers; (3) improved immigration enforcement and border security that is consistent with our nation's values; and (4) a funding stream to address the entire fiscal impacts on state governments; and be it further

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

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-53. A joint memorial adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado urging Congress to adopt comprehensive immigration reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 13-003

Whereas, Unlike most nations, America has a long and rich heritage of generous immigration laws; and

Whereas, Many employers are faced with an insufficient number of visas for workers to support the needs of the United States economy, with arbitrary visa caps creating backlogs, frequent exploitation by employers through wage and workplace violations, and inadequate government infrastructure to efficiently administer our numerous guest worker programs; and

Whereas, Colorado's identity is defined by its promise of equal opportunity, esteem for diversity and commitment to innovation; and

Whereas, Coloradans have prospered because of the contributions of hardworking immigrants who aspire to citizenship; and

Whereas, We believe in the human dignity of all Colorado residents, regardless of immigration status, and recognize the importance of immigrants' many contributions to the social and economic fabric of the state of Colorado; and

Whereas, Becoming a citizen of the United States means taking a solemn oath to uphold our nation's Constitution and to forsake allegiance to other nations; and

Whereas, Citizenship is the legal embodiment and symbol of full membership and participation in society that should be encouraged for all who can meet the lawful standards for citizenship; and

Whereas, Keeping families together not only is the correct and moral thing to do but is also good for the economy because families provide a base of support that increases worker productivity and spurs entrepreneurship; and

Whereas, It is universally recognized that adequate border security is a fundamental prerequisite for successful and lasting immigration reform; and

Whereas, America's current immigration system is widely recognized as dysfunctional because it harms our economy and does not reflect Colorado's values; and

Whereas, A well-designed and efficiently enforced immigration system is a federal responsibility, and a comprehensive approach to solve our broken immigration system would strengthen Colorado's and the nation's economy and would free aspiring citizens to make an even greater contribution to our communities; and

Whereas, The federal government's inability to enact immigration reform has created severe economic, cultural, and political strains in communities across Colorado and has led to a patchwork of state laws that inadequately address immigration-related problems; and

Whereas, Immigration reform must occur in a comprehensive, thoughtful manner that builds the strength and unity of working people, keeps families together wherever possible, and guarantees the same rights, obligations, and basic fairness for all lawful workers, no matter where they come from; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must provide a fair, equitable, and realistic mechanism for aspiring citizens who have grown up in this country to become citizens and be able to fully contribute to our joint future; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must update the legal immigration system so that the future flow of legal guest workers more realistically matches our nation's labor needs and is structured to protect the employment, wages, and working conditions of U.S. and lawful immigrant workers; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must strengthen the small business workforce and customer base, reward initiative with the American promise of opportunity, promote productivity, reduce red tape, and strengthen the American economy; and

Whereas, Any new guest worker visa program must provide for strict compliance with United States labor standards and wage and hour standards, portability of visas so that workers can change jobs under prescribed circumstances, and the ability for workers to petition for permanent residency; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must aim to reduce the unreasonable wait times and overly complex rules that keep families unreasonably separated from their loved ones; and

Whereas, Colorado citizens support a comprehensive immigration reform that keeps families together wherever possible, upholds our values as a state and nation, promotes small business and economic growth, and provides long-term, practicable and enforceable solutions to our broken immigration system: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we urge the 113th Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform as outlined in this Joint Memorial; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Joint Memorial shall be delivered to the U.S. Speaker of the House, President of the U.S. Senate, members of Colorado's Congressional delegation, members of Colorado's General Assembly, and the Governor of Colorado.

POM-54. A joint resolution adopted by the City of Sumter, Sumter County Council, and Sumter School District of the State of South Carolina supporting the preservation of tax-exempt municipal bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-55. A resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Mentor Exempted Village School District of the State of Ohio urging Congress and the Administration to mitigate across-the-board cuts to education that are scheduled to occur March 1, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-56. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Assembly of San Juan, Puerto Rico expressing the San Juan Municipal Legislature's deepest rejection of the application of the death penalty by the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-57. A resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico expressing support for the Uniting American Families Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-58. A resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina supporting the Uniting American Families Act and the inclusion of LGBT families in comprehensive immigration reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 960. A bill to foster stability in Syria, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-79).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 156. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the 10-year anniversary of NATO Allied Command Transformation.

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. 375. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1349. A bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1350. A bill to exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the March 29, 2013, pipeline oil spill in Mayflower, Arkansas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1351. A bill to provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1352. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1353. A bill to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1354. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the range of conduct punished as sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1355. A bill to provide regulatory parity among alternative fuel vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1356. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1357. A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1358. A bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1359. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1360. A bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 1361. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World

War II, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 20

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 134

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 425

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 491, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 888

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 888, a bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 983

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 983, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. KING, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1007, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 1072

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1072, a bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1123, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1128

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1128, a bill to clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1149, a bill to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms, and to extend the ban to undetectable firearm receivers and undetectable ammunition magazines.

S. 1182

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1182, a bill to modify the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things, and provide appropriate transition procedures, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, a bill to strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight related to domestic surveillance conducted pursuant to the USA PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

S. 1236

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1236, a bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 1279

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1279, a bill to prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities.

S. 1292

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1292, a bill to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1306

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1306, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 1334

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1334, a bill to establish student loan interest rates, and for other purposes.

S. 1343

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1343, a bill to protect the information of livestock producers, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The FHA Solvency Act of 2013."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Cruise Industry Oversight: Recent Incidents Show Need For Stronger Focus On Consumer Protection."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate office building, to conduct a hearing, "Oversight Hearing on Implementation of MAP-21's TIFIA Program Enhancements."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Health Information Technology: Using it to Improve Care."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 2 p.m., to hold a East Asia and Pacific Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Rebalance to Asia III: Protecting the Environment and Ensuring Food and Water Security in East Asia and the Pacific."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on the Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 9:50 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Implementation of the Affordable Care Act: Understanding Small Business Concerns."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 10:45 a.m. in room SR-418, of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "Payday Loans: Short-term Solution or Long-term Problem?" The Committee will meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 24, 2013, at 2 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Closing Guantanamo: The National Security, Fiscal, and Human Rights Implications."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND, TOXICS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics, and Environmental Health of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 2 p.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Cleaning Up and Restoring Communities for Economic Revitalization."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 6:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5. An act to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5. An act to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2668) to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

Pending debate,

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1243) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. BROWN) to further amend the pending bill on page 26, line 12, after "benefits", by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1749).

Mr. PORTMAN modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1749, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) to further amend the pending bill on page 38, after line 17, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1760).

Pending debate,

Ms. MIKULSKI questioned the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER directed the roll to be called.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Ms. MIKULSKI objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of a quorum.

When

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1760 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending bill on page 185, lines 9 and 10, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1750).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1751).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending bill on page 104, by striking all beginning with "Provided further" on line 12 through "use of any such funds" on line 18, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1754).

Pending debate,

BIPARTISAN STUDENT LOAN CERTAINTY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 1911, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1911) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DURBIN) to strike all after the first word and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1773).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1773 to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BROWN) to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1774).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1773 to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MURPHY) to amend the pending amendment on page 3, by striking all beginning on line 9 through line 13 on page 5, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1778).

Pending debate,

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 3:40 p.m.,

The Senate observed a moment of silence in memory of the deaths of Office Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson, of the United States Capitol Police, who were killed 15 years ago today while defending the Capitol against an armed gunman.

BIPARTISAN STUDENT LOAN CERTAINTY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1911.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1778 to amendment No. 1773 to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That time for debate be concluded; and that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1778 to amendment No. 1773 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. REED,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 183 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Carper, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1774 to amendment No. 1773 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 34, nays... 65

[Rollcall Vote No. 184 Leg.]

YEAS --- 34

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Coons, Franken, Gillibrand, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 65

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1773 to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MANCHIN,

Ordered, That the order of today, that the pending amendment receive 60 yea votes to be agreed to, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1773 to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 81, nays... 18

[Rollcall Vote No. 185 Leg.]

YEAS --- 81

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 18

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Gillibrand, Hirono, Leahy, Lee, Markey, Menendez, Murphy, Reed, Sanders, Stabenow, Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

DESIGNATING THE "PATRICIA CLARK BOSTON AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MURPHY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1092) to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center".

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REREFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MURPHY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 1294) to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MURPHY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1243.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MURPHY,

At 7:22 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 25, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2424. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's activities during Calendar Year 2012 relative to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2425. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two determinations made by the Financial Stability Oversight Council on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2426. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2427. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mancozeb; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9393-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2428. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imazosulfuron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9390-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2429. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Hazard Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2430. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2431. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: New Source Review-Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9837-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2432. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9828-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2433. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Disapproval of PM2.5 Permitting Requirements" (FRL No. 9838-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2434. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of North Dakota; Interstate Transport of Pollution for the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9839-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2435. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Revisions to EPAAR" (FRL No. 9837-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2436. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Arizona; Regional Haze and Interstate Transport Requirements" (FRL No. 9838-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2437. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality

Standards; Prevention of Significant Deterioration Requirements for PM2. 5 Increments and Major and Minor Source Baseline Dates; State Board Requirements; North Dakota" (FRL No. 9839-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2438. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Control Techniques Guidelines and Reasonably Available Control Technology" (FRL No. 9835-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2439. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Atlanta, Georgia 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Reasonable Further Progress Plan" (FRL No. 9837-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2440. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustments to the Price-Anderson Act Financial Protection Regulations" (RIN3150-AJ25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2441. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Enforcement Policy for Permanent Implant Brachytherapy Medical Event Reporting" (NRC-2013-0114), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2442. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Effective Date for Temporary Pilot Program Setting the Time and Place for a Hearing Before an Administrative Law Judge" (RIN0960-AH58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2443. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Sunset Date for Attorney Advisor Program" (RIN0960-AH56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2444. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mailing of Tickets Under the Ticket to Work Program" (RIN0960-AH34), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2445. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification of Factual Information to Import Administration during Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Final Rule" (RIN0625-AA66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2446. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the waiver of restrictions on U.S. assistance for several governments that were triggered by either the transfer of, or facilitation of the transfer of, lethal military equipment to state sponsor of terrorism (OSS-2013-1091); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2447. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-079, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2448. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-089, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2449. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-097); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2450. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-093); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2451. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-048); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2452. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0127 - 2013-0135); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2453. A communication from the Program Manager, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exclusion of Orphan Drugs for Certain Covered Entities Under 340B Program" (RIN0906-AA94), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2454. A communication from the Program Manager, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distribution of Reference Biological Standards and Biological Preparations" (RIN0920-AA53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2455. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) - Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Disability in Rural Areas" (CFDA No. 84.133B-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2456. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Community Services Block Grant (CCSBG) Program Report for Fiscal Year 2009"; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2457. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Sufficiency Certification for the Washington Convention and Sports Authority's (Trading As Events DC) Projected Revenues and Excess Reserve to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2458. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report on Federal agencies' use of the physicians' comparability allowance (PCA) program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2459. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2460. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-107, "Extension of Time to Dispose of Justice Park Property Temporary Approval Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2461. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-108, "Foster Youth Transit Subsidy Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2462. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-110, "Better Prices, Better Quality, Better Choices for Health Coverage Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2463. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-109, "Heat Wave Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2464. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-111, "YMCA Community Investment Initiative Real Property Tax Exemption Temporary Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. UDALL, of New Mexico, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1371. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-80).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1372. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-81).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1362. A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1363. A bill to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than $1,000,000,000 and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1364. A bill to promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1365. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow for fair application of the exceptions process for drugs in tiers in formularies in prescription drug plans under Medicare part D; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1366. A bill to modify the appointment of Inspectors General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1367. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1368. A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1369. A bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1370. A bill to establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 1371. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1372. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1373. A bill to increase access to refinancing for homeowners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1374. A bill to allow traditional foods to be served at public facilities; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1375. A bill to require a portion of closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage loans, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1376. A bill to improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CORNYN, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1377. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephonic interactions by executive branch employees with individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COATS, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 1378. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COONS:

S. Res. 199. A resolution celebrating the 200th August Quarterly Festival taking place from August 18, 2013, through August 25, 2013, in Wilmington, Delaware; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BURR, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KING, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COATS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COBURN, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Res. 200. A resolution designating July 26, 2013, as "United States Intelligence Professionals Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 201. A resolution designating the first Wednesday in September 2013 as "National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day" and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. TESTER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DONNELLY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Con. Res. 20. A concurrent resolution encouraging peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 337

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 381

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 780

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 780, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles.

S. 813

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 892

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 892, a bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 966

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 966, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1039

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1039, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship to include spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, a bill to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024.

S. 1254

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1254, a bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

S. 1313

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1313, a bill to promote transparency, accountability, and reform within the United Nations system, and for other purposes.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1324, a bill to prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a presidential memorandum relating to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect.

S. 1340

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1340, a bill to improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1343

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1343, a bill to protect the information of livestock producers, and for other purposes.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1361, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 153

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 153, a resolution recognizing the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 25, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 25, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on July 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "The Partnership Between NIST and the Private Sector: Improving Cybersecurity."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 25, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 25, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Foreign Relations Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 25, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in room SD-419 of the Dirksen Senate Office building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Foreign Relations Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 25, 2013, at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 25, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE INTERNET

The Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on July 25, 2013, at 10:15 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "State of Wireline Communications."

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND RULE XVI AND XXII

Mr. PAUL, in accordance with rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, submitted notice in writing of his intent to move to suspend rule XVI and paragraph 2 of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate for purpose of proposing amendment No. 1739 to bill S. 1243.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the period for the transaction of morning business be extended until 11:30 a.m.; and that, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, and consideration of the nomination of Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 27, 2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11:30 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 27, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 27, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1243) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1754, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to the bill, as amended.

Mrs. MURRAY called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 1760.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1760, proposed by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), to the bill, as amended.

Mrs. MURRAY modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1760, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Mr. MURPHY asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1783).

Mr. MCCAIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1760, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MERKLEY) to further amend the pending bill on page 34, line 23, after "shall" by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1783).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MURPHY,

Ordered, That there be a period for only debate until 2:15 p.m. on today.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1783 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mrs. MURRAY proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was agreed to: Mr. COBURN, amendment No. 1756; Mr. MCCAIN, amendment No. 1803; Mr. BOOZMAN, amendment No. 1785; Mr. MARK UDALL (for himself and Mr. BENNET), amendment No. 1789.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendments, en bloc.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1783 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY to recommit the pending bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with such changes as may be necessary such that total budget authority provided in the bill for fiscal year 2014 is not greater than $45,455,000,000.

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to lay the pending motion on the table.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

After debate,

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to table.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 56, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 187 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1783 to the bill, as amended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONALS DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 200) designating July 26, 2013, as "United States Intelligence Professionals Day", submitted today by Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BURR, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KING, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COATS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COBURN, and Ms. HIRONO), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 201) designating the first Wednesday in September 2013 as "National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day" and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease, submitted today by Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr.

CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. RUBIO), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4:15 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1243.

Ordered further, That, at 4:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:57 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2013.

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 25, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 25, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 25, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-59. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to codify into law a United States Department of Defense standard for religious freedom that would be applied to all uniformed services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 175

Whereas, the freedom to practice religion and to express religious thought is acknowledged as our first freedom, enshrined in the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution and is a freedom which belongs to all Americans; and

Whereas, our military has fought to preserve all rights and freedoms enumerated in the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, recent news reports and statements of high ranking military personnel reveal a growing intolerance and in some cases outright hostility toward religious expression and affiliation within segments of our nation's military; and

Whereas, in Section 533 of the United States National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013, the United States Department of Defense is charged with developing regulations that would implement the conscience protections recently passed by the United States Congress; and

Whereas, the same protections have not been established throughout the Department of Defense for all service personnel; and

Whereas, individual branches of the military have adopted policies that are not in keeping with the spirit of Section 533 of the NDAA; and

Whereas, protection of religious freedom is fundamental to all freedoms as Americans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to codify into law a United States Department of Defense standard for religious freedom that would be applied to all uniformed services, ensuring that all members of the armed forces may engage in peaceable and noncombative religious speech, including noncoercive proselytizing, and that such speech is not in derogation of the good order and discipline of the armed forces; and be it further

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

POM-60. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognizing the valor and courage of the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

Whereas, military heroes who served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake should be recognized by the people of this great nation, who should never forget the courage with which these soldiers fought; and

Whereas, in full accord with its long standing traditions, it is the sense of this legislative body to memorialize the Congress of the United States to recognize the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers, and to request that Congress bestow the Congressional Gold Medal upon these war heroes; and

Whereas, this auspicious honor, considered the most distinguished, is an award bestowed by the United States Congress and is, along with the presidential medal of freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, given to persons who have performed an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture that is likely to be recognized as a major achievement of the Borinqueneers now and in the future; and

Whereas, as mandated by Congress in 1899, the 65th Infantry Regiment, hailing from Puerto Rico, was the only Hispanic-segregated unit ever in the United States Armed Forces that played a prominent role in American military history, having participated in three wars in which the United States was engaged, World War I, World

War II, and most notably, the Korean war; and

Whereas, the Borinqueneers were willing to shed their blood, sweat and tears for democracy by enlisting in the United States Armed Forces on their own accord to defend the freedoms of others; and

Whereas, these brave men were one of the first infantrymen of the "Rock of the Marine Division. (3rd Infantry Division) to meet the enemy on the battlefields of Korea, fighting with determination and efficiency; and

Whereas, the 65th Infantry Regiment served with distinction and valor, earning two Presidential Unit Citations, Army Unit Superior Award, Navy Unit Citation, two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations and Bravery Gold Medal of Greece; and

Whereas, the congressional honor would affirm that they are recognized by the people of the United States as true American heroes who served their country with distinction, fighting bravely even while enduring the hardships of segregation and discrimination; and

Whereas, the Borinqueneers are veritable American heroes and deserve to be recognized, commended, acknowledged and remembered by the people of the State of Massachusetts, as well as by all of the citizens of this great Nation: Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States hereby, respectfully memorialized by this legislative body, recognize the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers, and request that these war heroes receive the Congressional Gold Medal; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the clerk of the House of Representatives to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, Congressman Richard Neal, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator William Cowan and the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance.

POM-61. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico requesting Congress to support and preserve the Navajo Code Talkers' legacy and substantial contribution to the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 41

Whereas, the few living Navajo Code Talkers are undertaking a multi-year project to build an educational, historical and humanitarian facility that will bring pride to Native American and non-Native American Communities alike, educate the young and old and conserve the instruments of freedom gifted to the American people by an awe-inspiring group of young Navajo men during World War II; and

Whereas, during World War II, these modest young Navajo men fashioned from the Navajo language the only unbreakable code in Military History; and

Whereas, these Navajo Radio Operators transmitted the code throughout the dense jungles and exposed beachheads of the Pacific Theater from 1942 to 1945, passing over eight hundred error-free messages in forty-eight hours at Iwo Jima alone; and

Whereas, the bravery and ingenuity of these young Navajo men gave the United States and the Allied Forces the upper hand they so desperately needed, finally hastening the war's end and assuring victory for the United States; and

Whereas, after being sworn to secrecy for twenty-three years after the war, these brave Navajo men eventually came to be known as Navajo Code Talkers and were honored by President George W. Bush more than fifty years after the war with Congressional Gold and Silver Medals in 2001; and

Whereas, the Navajo Code Talkers are now in their eighties, and with fewer than fifty remaining from the original four hundred, the urgency to capture and share their stories and memorabilia from their service in the war is now critical; and

Whereas, these American treasures and revered elders of the Navajo Nation have come together to tell their story, one that has never been heard, from their own hearts and in their own words; and

Whereas, the Navajo Code Talkers' heroic story of an ancient language, valiant people and a decisive victory that changed the path of modern history is the greatest story never told; and

Whereas, the Navajo Code Talkers ultimately envision a lasting memorial, the Navajo Code Talkers Museum and Veterans Center, on donated private land; and

Whereas, the Navajo Code Talkers' mission is to create a place where their legacy of service will inspire others to achieve excellence and instill core values of pride, discipline and honor in all those who visit; and

Whereas, through the lead efforts of the Navajo Code Talkers' Foundation and many partners and individuals, the Navajo Code Talkers' Legacy, History, Language and Code will be preserved to benefit all future generations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico, That the United States Congress, Department of the Interior, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Defense, Department of Agriculture, Department of State and Department of Energy be requested to support the preservation of the Navajo Code Talkers' remarkable legacy; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be transmitted to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Energy and the New Mexico Congressional Delegation.

POM-62. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan memorializing the President and the United States Congress to support continued funding of the United States Department of Defense STARBASE youth science and technology program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

Whereas, Early childhood access to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education opportunities are critical to the future of the United States as an economic and technological leader of the global marketplace; and

Whereas, The STARBASE program utilizes military resources and technology not otherwise available to Michigan school districts to support STEM education; and

Whereas, The program strives to motivate children to explore STEM-related opportunities and provides vital exposure for traditionally underrepresented communities to technology professions; and

Whereas, Michigan is home to three successful STARBASE program locations based in Alpena, Battle Creek, and Mt. Clemens that annually serve more than 3,500 students; and

Whereas, The value of Michigan STARBASE education programs significantly exceeds the costs, as the fiscal year 2013 STARBASE budget requires as little as $200 per student in spending; and

Whereas, The STARBASE concept and pilot program originated in Michigan and now has a presence in 40 states through 76 program locations, with a waiting list of more than 35 qualified facilities nationwide: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the President and the United States Congress to preserve full funding and support for the United States Department of Defense STARBASE youth science and technology program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Secretary of Defense, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-63. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to preclude

or delay the increase in premium fees for the National Flood Insurance Program until further study can be done, in order to prevent unintended adverse consequences on the residents of St. Charles Parish and the value of their homes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60

Whereas, the National Flood Insurance Program provides important and necessary property coverage in the event of flooding for homeowners in St. Charles Parish; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama signed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act into law on July 6, 2012; and

Whereas, St. Charles Parish is currently in the process of adopting the revised version of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps; and

Whereas, many homeowners of St. Charles Parish constructed and purchased homes in areas based on the existing version of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps which met or exceeded current base flood elevation requirements; and

Whereas, many homeowners of St. Charles Parish have benefitted from locally built and maintained flood control features, including functional levees, which have protected the residents of these areas from flooding for decades; and

Whereas, the existing version of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps took into consideration the benefits provided by the locally built and maintained flood control features; and

Whereas, the proposed revised version of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps do not account for this important source of functional flood protection; and

Whereas, the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act includes provisions that permit the National Flood Insurance Program to increase premium rates for certain policyholders; and

Whereas, the increase of such risk-based premium rates is anticipated to result in a total premium increase of between twenty percent to twenty-five percent per year for certain homeowners, during each of the next five years; and

Whereas, certain areas of St. Charles Parish will experience extreme, sudden, and unaffordable increases in flood insurance premiums that may lead to personal bankruptcy and foreclosure; and

Whereas, the effects of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act and the revised version of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps would have significant consequences on the housing market and economic health of St. Charles Parish; and

Whereas, the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act also includes provisions, located in Section 207 of such act, that eliminate the "grandfathering" of homes that were built after the existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps in accordance with then existing laws; and

Whereas, coverage by the National Flood Insurance Program is necessary for the affected homeowners; and

Whereas, the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act also includes provisions which require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a study on ways to educate consumers about the National Flood Insurance Program and flood risks and to encourage consumer participation; and

Whereas, such study shall also research the effects of increased premiums on low-income homeowners and ways to assist such homeowners to afford the increased premiums; and

Whereas, the Act directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conclude its study and to issue a report by April 6, 2013; and

Whereas, such study is currently still in progress; and

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has yet to create a report based upon the findings of such study; and

Whereas, increased premiums as a result of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act will have a significant effect on low-income homeowners; and

Whereas, congress should consider the amendment or repeal of Section 207 of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act to take into account its effects on homes that were built after the adoption of existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps in accordance with then existing laws: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to direct the National Flood Insurance Program to delay increasing premium rates until such time as the Federal Emergency Management Agency has released its report and congress has had time to study such report, in order to prevent unintended consequences on the residents of St. Charles Parish and the value of their properties; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to consider the amendment or repeal of Section 207 of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act in order to take into account its effects on homes that were built after the adoption of existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps in accordance with then existing laws; and be it further

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

POM-64. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to pass the Strengthen, Modernize and Reform the National Flood Insurance Program Act and the Flood Insurance Implementation Reform Act of 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 141

Whereas, the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 was enacted to provide previously unavailable flood insurance protection to property owners; and

Whereas, the National Flood Insurance Program continues to provide important and necessary property coverage for home and business owners throughout various Louisiana parishes, as well as counties and communities nationwide; and

Whereas, the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 was signed into law on July 6, 2012; and

Whereas, the act calls for a revision of the flood insurance rate maps; and

Whereas, such revised flood insurance rate maps do not include the discounts granted by the current rate maps to property owners who have taken action to mitigate property damage by installing and maintaining flood control features, in conformity with the most current federal law available to them, and in conformity with current flood insurance rate maps; and

Whereas, countless Louisiana property owners have built and purchased homes and businesses in accordance with the current flood rate insurance maps which, under the provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, will soon enter obsolescence; and

Whereas, the act also includes provisions, located in Section 207 of such act, that eliminate the "grandfathering" of homes that were built after the existing flood insurance rate maps in accordance with then existing laws; and

Whereas, by purchasing homes and businesses in accordance with the provisions of the former flood rate insurance maps and by investing in previously owned property to install flood mitigation features, Louisiana property owners relied on their strict compliance with federal and state law to protect their purchases and investments; and

Whereas, in light of the provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, the reliance on existing flood insurance rate maps that those property owners demonstrated is now to their personal and financial detriment; and

Whereas, the passage of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act substantially and immediately devalued the investments made in all properties endowed with flood damage mitigation measures and to

properties receiving subsidized insurance premium rates; and

Whereas, the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act also includes provisions that permit the National Flood Insurance Program to increase premium rates for many policyholders; and

Whereas, the elimination of these discounts combined with the certainty of general premium rate increases will result in a premium increase of up to twenty-five percent per year for certain Louisiana property owners over the next four years; and

Whereas, under the changes to the National Flood Insurance Program caused by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, Louisiana property owners will struggle to pay exorbitant amounts of money or will lose their flood insurance; and

Whereas, a change in the ability of Louisiana property owners to insure their homes from flood damage without bearing the burden of such a violent rise in cost may lead to financial distress for Louisiana residents and property owners and countless other property owners around this nation; and

Whereas, the premium increases to the National Flood Insurance Program, as mandated by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, will affect the entire nation's real estate market; and

Whereas, the premium increases to the National Flood Insurance Program, as mandated by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, will affect the nation's banking and mortgage industry; and

Whereas, the premium increases to communities and property owners who made their best efforts to comply with federal law by building property in accordance with soon to be outdated flood insurance rate maps will affect consumer confidence and the entire nation's economy; and

Whereas, on May 21, 2013, the Strengthen, Modernize and Reform the National Flood Insurance Program Act (SMART NFIP) was introduced by Senator Mary Landrieu to address the flaws of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act; and

Whereas, SMART NFIP, if passed, would delay premium increases, repeal provisions preventing new owners of sold homes to continue subsidized rates, and allow the rebuilding of key community facilities destroyed in a disaster that lie in velocity zones; and

Whereas, on May 23, 2013, the Flood Insurance Implementation Reform Act of 2013 was introduced by Congressman Cedric Richmond in an effort to also address flaws of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act; and

Whereas, the Flood Insurance Implementation Reform Act is co-sponsored by Congressmen Bill Cassidy, Rodney Alexander, Charles Boustany, and Congresswomen Doris Matsui and Maxine Waters; and

Whereas, the Flood Insurance Implementation Reform Act, would, if passed, in some cases delay, up to five years, major components of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, including delaying the increasing of rates previously "grandfathered"; and

Whereas, these instruments would address many of the concerns addressed herein; and

Whereas, the United States Congress should consider the passage of the Strengthen, Modernize and Reform and National Flood Insurance Program Act and the Flood Insurance Implementation Reform Act of 2013, or, should neither of these acts pass, the United States Congress should consider the amendment or the repeal of Section 205, Section 207, and all such sections of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act which provide for the increase of premium fees for policyholders of the National Flood Insurance Program, in order to prevent the unduly hazardous effects it will have on home and business owners who invested in property prior to the adoption of the new federal legislation and flood insurance rate maps: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to undertake the amendment or repeal of all relevant provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, including passage of the Strengthen, Modernize and Reform the National Flood Insurance Program Act and the Flood Insurance Implementation Reform Act of 2013; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to, in the absence of the amendment or repeal of all relevant provisions of this Act, suspend adoption of new flood insurance rate maps in order to allow communities with a substantial percentage of participation in the National Flood Insurance Program to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Flood Insurance Program to provide for the creation of new flood insurance rate maps which do not unjustly and inequitably dispose of the rights created under existing rate maps; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to, in the absence of the amendment or repeal of all relevant provisions of this Act, provide for a one-year period during which time property owners, in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Flood Insurance Program, may enter a special enrollment period wherein property owners may sign up or renew their current National Flood Insurance Program policy using the current flood insurance rate maps on which they relied to purchase and build their homes and businesses; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-65. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the United States Congress to reinstitute the Glass-Steagall Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, an effective monetary and banking system is essential to the proper function of the economy; and

Whereas, an effective monetary and banking system must function in the public interest without bias; and

Whereas, the federal Banking Act of 1933, commonly referred to as the Glass-Steagall Act, protected the public interest in matters dealing with the regulation of commercial and investment banks, in addition to insurance companies and securities firms; and

Whereas, the Glass-Steagall Act was repealed in 1999, permitting members of the financial industry to exploit the financial system for their own gain in disregard of the public interest; and

Whereas, many financial industry entities were saved by the United States Treasury at a cost of billions of dollars to American taxpayers; and

Whereas, within the hundreds of pages of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act there are no prohibitions that prevent "too big to fail" financial services organizations from investing in or undertaking substantial risks involving trillions of dollars of derivative contracts; and

Whereas, the American taxpayers continue to be at risk for the next round of bank failures, as enormous risks are undertaken by financial services organizations; and

Whereas, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur has introduced H.R. 129, known as the Return to Prudent Banking Act of 2013, to reinstate the provisions of the Glass-Steagall Act, which has gained major bipartisan support; and

Whereas, the Glass-Steagall Act has widespread national support from organizations such as the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, the American Federation of Teachers and the International Association of Machinists, as well as from prominent economic and business leaders,

many of the major and respected national newspapers and many others: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress enact legislation that would reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking functions that was in effect under the Glass-Steagall Act, the Banking Act of 1933, to prohibit commercial banks and bank holding companies from investing in stocks, underwriting securities or investing in or acting as guarantors to derivative transactions, in order to prevent American taxpayers from being again called upon to bail out financial institutions; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-66. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to give "qualified mortgage" status to all balloon loans held in portfolio by a bank; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 143

Whereas, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau recently released its "ability-to-repay" rule as mandated by the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, which was passed by the United States Congress; and

Whereas, the "ability-to-repay" rule provides specific criteria for mortgage lenders to follow in order to make a good faith determination that a borrower has the ability to repay his mortgage loan; and

Whereas, as part of the rule, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau created "qualified mortgages" which are mortgages with characteristics that are presumed to be in compliance with the "ability-to-repay" rule; and

Whereas, loans designated as "qualified mortgage" loans give lenders important legal protections by deeming those loans to have complied, or giving them a presumption of compliance, with the borrower "ability-to-repay" requirements contained in the Dodd-Frank Act; and

Whereas, mortgage loans made that do not receive the "qualified mortgage" status will be subject to increased scrutiny and subject those lenders making them to increased potential liability, possibly causing many lenders to stop making nonqualified mortgage loans; and

Whereas, it is vitally important that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the United States Congress adopt proper criteria for qualified mortgage loans to ensure that lenders continue to make certain loans and to avoid a potential decrease in access to credit for some consumers that may already have few credit options and that want and need certain loan features; and

Whereas, Louisiana bankers, especially in rural areas, are very concerned with the narrow "qualified mortgage" designation provided by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau for balloon loans held in portfolio by the bank and the effect this narrow definition will have on customers; and

Whereas, for various reasons, many consumers do not qualify for loans that can be sold into the secondary market and a balloon loan made and held in portfolio by the local bank may be one of the only options for those consumers; and

Whereas, community banks have prudently, consistently, and historically made balloon loans in order to serve the specific needs of customers; and

Whereas, balloon loans held in portfolio by a bank are generally acknowledged as very safely underwritten loans with lower default rates than other loans because the bank making the loan retains all of the credit risk; and

Whereas, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau "ability-to-repay" rule provides that beginning January, 2014, only banks predominately in rural or underserved areas can qualify for balloon loan qualified mortgages; and

Whereas, only nineteen parishes in Louisiana will likely be considered "rural" areas under the definition used by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and

Whereas, as provided in the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau definition, parishes excluded are those in metropolitan statistical areas, or micropolitan statistical areas adjacent to a metropolitan statistical area, as those terms are defined by the United States Office of Management and Budget; and

Whereas, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau commentary states that counties (parishes) included in the definition of "rural" will only result in nine and seven tenths percent of the United States population being included in the definition; and

Whereas, if the United States Congress and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau do not act to broaden the definition of "rural" currently being used in the rules, many bank customers in Louisiana could be negatively impacted by diminished access to credit: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to give "qualified mortgage" status to all balloon loans held in portfolio by a bank and to urge and request the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to expand the definition of "rural" for balloon loan qualified mortgages; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America, to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, and to the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

POM-67. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to study the causes, effects, prevention, and treatment of early mortality syndrome in the national and international shrimp industry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120

Whereas, early mortality syndrome (EMS) has been identified in the shrimp stocks in China, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Thailand, causing large losses among the shrimp farms in those countries; and

Whereas, EMS is characterized by mass mortalities during the first twenty to thirty days of culture in growout ponds along with the clinical signs including slow growth, corkscrew swimming, loose shells, and pale coloration; and

Whereas, affected shrimp consistently show an abnormal shrunken, small. swollen, or discolored hepatopancreas resulting in mortality; and

Whereas, Congress should fully utilize and bring to bear all available means of research and study to determine the causes, effects, prevention, and treatment of early mortality syndrome in the shrimp industry and take all appropriate actions necessary to fully protect the shrimp industry in Louisiana and other states from this disease; and

Whereas, throughout the Gulf of Mexico the shrimp industry in Louisiana and other states is a multibillion dollar industry of vital importance to the economic well-being of the region, and is still threatened by and suffering from the enormous impacts of recent natural and manmade disasters: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to study the causes, effects, prevention, and treatment of early mortality syndrome in the national and international shrimp industry and take all appropriate actions necessary to fully protect the shrimp industry in Louisiana and other states from this disease; and be it further

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

POM-68. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of South Carolina memorializing the United States Congress to enact legislation that gives the State of South Carolina authority to manage its stock of Black Sea Bass in both state and federal waters; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Public Trust Doctrine is a legal principal derived from English Common Law which has been affirmed repeatedly by state and federal courts interpreting the essence of the doctrine to mean that the waters of the state are a public resource owned by and available to all citizens equally for the purposes of navigation, conducting commerce, fishing, recreation, and similar uses; and

Whereas, the amendment to Article I of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, prepared under the terms of Joint Resolution 3483 of 2009, having been submitted to the qualified electors at the General Election of 2010 as prescribed in Section 1, Article XVI of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, and a favorable vote having been received on the amendment, added Section 25 which reads, "the traditions of hunting and fishing are valuable parts of the state's heritage, important for conservation, and a protected means of managing nonthreatened wildlife. The citizens of this State have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife traditionally pursued, subject to laws and regulations promoting sound wildlife conservation and management as prescribed by the General Assembly. Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate any private property rights, existing state laws or regulations, or the state's sovereignty over its natural resources"; and

Whereas, with regard to the management of the state's Black Sea Bass (Centropristis Striata) population, South Carolina's Department of Natural Resources along with the state's commercial and recreational fishermen are prime examples of responsible resource stewards, as they place an extremely high value on the quality and existence of our nation's coastal waters and freshwater resources. The Department of Natural Resources, as well as commercial and recreational fishermen respect this species' marine and freshwater habitats because they know that in order for these ecosystems to sustain healthy populations of this species, these must be protected and carefully managed; and

Whereas, allowing the State of South Carolina to manage the state's Black Sea Bass (Centropristis Striata) population would provide the best protection for this population so that it may remain a natural resource for current and future generations: Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the members of the General Assembly memorialize Congress to enact legislation that gives the State of South Carolina authority to manage its stock of Black Sea Bass (Centopristis Striata) in both state and federal waters; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation.

POM-69. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to adopt and enact the Fixing America's Inequities with Revenue Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

Whereas, offshore producing states face inequities in federal energy policies which allow onshore producing states to keep up to fifty percent of revenues generated from energy production generated within their states; and

Whereas, coastal energy producing states like Louisiana have a limited partnership with the federal government to keep revenues generated from their offshore energy production that is produced for the nation; and

Whereas, the FAIR Act shall address this inequity by authorizing a revenue percentage for all offshore energy producing states like Louisiana, regardless of the type of energy produced and gradually lift the congressionally mandated annual cap on revenue kept by Gulf Coast producing states; and

Whereas, offshore revenue sharing is an integral element to a comprehensive national energy plan, increasing revenue as well as creating additional jobs for the state of Louisiana: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to expedite such revenue sharing as outlined in the Fixing America's Inequities with Revenue (FAIR) Act; and be it further

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

POM-70. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to declare the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and adjacent national forest lands to be a Natural Resources Disaster Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

Whereas, the State of Idaho and the vast Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and contiguous national forests have suffered numerous and frequent large destructive forest and range fires, most recently in 2012; and

Whereas, the fires have not only incrementally expanded the total burned acreage but have also reburned huge areas one or more times; and

Whereas, the cumulative effect of numerous large fires has resulted in tremendous damage and destruction to the watersheds, streams important to the recovery of anadromous fish, wildlife habitat, scenic values, recreational use, loss of native plant species, historic structures, public access and safety, air quality and public health, the trail network and other values and benefits for which the national forests and wilderness were established; and

Whereas, the cumulative and growing loss of wilderness values and attributes is also resulting in serious economic impact to surrounding communities, counties, the State of Idaho and the businesses dependent upon the natural resources inherent in wilderness and the national forests; and

Whereas, hundreds of miles of trails have been severely damaged, blocked, rendered unsafe for travel or simply wiped out by fire, and the continuing destructive aftermath of blowdown, washouts and landslides have not been opened, cleared, repaired or replaced. The backlog of critical restoration work is rapidly growing each year and far exceeds the work performed annually; and

Whereas, the cumulative impact of fires has resulted in the loss of soil and native vegetation and the replacement of native species with noxious and undesirable plants that will also prevent or retard reestablishment of desirable native plants; and

Whereas, the United States Forest Service has underestimated the huge cost of trail and resource restoration when making decisions on active fire strategies in the wilderness due to a decision bias toward minimizing suppression expenditures for wilderness fires at the expense of long-term restoration; and

Whereas, the United States Forest Service has not placed the necessary emphasis and priority on restoration of proper watershed and vegetative conditions within the wilderness, and has also not considered the negative effect of vegetative type conversion resulting from intense and/or repetitive burns; and

Whereas, the United States Forest Service has not placed emphasis and priority on training for forest supervisors, rangers and staff on the importance of safe and effective saddle and pack stock use and management, and the field conditions necessary for reasonable and safe public and employee access to and within the wilderness; and

Whereas, the United States Forest Service has not placed emphasis and priority on eliminating barriers to effective and streamlined contracting procedures and effective use of volunteers in order to respond to the crisis in the wilderness and maximize fieldwork accomplishment; and

Whereas, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the United States Forest Service have not placed the necessary emphasis and priority of the requirement of Section 5(b) of the Central Idaho Wilderness Act to clear obstructions from all trails within and adjacent to the wilderness on at least an annual basis; and

Whereas, the Chief of the United States Forest Service has not programmed on a continuing basis even normal repair, replacement and maintenance of the trail system and trail structures such as bridges, trail tread, drainage, associated signing and other essential actions to enable safe public use, full and unimpeded public access by foot and horseback and the public services that are vital to public use and enjoyment of the wilderness, in order to prevent cumulative deterioration of the system under even non-fire conditions; and

Whereas, the Chief of the United States Forest Service has not placed emphasis on efficient and economical methods of trail restoration and maintenance, and has in fact aggressively limited methods and tools by Forest Service crews, contractors and volunteers that would greatly increase accomplishment and lower costs without adverse effect on wilderness values or visitors; and

Whereas, use of outfitter and guide permittees, contractors and volunteers from various organizations to accomplish trail work is well below potential due to a lack of emphasis by the United States Forest Service on using innovative ways to offset permittee fees and streamline and simplify contracting procedures: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That we urge the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to declare the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and adjacent national forest lands to be a Natural Resources Disaster Area; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the United States Forest Service to recognize the dire conditions prevailing within and adjacent to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and adjacent national forests, and further urge that the necessary priorities and emphasis be placed on prompt and practical actions to prevent further cumulative loss of the unique values of the wilderness; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge compliance with the specific requirements of the Central Idaho Wilderness Act mandating annual clearing of obstructions from the trail system; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Chief of the United States Forest Service.

POM-71. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Michigan memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to support the continued and increased development and importation of oil derived from North American reserves; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, The United States relies—and will continue to rely for many years—on gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel, as well as renewable and alternative sources of energy. In order to fuel our economy, the United States will need more oil and natural gas while also requiring additional alternative energy sources; and

Whereas, The United States accounts for 20 percent of world energy consumption and is the world's largest petroleum consumer. The U.S. consumes more than 18 million barrels of oil each day, and forecasts suggest this will not change for decades. Current imports amount to over 8 million barrels each day, approximately 50 percent of the United States' requirements. Even with new technology, oil discoveries, alternative fuels, and conservation efforts, the U.S. will remain dependent on imported energy for decades to come. A secure supply of crude oil is not only needed for Americans to continue to heat their homes, cook their food, and drive their vehicles, but to allow the U.S. economy to thrive and grow free from the potential threats and disruptions of crude oil supply from less secure parts of the world; and

Whereas, The growing production of conflict-free oil from Canada's oil sands and the Bakken Formation in Saskatchewan, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota can replace crude imported from countries that do not share American values. However, additional pipeline capacity to refineries in the U.S. Midwest and Gulf Coast is required; and

Whereas, Increasing energy imports from Canada makes sense for the United States. Canada is a trusted neighbor with stable democratic government, strong environmental standards—equal to that of the U.S. and some of the most stringent human rights and worker protection legislation in the world; and

Whereas, Improvements in production technology have reduced the carbon footprint of Canadian oil sands development by 26 percent on a per-barrel basis since 1990. Oil sands production accounts for 6.9 percent of Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and 0.1 percent, or one-thousandth, of global GHG emissions. Total emissions from Canada's oil sands sector was 48 megatons in 2010, equivalent to 0.5 percent of U.S. GHG emissions. Oil sands crude has similar carbon dioxide emissions to other heavy oils and is 9 percent more carbon-intensive than the average crude refined in the U.S. on a wells-to-wheels basis; and

Whereas, The 57 refineries in the Gulf Coast region provide a total refining capacity of approximately 8.7 million barrels per day (bpd), or half of U.S. refining capacity. In 2011, these refineries imported approximately 5 million bpd of crude oil from more than 30 countries, with the top four suppliers being Mexico (22 percent), Saudi Arabia (17 percent), Venezuela (16 percent), and Nigeria (9 percent). Imports from Mexico and Venezuela are declining as production from these countries decreases and supply contracts expire. Once completed, TransCanada's Keystone XL and Gulf Coast Expansion projects could displace roughly 40 percent of the oil the U.S. currently imports from the Persian Gulf and Venezuela; and

Whereas, The Keystone XL pipeline project has been subject to the most thorough public consultation process of any proposed U.S. pipeline. It has also been the focus of multiple environmental impact statements and several U.S. Department of State studies. These analyses have concluded that it poses the least impact to the environment and is much safer than other modes of transporting crude oil; and

Whereas, Pipelines are the safest method for the transportation of petroleum products when compared to other methods of transportation. The Keystone XL pipeline will replace the equivalent of 200 ocean

tankers per year. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 19 million tons, or the equivalent of taking almost 4 million cars off the road; and

Whereas, The original Keystone pipeline, which spans across the northern part of Missouri, supplies over 435,000 barrels of North American crude oil to American refineries in the Midwest. The Keystone XL pipeline will, when completed, carry 700,000 barrels of North American crude oil to American refineries in the Gulf Coast region which will make its way back to Missouri in the form of gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel; and

Whereas, The Keystone XL project will create approximately 9,000 construction jobs. The Gulf Coast project is a $2.3 billion project that will create approximately 4,000 construction jobs. Combined, they support yet another 7,000 manufacturing jobs. Seventy-five percent of the pipe used to build the Keystone XL in the U.S. will come from North American mills, including half made by U.S. workers. Goods for the pipeline, valued at approximately $800 million, have already been sourced from U.S. manufacturers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we:

1. Support continued and increased development and delivery of oil derived from North American oil reserves to American refineries;

2. Urge the United States Congress to support continued and increased development and delivery of oil from Canada to the United States;

3. Urge the President of the United States to support the continued and increased importation of oil derived from the Bakken Formation in Saskatchewan, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota, as well as Canadian oil sands; and

4. Urge the U.S. Secretary of State to approve the newly-routed pipeline application from TransCanada to reduce dependence on unstable governments, create new jobs, improve our national security, and strengthen ties with an important ally; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the U.S. Secretary of State, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-72. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky urging the President of the United States to encourage oil and natural gas production off the northern coast of Alaska, and to approve the construction of the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 122

A Resolution urging the President of the United States to encourage oil and natural gas production off the northern coast of Alaska, and to approve the construction of the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline project.

Whereas, high oil prices are having a major detrimental impact on families, farms, and businesses in Kentucky and are likely to undercut the prospects for an economic recovery; and

Whereas, the United States currently imports almost half of its oil and petroleum products, making it dependent on foreign sources and subject to interruptions and price fluctuations stemming from geopolitical forces; and

Whereas, such instability has damaging consequences both for our economy and our national security; and

Whereas, the United States Geological Survey estimates a resource of up to 27 billion barrels of oil in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas of Alaska, providing a vast domestic oil reserve, but opposition and regulatory hurdles are keeping energy producers from accessing these resources; and

Whereas, the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline project seeks to link expanded oil production from the Canadian oil sands to refineries in the United States and to facilitate the flow of oil from the Dakotas to the Gulf Coast, thereby decreasing our dependence on oil from outside of North America; and

Whereas, Canada is a close friend and ally, with whom we share links of infrastructure and energy networks and other ties, so that dollars spent on Canadian oil will likely contribute to the success of the American economy; and

Whereas, the TransCanada pipeline project is projected to create construction and manufacturing jobs in the United States, adding billions of dollars to our economy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky calls upon President Barack Obama and administration officials to support the increased importation of oil from Canadian oil sands and to approve the newly routed TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline to reduce our oil dependency on unstable governments, strengthen ties with an important ally, and create jobs for American workers.

Section 2. The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky calls upon President Barack Obama and administration officials to support and facilitate permitting for oil production off the northern coast of Alaska to decrease our dependence on foreign oil and spur investment in the American economy.

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the President and Vice President of the United States of America, the Secretary of State of the United States of America, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Kentucky delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-73. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands petitioning the United States Congress to pass and adopt H.R. 92, which would authorize a grant of $100,000,000 to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to alleviate the energy crisis in the Territory and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION NO. 1794

Whereas, the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("the Authority") generates electricity through the use of fossil fuel refined into diesel; and

Whereas, studies have shown that electricity generation accounts for approximately sixty eight percent of total energy usage in the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, in the last decade the cost of fuel used by the Authority to produce electricity has risen from $32.06 per barrel in October 2003 to $138.50 per barrel in February 2013; and

Whereas, the current consumer cost of electrical power in the Virgin Islands, at $.52 per kilowatt hour for residential customers and $.58 per kilowatt hour for commercial customers, is the highest under the American flag; and

Whereas, the average monthly electricity bill for Virgin Islands households is $254, five times the national average; and Whereas, residential and commercial consumers are particularly ill-placed to absorb the high and rising costs of electricity as the per capita income in the Virgin Islands is approximately fifty three percent of the national average; and

Whereas, the increasingly unsupportable cost of electricity has resulted in an exodus of residents and the closure of businesses, including the territory's last remaining dairy operation; and

Whereas, the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission which regulates public utilities in the territory, has publicly stated that the high rates of electricity are depriving the local economy of between $150-250 million annually and that the current electrical rates cannot be sustained for a significant time without substantial harm to the economy of the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority's ("the Authority") efforts to convert to alternate fuels and renewable energy sources cannot be effectuated immediately but will require some years to implement; and

Whereas, the conversion of equipment to burn alternative fuels will cost the Authority millions of dollars; and

Whereas, the major supplier of fuel to the Authority closed its doors and is not refining fossil fuels; and

Whereas, the planned conversion of the Authority's generating plants to utlize less expensive fuels including Liquified Petroleum Gas and Liquified Natural Gas are not expected to result in lower electricity rates until at least mid 2014; and

Whereas, the Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress, Donna Christian-Christensen, has introduced legislation, H.R. 92 in the House of Representatives that would authorize a grant of $100,000,000 to the Authority should it apply and $15,000,000 for fiscal years 2013 through 2017 for the conversion of fuel oil (diesel) to liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas; and

Whereas, the fiscal stability and survival of the territory, including hotels, gifts shops, restaurants, bars and the average business is dependent on cost effective electricity to generate a profit and pay taxes which in turn keep schools, hospitals and government department and agencies running; and

Whereas, the territory's efforts at economic recovery and industry recruitment are severely hampered by the high rate of electricity, which discourages new investment and business development: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

Section 1. The Legislature, on behalf of the People of the Virgin Islands respectfully urges the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States to adopt H.R. 92 to authorized a one hundred million dollar grant to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority and a grant of fifteen million dollars to convert from fuel oil to natural gas.

Section 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House, each member of the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress, Donna Christian-Christensen.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on April 16, 2013.

POM-74. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to enact the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Whereas, The Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act, H.R. 696, was recently introduced in the 113th Congress; and

Whereas, The intent of this proposed legislation is to promote the preservation of wilderness and develop a sustainable development plan to enable all persons to benefit from the use of land adjacent to the City of Yerington for potential commercial and industrial development, mining activities, recreational opportunities and expansion of community and cultural events; and

Whereas, The provisions of the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act propose to convey federal land to the City of Yerington for the purposes of sustainable economic and industrial development; and

Whereas, Commercial and industrial development of the federal land would enable the community to benefit from the transportation, power and water infrastructure that would be put in place with the concurrent development of commercial and industrial operations; and

Whereas, The federal land proposed for conveyance to the City under the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act is adjacent to the boundaries of the City and would be used to enhance recreational, cultural, commercial and industrial development opportunities in the City; and

Whereas, The provisions of the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act propose to designate federal land as wilderness and as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to be known as the "Wovoka Wilderness"; and

Whereas, The proposed Wovoka Wilderness is named in honor of the Northern Paiute spiritual leader and founder of the Ghost Dance, and contains landscapes and wildlife habitat that have been enjoyed by hunters, outdoor enthusiasts and explorers since John C. Fremont camped along the East Walker River in 1844; and

Whereas, The Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act will create an estimated 1,300 jobs and provide much needed economic development for the City of Yerington and Lyon County; and

Whereas, The designation of the proposed Wovoka Wilderness will preserve invaluable prehistoric cultural and natural resources, thereby preserving those resources for future generations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to enact the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act; and be it further

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

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-75. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah declaring and asserting the jurisdictional right of the State of Utah and its political subdivisions to respond to and take action when conditions on federally managed land in the state adversely affect, or may adversely affect, the health, safety, or welfare of the people; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

Whereas, in its Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act decision, released June 2012, the United States Supreme Court reaffirmed the position of the states as "separate and independent sovereigns";

Whereas, the court made it clear that the federal government "must show that a constitutional grant of power authorizes each of its actions";

Whereas, in contrast, the Supreme Court further explained that "the same does not apply to the States, because the Constitution is not the source of their power.... The States thus can and do perform many of the vital functions of modern government ... even though the Constitution's text does not authorize any government to do so";

Whereas, the Supreme Court added, "Our cases refer to this general power of governing, possessed by the States but not by the federal government, as the 'police power.'.. Because the police power is controlled by 50 different states instead of one national sovereign, the facets of governing that touch on citizens' daily lives are normally administered by smaller governments closer to the governed. The Framers thus ensured that powers which 'in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people' were held by governments more local and more accountable than a distant bureaucracy";

Whereas, the Supreme Court also highlighted a vital role of states' authority in relation to the federal government, stating, "The independent power of the States also serves as a check on the power of the Federal Government: 'By denying any one government complete jurisdiction over all the concerns of public life, federalism protects the liberty of the individual from arbitrary power ... In the typical case we look to the States to defend their prerogatives by adopting "the simple expedient of not yielding" to federal blandishments when they do not want to embrace the federal policies as their own;

Whereas, the Supreme Court, concluding this line of logic, declared, "The States are

separate and independent sovereigns. Sometimes they have to act like it";

Whereas, in 1917, the Court, in Utah Power and Light v. United States, held that "The power of the United States to protect its property by its own legislation from private trespass and waste does not, and cannot, imply a general police power over the vacant public lands within a State. The section in the Constitution relating to the admission of new States, and the concomitant disposition of the public lands, excludes, by its express terms, any construction by which the United States may claim any additional governmental or police powers within the States in which such public land is situated";

Whereas, Article 1, Section 8, Clause 17, of the United States Constitution states that the federal government will "exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of Particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings";

Whereas, the domain of exclusive jurisdiction by the federal government is limited to the District of Columbia and other Places purchased by the Consent of the State Legislatures for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings incidental to the powers expressly granted within the Constitution;

Whereas, "other needful Buildings" did not include vast acres of undeveloped land;

Whereas, although Section 3 of the Utah Enabling Act states, in part, "That the people inhabiting said proposed State do agree and declare that they forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated public lands lying within the boundaries thereof," the state of Utah did not disclaim its jurisdiction;

Whereas, during the Eisenhower Administration, the United States government published a report entitled "Report of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Study of Jurisdiction Over Federal Areas Within the States" in which four basic areas of federal jurisdiction were identified:

1. Exclusive Legislative Jurisdiction: This term is applied when the federal government possesses, by whichever method acquired, all of the authority of the State, and in which the State concerned has not reserved to itself the right to exercise any of the authority concurrently with the United States except to serve civil or criminal process in the area for activities that occurred outside the area;

2. Concurrent Legislative Jurisdiction: This term is applied in those instances wherein by granting to the United States authority—which would otherwise amount to exclusive legislative jurisdiction over an area—the State concerned has reserved to itself the right to exercise, concurrently with the United States, all of the same authority;

3. Partial Legislative Jurisdiction: This term is applied in those instances wherein a state has granted authority to the federal government to legislate over an area of the state but the State has reserved to itself the right to exercise, by itself or concurrently with the United States, other authority constituting more than merely the right to serve civil or criminal process in the area, or the right to tax private property;

4. Proprietorial Interest Only: This term is applied to those instances wherein the federal government has acquired some right or title to an area in a state, but has not obtained any measure of the State's authority over the area. In applying this definition, recognition should be given to the fact that the United States, by virtue of its functions and authority under various provisions of the Constitution, has many powers and immunities not possessed by ordinary landholders with respect to areas in which it acquires an interest, and of the further fact that all its properties and functions are held or performed in a governmental, rather than proprietary, capacity;

Whereas, the report also stated, "It scarcely needs to be said that unless there has been a transfer of jurisdiction pursuant to clause 17 by a Federal acquisition of land with State consent, or by cession from the State to the Federal Government, or unless the Federal Government has reserved jurisdiction upon admission of the State, the Federal Government possesses no legislative jurisdiction over any area within a State, such jurisdiction being for exercise by the State, subject to non-interference by the State with Federal functions. . . . The consent requirement of Article I, Section 8, Clause 17, was intended by the framers of the Constitution to preserve the State's jurisdictional integrity against federal encroachment. The Federal Government cannot, by unilateral action on its part, acquire legislative jurisdiction over any area within the exterior boundaries of a State";

Whereas, an Inventory Report On Jurisdictional Status of Federal Areas Within the States, compiled by the United States General Services Administration, categorizes all United States Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land in the state of Utah as #4, Proprietorial Interest Only;

Whereas, the USFS and the BLM have caused a public nuisance and safety issue for the people of the state of Utah and Utah's political subdivisions by not removing the condition, persistently in the National Forest and BLM system lands, of imminent fire and not mitigating the effects of recent fires;

Whereas, Utah's 2012 Shingle Creek Fire was human caused on USFS land;

Whereas, the fire was one-third contained by the operation of one bulldozer;

Whereas, four bulldozers were ready for use by 6 p.m. on the day of the fire, but since the fire was on USFS land, only one bulldozer was allowed to operate until 10 p.m. and was only allowed to operate one blade wide and to dig no deeper than two inches;

Whereas, as a result, the fire burned more than 8,000 acres, damaged and altered the local watershed, created future risks of debris and mudslides, and will require costly repairs;

Whereas, Utah's 2012 Seeley Fire, which was started by lightning, eventually destroyed over 48,000 acres, or 76 square miles;

Whereas, debris flow and sediment from the Seeley Fire will be a major issue in the surrounding watershed for the next two to five years, impacting local municipalities, power plants, local businesses, homes, roads, bridges, and farms;

Whereas, in one instance, the USFS chose to bulldoze a portion of private land, claiming it was the best place to fight the wildfire;

Whereas, these are just two examples of conditions at the community level that have been made worse by the federal government's mismanagement of federal lands;

Whereas, the jurisdictional right of states and their political subdivisions to mitigate potential risks to the health, safety, or welfare of the state or a political subdivision should not be fettered by the federal bureaucracy; and

Whereas, states should assert their rights to mitigate potential risks to the health, safety, or welfare of the state or a political subdivision and not allow their authority to be eroded by federal government claims of authority: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah declare and assert its jurisdictional right, and the right of its political subdivisions, to respond to and take action when conditions on federally managed land in the state adversely affect, or may adversely affect, the health, safety, or welfare of the people without the intrusion and interference of the federal government on its efforts to respond to the needs of their citizens; and be it further.

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the states to declare and assert their jurisdictional rights, and the rights of their political subdivisions, to respond to and take action when conditions on federally managed land in the states adversely affect, or may adversely affect, the health, safety, or welfare of the people without the intrusion and interference of the federal government on efforts to respond to the needs of their citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Forest Service, the commissions of each county in the state of Utah, the Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-76. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah supporting the transfer of administration of the Utah Navajo oil and gas royalties to the Utah Dineh Corporation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, in 1933, Congress enacted 47 Stat. 1418, which expanded the boundaries of the Navajo Reservation north of the San Juan River, in San Juan County, Utah, referred to as the "Aneth Extension," and directed that 37.5% of all royalties from oil and gas extracted from certain portions of the Aneth Extension "shall be expended by the State of Utah in the Tuition of Indian children in white schools and/or in the building or maintenance of roads across the [Aneth Extension], or for the benefit of the Indians residing therein";

Whereas, in 1968, Congress enacted Public Law 90-306, 82 Stat. 121, which expanded the beneficiary class to include all Navajo residing in San Juan County, Utah, (Utah Diné), and which redefined the purposes of the Utah Navajo Trust Fund (UNTF) to include the beneficiaries' "health, education and general welfare";

Whereas, the 1933 act and the 1968 expansion of the beneficiary (Federal Acts) class effectively created a common law discretionary trust whereby the United States is the settlor, Utah is the trustee, and all Utah Diné residing in San Juan County, Utah, are beneficiaries;

Whereas, pursuant to the Federal Acts, Utah is directed to administer the oil and gas royalties for the health, education, and general welfare of the Navajo Indians residing in San Juan County;

Whereas, oil and gas were first extracted in paying quantities from the Aneth Extension during or about the late 1950s;

Whereas, in 2008, the Legislature of the state of Utah enacted H.B. 352, Amendments Related to Monies Derived from Navajo Nation Reservation Lands in Utah, which in part declared, "It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for a transitional process until congressional action designates a new recipient of the Utah Navajo royalties";

Whereas, H.C.R. 4, Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Congressional Action to Designate a New Recipient of Royalties from Navajo Reservation Lands in Utah, also passed by the Utah Legislature in 2008, noted that "the state first received monies from the 37.5% of the oil and gas royalties in 1959 and litigation related to those royalties began almost immediately" and that "the litigious environment surrounding the state's administration of the oil and gas royalties harms the relationship between the state and the San Juan Navajos and complicates all parties' ability to meet the needs of the San Juan Navajos";

Whereas, H.B. 352 incrementally reduced expenditures under the trust duties;

Whereas, H.B. 352 resulted in the establishment of what became known as the Navajo Royalty Holding Fund (NRHF) no later than July 1, 2008, into which all oil and gas royalties monetary assets and future royalty payments would be placed;

Whereas, Utah law, established by H.B. 352, was amended in 2012 by S.B. 155, Transition for Repealed Navajo Trust Fund Act, to allow expenditures from the NRHF for the education of certain beneficiaries up to January 1, 2014;

Whereas, on June 30, 2010, net assets then being held by the state of Utah in the NRHF totaled $51,352,590;

Whereas, this includes a $33,000,000 court settlement, the final installment of which is to be paid by the state of Utah in 2013;

Whereas, litigation is now pending in United States District Court seeking to force the state of Utah to resume active administration of the oil and gas royalties for the health, education, and general welfare of the beneficiaries;

Whereas, the health, education, and general welfare of the beneficiaries would be improved by continuing projects previously funded, wholly or partially, with oil and gas royalties funds, including housing, water development, range improvement, delivery of education, healthcare, and other social services;

Whereas, beneficiaries seeking secondary education are currently unsure whethercollege financial aid will continue to be available through the NRHF;

Whereas, in certain carefully selected instances, and in partnership with other governmental and private financial institutions, the beneficiaries would benefit from the expenditure of oil and gas royalty money for economic development in San Juan County;

Whereas, the oil and gas royalties should be actively administered in these areas of need for the health, education, and general welfare of the beneficiaries;

Whereas, the Federal Acts provide no mechanism for the state of Utah to resign as trustee of the oil and gas royalties;

Whereas, legislation to amend the Federal Acts to name a successor trustee was introduced in the 111th and 112th Congress, but did not become law;

Whereas, no legislation to amend the Federal Acts to name a successor trustee has been introduced in the 113th Congress;

Whereas, the Legislature of the state of Utah and the Governor stated in H.C.R. 4 that the "removal of the state as a go-between provides an opportunity for Navajos";

Whereas, the Utah Diné Corporation (UDC) is a nonprofit organization formed under the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act;

Whereas, the UDC is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under IRC Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;

Whereas, UDC's proposed amended bylaws ensure transparency and accountability at every level of corporate administration and prohibits real and apparent conflicts of interest, including nepotism, at every level of corporate administration;

Whereas, the UDC's proposed amended bylaws position the Utah Diné to play important roles in oil and gas royalties administration and oversight, require that the overall value of the oil and gas royalties' assets, currently estimated at approximately $55,000,000, be maintained and, if consistent with applicable law and oil and gas royalties' purposes, grown;

Whereas, the UDC's proposed amended bylaws require that any oil and gas royalties' assets made available for economic development be limited in amount, comprise only a minor portion of any single funding package, be partnered with loans from other chartered financial institutions, be offered only as loans at current market rates for any amount over $300, and occur only after it is expressly determined that the expenditure will actually promote the beneficiaries' health, education, or general welfare;

Whereas, the UDC's proposed amended bylaws provide that if all oil and gas royalties administrative and fiduciary obligations are transferred to the Utah Diné Corporation, a Request For Proposals addressed to large, chartered financial institutions will be issued immediately, and every three years thereafter, for performing fund management, investing, and auditing services;

Whereas, the members of each Utah chapter of the Navajo Nation have previously resolved to support the UDC's effort to become the trustee of the oil and gas royalties;

Whereas, this support will again be ensured by means deemed reasonable and reliable prior to any transfer of oil and gas royalties administration to the UDC;

Whereas, the San Juan County Board of Commissioners unanimously supports transfer of administrative and fiduciary

obligations for the oil and gas royalties to the UDC;

Whereas, the UDC Board of Directors will include representatives elected from each Utah chapter of the Navajo Nation and from one chapter organized to represent Utah Diné that currently do not reside within Navajo Reservation boundaries;

Whereas, the UDC intends to administer the oil and gas royalties pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including the common law of Indian trusts that imposes strict and exacting fiduciary obligations upon any trustee administering the property of Native Americans; and

Whereas, any transfer of oil and gas royalties administrative and fiduciary obligations to the UDC must ensure that the state of Utah is indemnified and held harmless for any liability, damages, or litigation costs resulting from oil and gas royalties administration: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, expresses its support for the transfer of all oil and gas royalties administrative and fiduciary obligations to the Utah Diné Corporation conditioned on removal of the state as trustee, by an act of Congress or a federal court order that can then be used to encourage congressional action and that indemnifies and holds harmless the state of Utah from any and all legal and equitable claims; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor declare that any transfer of the oil and gas royalties administrative and fiduciary obligations to the Utah Diné Corporation by Congressional act or federal court order must also indemnify and hold harmless the state of Utah from any and all legal and equitable claims arising from future oil and gas royalties administration by the Utah Diné Corporation and for litigation costs related to any claims; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor declare that any transfer of oil and gas royalties administrative and fiduciary obligations to the Utah Diné Corporation should require that the value of fixed and monetary oil and gas royalties assets remain at least at current levels so that funds will be available to promote future generations of oil and gas royalties beneficiaries' health, education, and general welfare and that the Utah Diné Corporation should operate under bylaws that have the protections described in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor declare that, if the foregoing objectives are ensured, the Legislature and the Governor support action by Congress or federal court order to transfer the oil and gas royalties administrative' and fiduciary obligations to the Utah Diné Corporation; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Navajo Utah Commission, the President of the Navajo Nation, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, the elected secretary of each Utah Diné chapter, the San Juan County Board of Commissioners, the current administrator of the Navajo Royalty Holding Fund, the secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the United States Attorney General, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-77. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah expressing appreciation for the completion of the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas, the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project is substantially complete;

Whereas, the benefits of the Enclosure Project are vital and significant, including realizing environmental benefits by saving 8,000 acre-feet of water annually, improving the safety of thousands of people who live near the canal, and providing a significant public recreational benefit;

Whereas, due to the great work of the Utah Congressional Delegation, Congress passed the Provo River Project Transfer Act (P.L. 108-382) in October 2004 that authorized the transfer of title of the Provo Reservoir Canal to the local sponsor, the Provo River Water Users Association;

Whereas, much work has gone into planning the title transfer of the Provo Reservoir Canal and corridor to the local sponsor;

Whereas, one of the main purposes of seeking title transfer from the United States to the Provo River Water Users Association was to take advantage of the managerial benefits of private sector ownership and control; and

Whereas, enormous time and consideration have gone into the completion of the Enclosure Project in preparation for title transfer by the local sponsor, the other participating entities, including Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy, and Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, as well as all the local communities, the Utah State Legislature, the Governor, and the many residents in the affected area: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, recognizes that substantial completion of the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project is a tremendous accomplishment and expresses support for transfer of title to the Provo Reservoir Canal from the United States to the Provo River Water Users Association, as authorized by the Provo River Project Transfer Act (P.L. 108-382); and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge the United States Bureau of Reclamation to work with the parties to expeditiously complete the transfer of title; and be it further

Resolved That copies of this resolution be sent to Utah's Congressional Delegation, the Provo River Water Users Association, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, the United States Bureau of Reclamation, and the Governor.

POM-78. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of West Virginia urging the United States Congress to update the Renewable Fuel Standard to allow a broader range of domestic fuel sources, such as natural gas and coal, to be used to make liquid ethanol; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 76

Whereas, The United States needs a balanced and sensible domestic energy policy; and

Whereas, Reducing dependence on foreign oil is not only a matter of national security, but a significant opportunity to enhance economic prosperity and job growth in West Virginia; and

Whereas, Today there are multiple routes to ethanol, including traditional fossil fuels such as natural gas and coal, which are plentiful in West Virginia and several other states in the country; and

Whereas, West Virginia is committed to being a leader in development of a sustainable national energy policy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Legislature hereby Urges Congress to update the Renewable Fuel Standard to allow a broader range of domestic fuel sources, such as natural gas and coal, to be used to make liquid ethanol; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of West Virginia urges Congress to pass legislation that promotes growth of domestic alternative fuel sources and reduces dependence on foreign oil; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to members of the United States Senate representing West Virginia; to members of the West Virginia Congressional delegation; to the President of the United States Senate; and to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

POM-79. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the President of the United

States and the United States Congress to protect the Clean Air Act and fund the infrastructure that ensures healthy air for Maine families and businesses; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

JOINT RESOLUTION

We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress as follows:

Whereas, Maine families and businesses need healthy air to grow and succeed because when people are healthy, children do better in school, workers are more productive and businesses can add jobs because their health care costs are lower; and

Whereas, air pollution does not respect state borders, and Maine's geographic location puts us on the receiving end of life-threatening air pollution produced in states to the south and west of us; and

Whereas, air pollution can lead to asthma attacks, heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, cancer, reproductive and developmental harm and even premature death; and

Whereas, dangerous air pollution levels can increase hospital admissions and emergency room visits as well as missed days of school and work; and

Whereas, unhealthy air can be particularly dangerous for children, the elderly and people with chronic diseases, including the more than 22,700 children and 92,700 adults with asthma and other lung diseases, who may require expensive medical care on unhealthy air days in the State; and

Whereas, air pollution can cause serious health effects at levels once deemed safe and almost half of the people in Maine live in counties with fair to poor air quality; and

Whereas, for more than 4 decades the federal Clean Air Act has protected public health by reducing levels of smog, soot and other air toxins; and

Whereas, the Clean Air Act is a Maine tradition, having been established and subsequently updated and improved under the leadership of Senator Edmund S. Muskie, Senator George J. Mitchell and Senator William S. Cohen; and

Whereas, nationally the Clean Air Act has prevented an estimated 160,000 premature deaths, more than 130,000 heart attacks and over 1.7 million asthma attacks in 2010 alone; and

Whereas, reducing air pollution through the Clean Air Act will provide the United States with $2 trillion in benefits and prevent 230,000 deaths in 2020; and

Whereas, it is not necessary to choose between improving public health and helping our economy innovate and grow, as evidenced by data showing that between 1970 and 2009 total emissions of the 6 principal air pollutants fell by 63 percent, while private sector jobs and our nation's gross domestic product increased by 86 percent and 210 percent, respectively; and

Whereas, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has concluded that the Clean Air Act has produced economic benefits valued at 30 times the cost of regulation; and

Whereas, the Clean Air Act is continually threatened by attempts to weaken, block, delay or underfund its important public health safeguards: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress support the Clean Air Act and fund its enforcement and fund the infrastructure that reduces the dangerous air pollution that crosses into Maine and that ensures the it is safe to breathe for Maine children and adults; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-80. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the President of the United States and the United States Congress to not require the use of E15 gasoline; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

JOINT RESOLUTION

We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress, as follows:

Whereas, federal laws and regulations, including the Clean Air Act, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the national renewable fuel standard program, have contributed to changes in fuel standards, such as the removal of methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE, as an oxygenate in fuel, leading to the use of ethanol as a replacement for MTBE; and

Whereas, only reformulated gasoline is now available for purchase at public fuel pumps and typically contains a 10 percent corn ethanol blend, known as El0, and in June 2012 the United States Environmental Protection Agency approved the sale of El5, a mixture of 15 percent ethanol and 85 percent gasoline; and

Whereas, using the fuel blend has been promoted as a method of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and our Nation's dependence on foreign oil but these claims are disputed by several automakers and others, such as AAA, which also claims EIS will damage fuel lines and void vehicle warranties; and

Whereas, in addition, AAA claims that automotive engineering experts believe that sustained use of EIS, both in newer and older vehicles, could cause accelerated engine wear and failure, fuel system damage and false "check engine" lights for vehicles not approved by manufacturers to use EIS; and

Whereas, EIS also has 5 percent less energy than gasoline and about 2 percent less than El0 and therefore could ultimately cost consumers more as a result of reduced fuel economy; and

Whereas, the production of corn ethanol is wasteful of fossil fuel resources and does not increase energy security and with this production, which uses 10 percent of all arable land in the United States, we see increased degradation of vital land and water resources; and

Whereas, corn ethanol's impact on food prices is huge and corn is now trading at an all-time high and this affects food manufacturing and other industries such as animal feed businesses; and

Whereas, the burning of corn ethanol increases the emissions of gases and hazardous air pollutants that are probable carcinogens and are the causes of numerous health issues such as asthma, chronic bronchitis and other respiratory problems; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and members of the United States Congress realize the major problems of corn ethanol as a fuel additive and the numerous negative effects it has on not only Maine citizens but all Americans and we urge and request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress consider reversing the decision of the United States Environmental Protection Agency to move forward with the use of E15; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, to the Inspector General of the United States Department of Energy, to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-81. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Michigan urging the United States Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to fulfill their obligation to establish a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, Over the past four decades, nuclear power has been a significant source for the nation's production of electricity. According to the U.S. Nuclear Energy Institute, nuclear power provided 19.2 percent of the electricity produced in the United States in 2011. The Michigan Public Service Commission estimates that 22 percent of the electricity generated for use in Michigan is from nuclear energy; and

Whereas, Since the earliest days of nuclear power, the great dilemma associated with this technology is how to deal with used nuclear fuel. This high-level radioactive waste demands exceptional care in all facets of its storage and disposal, including its transportation; and

Whereas, In 1982, Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. This legislation requires the federal government, through the Department of Energy, to build a repository for the permanent storage of high-level radioactive waste from nuclear power plants. This act, which was amended in 1987, includes a specific timetable to identify a suitable location and to establish the waste repository. The costs for this undertaking are paid from a fee that is assessed on all nuclear energy produced; and

Whereas, In accordance with the federal act, customers of Michigan electric utilities have paid $763 million through September 30, 2010, into the federal Nuclear Waste Fund for construction of the federal nuclear waste repository. Every year, the total Nuclear Waste Fund balance grows by approximately $750 million in direct ratepayer payments; and

Whereas, There are serious concerns that the federal government is not complying with the timetables set forth in federal law. Every delay places our country at greater risk for a catastrophe to occur. The large number of temporary storage sites at nuclear facilities across the country make us vulnerable to potential problems. The events since September 11, 2001, clearly illustrate the urgency of the need to establish a safe and permanent high-level nuclear waste repository as soon as possible. The Department of Energy, along with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, must work diligently to meet its obligation as provided by law. There is too much at stake; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we urge the United States Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to fulfill their obligation to establish a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Department of Energy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-82. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used solely for the dredging, infrastructure, operation, and maintenance of federally-authorized ports, harbors, and waterways; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

Whereas, Domestic shippers and importers using Great Lakes and coastal ports pay more than a billion dollars per year in federal harbor maintenance taxes. Congress established the tax to fund harbor operation and maintenance, particularly dredging, at these ports; and

Whereas, Despite a nearly $6.4 billion balance in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, our nation's dredging needs are not being met. Throughout our nation and particularly in the Great Lakes region, the lack of dredging has forced shippers to operate inefficiently and carry lighter loads, costing them millions of dollars each year; and

Whereas, The Obama Administration has only budgeted about half of the revenue collected through the harbor maintenance tax for maintaining our nation's harbors. Last year, nearly $1.6 billion were collected from shippers, but only $860 million has been allocated for dredging harbors in Michigan and other coastal states; and

Whereas, During the current turbulent economic conditions, we must make every effort to support economic activity by maintaining the infrastructure necessary for commerce. In essentially using harbor maintenance taxes placed in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to finance and balance other portions of the federal budget, we are breaking our promise to the shippers paying the tax and hurting our nation's economic recovery; and

Whereas, Current congressional legislation (H.R. 335 and S. 218) would ensure that harbor maintenance taxes are only used for their intended purpose to maintain our nation's harbors: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used solely for the dredging, infrastructure, operation, and maintenance of federally-authorized ports, harbors, and waterways; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-83. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to exempt or exclude private properties in San Juan County from designation as critical habitat in the proposed listing of the Gunnison sagegrouse under the Endangered Species Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has announced a proposal to add the Gunnison sagegrouse in the Gunnison Basin of southwest Colorado and southeastern Utah, specifically Grand and San Juan Counties in Utah, to the list of species that are candidates for Endangered Species Act Protection;

Whereas, following the USFWS's proposal to list the Gunnison sagegrouse as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, the agency will designate critical habitat for the species, which contains the physical and biological features essential to the conservation and recovery of the species;

Whereas, the USFWS has proposed that 1,704,227 acres be designated as critical habitat in Utah and Colorado;

Whereas, in the Monticello area of San Juan County, the USFWS is proposing that 145,500 acres be designated as critical habitat;

Whereas, of these proposed acres, 95% are private, 4% are Bureau of Land Management lands, and 1% are state lands;

Whereas, San Juan County has approximately 5.2 million acres, making it the largest county in the state of Utah;

Whereas, the federal government owns, controls, or manages approximately 84% of the land base within San Juan County, with 2.1 million acres or 41% of that land base being managed by the Bureau of Land Management;

Whereas, the Navajo Reservation makes up approximately 1.2 million acres, or 23% of the county, while the National Park Service controls 587 acres, or 11% of the county, and

the United States Forest Service manages 450,000 acres, or 9%, of San Juan County;

Whereas, the state of Utah has control over 406,000 acres, or 8%, and the Division of State Parks manages approximately 3,000 acres, or less than 1%, of the county;

Whereas, private ownership makes up a fraction of the 5.2 million acres cited above for a total of 406,000, or just under 8%, of county land ownership;

Whereas, according to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, San Juan County has 758 farms and ranches covering 1,546,914 acres, including private, state, and federal lands, for an average farm and ranch size of 2,041 acres;

Whereas, according to the same census, San Juan County farmers and ranchers raised and sold $10,299,000 in crop and livestock commodities;

Whereas, the proposed area of critical habitat designation has a high potential for oil and gas development, and private landowners have leased their mineral rights for millions of dollars;

Whereas, the result of the proposed listing of the Gunnison sagegrouse and the accompanying designation of critical habitat will negatively impact approximately 35% of the private property base in the Monticello area of San Juan County, potentially jeopardizing these landowners' ability to generate millions of dollars in products and jobs critical to the survival of the residents of rural San Juan County;

Whereas, under Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act, the secretary of the United States Department of the Interior may exclude habitat from designation based on economic impact;

Whereas, under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the USFWS must prepare a regulator flexibility analysis describing the effects of the proposed rule on small entities, including small businesses, such as farm and ranch operations, and small government jurisdictions; and

Whereas, Executive Order 12630, titled Governmental actions and interference with constitutionally protected private property rights, states that the USFWS must analyze the potential implications of designating critical habitat in a takings assessment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, strongly urges the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to recognize and protect private landowner rights and their ability to make viable economic use of their land by exempting or excluding private properties in San Juan County from designation as critical habitat in the proposed listing of the Gunnison sagegrouse under the Endangered Species Act; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the San Juan County Commission, the Grand County Commission, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the San Juan County Chamber of Commerce, the Grand County Chamber of Commerce, the secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Land Management, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-84. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah declaring that claims of the United States Forest Service on state waters originating on public lands undermine state sovereignty; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Whereas, water is essential to life, health, safety, and welfare, especially in Utah and throughout the West;

Whereas, in its Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act decision released June 28, 2012, the United States Supreme Court reaffirmed that jurisdiction over matters that "concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people" are "possessed by the States but not the Federal Government";

Whereas, in the exercise of its jurisdiction over water resources within the state, the state of Utah has long established the recognition of water rights to "first in time" users of the water who can demonstrate the ability to put the water to "beneficial use";

Whereas, in short, "beneficial use" means water use that includes domestic use, irrigation, stock watering, manufacturing, mining, hydropower, municipal use, aquaculture, recreation, and fish and wildlife, among others;

Whereas, in disregard for and disrespect of the long-established state jurisdiction over water resources, the federal government, principally by and through the United States Forest Service (USFS), has engaged in a persistent pattern and course of conduct to exert control and influence over water resources within the state and throughout the West;

Whereas, various federal agencies are acting to negatively impact the water resources of Utah and other western states by unilaterally and substantially reducing the number of grazing permits and severely restricting timber harvesting;

Whereas, these federal policies, which overly restrict timber harvesting and grazing, build up dangerous wildfire fuel loads and result in inordinate water absorption for unhealthy vegetation densities;

Whereas, these federal agencies are also threatening to not renew often long-held grazing permits unless the permittee signs a water right change application over to the federal agency, closing roads and access to water resources, diminishing water recreation opportunities, and imposing onerous permit requirements;

Whereas, some specific examples of the disregard for and disrespect of state jurisdiction over water resources by federal agencies include:

1. In the spring of 2012, agents of the USFS coerced Tooele County livestock producers to sign change applications on private livestock water rights under compulsion of prohibiting the livestock producers from turning out their cattle onto their Forest Service allotment if the producers did not comply with the federal agency demand.

2. Near Scipio, the USFS based its diligence claim filings on use by nineteenth century settlers and then used the filings, and the threat of protracted litigation, to dispossess direct descendants of the settlers from their legitimate water rights.

3. For many years, the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management actively sought to reduce or eliminate the livestock and watering rights of a Nevada rancher. This action resulted in protracted litigation before United States District Court Judge Robert C. Jones, which concluded in the 2012 criminal convictions of two public servants employed by the USFS and the Bureau of Land Management. Both public servants were found guilty of contempt of court and witness intimidation charges. At trial, the regional forester in charge of Utah was found to have lied to the court when asked about the agency's antigrazing plan, which sought to eliminate cattle grazing on public lands.

4. From 2011 to the present, federal agents have barred city of Tombstone officials from accessing their water resources established in the Huachuca Mountains as early as 1881, which were washed out by monsoon rains on the heels of devastating wildfires exacerbated by unmitigated fuel loads. Local officials were at first denied access to repair their water lines, but were then allowed by USFS agents to only use "horses and hand tools" to ascend the mountain on foot in an obviously futile attempt to restore their water services. In attempting to ascend the road they had used for decades to repair their water resources with modern machinery, Tombstone officials were met by armed Forest Service agents and turned back at the threat of arrest and confiscation of expensive, rented heavy machinery. The city of Tombstone is now engaged in protracted litigation with the federal government over its water resources and has been reduced to using arsenic-laced wells that lack the pressure and capacity to withstand any serious fire danger to the wooden town in the middle of a desert in the middle of a drought.

5. The United States Forest Service filed suit in Idaho against the Joyce Livestock Company, arguing the livestock water rights

were the property of the United States, based on federal ownership and control of the public lands coupled with the Bureau of Land Management's oversight of the public lands under the Taylor Grazing Act. Through protracted litigation, the Joyce Livestock Company proved its water rights to have been in place since 1898. The district court found no evidence that the United States had appropriated any water by grazing livestock. Upon appeal, in Joyce Livestock Company vs. United States, the Idaho Supreme Court unanimously held that the United States did not actually apply the water to beneficial use under the constitutional method of appropriation and, therefore, had no water right.

6. USFS efforts to exert control over the water rights of Colorado's ski industry were recently delayed on procedural grounds in a lawsuit brought by the ski industry. The USFS, through a new policy clause in the land use permitting process, seeks to require ski industry interests to provide joint ownership of state water rights, relinquish water rights held jointly with the federal government if the use permit is terminated, and grant "limited" power of attorney to the United States to execute documents pertaining to jointly held water rights with the promise that the ski industry will waive any claim against the United States for compensation of water rights lost as a result of the new permit language.

Whereas, John Dickinson, one of the Founding Fathers of this nation, warned, "It will be their own faults, if the several states suffer the federal sovereignty to interfere in the things of their respective jurisdictions";

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court also highlighted a vital role of states' authority in relation to protecting the liberty and property of their citizens by curbing federal government overreach, stating, "The Independent power of the States also serves as a check on the power of the Federal Government: 'By denying any one government complete jurisdiction over all the concerns of public life, federalism protects the liberty of the individual from arbitrary power'";

Whereas, in its recent Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act decision, the United States Supreme Court further admonished states of their jurisdiction to protect matters of health, safety, and welfare, such as the critical life-sustaining issue of water in the West, stating, "Our cases refer to this general power of governing, possessed by the States but not by the Federal Government, as the 'police power.' ... Because the police power is controlled by 50 different states instead of one national sovereign, the facets of governing that touch on citizens' daily lives are normally administered by smaller governments closer to the governed. The Framers thus ensured that powers which 'in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people' were held by governments more local and more accountable than a distant federal bureaucracy";

Whereas, after recounting these fundamental principles and the states' inherent powers as "separate and independent sovereigns," the United States Supreme Court admonished, "In the typical case we look to the States to defend their prerogatives by adopting 'the simple expedient of not yielding' to federal blandishments when they do not want to embrace the federal policies as their own. The States are separate and independent sovereigns. Sometimes they have to act like it";

Whereas, the USFS Intermountain Region Guidance Document states that the federal government will not invest in livestock water improvements, "nor," according to the Intermountain Region Director, "will the agency authorize water improvements to be constructed or reconstructed with private funds where the right is held solely by the livestock owner";

Whereas, when the USFS allows improvements, including developing, redeveloping, and maintaining a livestock permittee's water rights, all improvements are claimed as the property of the United States, even when the investments are made by individual livestock permittees to allow the permittees to put their livestock watering rights to beneficial use as prescribed under state law;

Whereas, the USFS has used pressure tactics to gain control of livestock water rights by seeking change applications from the permittees or joint ownership in water with the federal agency;

Whereas, the USFS has threatened to not allow livestock permittees onto its Forest Service grazing allotments until permittees comply with the request;

Whereas, pre-existing water rights for livestock permittees on federal lands are protected in both the 1934 Taylor Grazing Act and the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act;

Whereas, these actions by federal agencies infringe on recognized state jurisdiction and sovereignty, state law, and water rights established through historic livestock watering on public lands, and Utah's beneficial use doctrine;

Whereas, it is the apparent intention of the federal government to further expand its water holdings in the West, including Utah, through the USFS as provided in 16 U.S.C. Sec. 526, which states, "There are authorized to be appropriated for expenditure by the Forest Service such sums as may be necessary for the investigation and establishment of water rights, including the purchase thereof or of lands or interests in lands or rights-of-way for use and protection of water rights necessary or beneficial in connection with the administration and public use of the national forests";

Whereas, the United States, by and through its various agencies and departments, appears intent upon undermining, or at the very least disregarding, state sovereignty and jurisdiction over water rights and resources, as outlined in the USFS Intermountain Region Guidance Document, which states, "until the court issues a decree accepting these claims, it is not known whether these claims will be recognized as water rights";

Whereas, in seeking to expand the federal government's interest in the Utah water rights portfolio and exert greater control over the natural resources of the state, the USFS has filed more than 16,000 water rights claims of ownership on livestock watering rights located across the state;

Whereas, water rights claimed by the United States, based on its control of public lands, coupled with the Bureau of Land Management's comprehensive management of public lands under the Taylor Grazing Act, do not constitute the application of the water right to beneficial use under Utah's constitutional method of water appropriation and beneficial use;

Whereas, these waters are the property of the citizens of the state of Utah under its constitution, and the control falls under the stewardship and jurisdiction of the Utah State Legislature;

Whereas, it is recognized and understood that the United States cannot obtain sovereign water rights, nor can it obtain historic livestock water rights established on public lands, through federal laws;

Whereas, the consequence of allowing the federal government to exceed its authority over water rights is clearly illustrated by the great difficulty in getting the federal government to acknowledge its encroachment and relinquish its hold on that which the states should have by right;

Whereas, it is the sovereign right of the state of Utah, the second most arid state in the nation, to exercise its obligation to protect the scarce water resources within its borders for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

Whereas, to do otherwise would be an abrogation of the Legislature's constitutional responsibility and obligation on behalf of the citizens of Utah, would weaken state authority, and would relinquish to the federal government more control over the water, natural resources, and lands contained within the borders of Utah: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah affirms the rights established in the Utah Constitution related to the citizens' water and Utah's sovereign ownership, jurisdiction, and control over its water; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah declares that 191 the actions related to United States Forest Service claims on state waters originating on public lands undermines state sovereignty and jurisdiction and demands action by the state of Utah to protect its sovereign, recognized water ownership and rights on behalf of the citizens of Utah; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah calls on state, county, and local governments to protect, preserve, and defend their jurisdiction and exercise their constitutional obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the state of Utah, particularly in defending and maintaining jurisdiction over the water resources of this state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Department of the Interior, the United States Forest Service, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Land Management, the Utah Department of Natural Resources, each county commission in the state of Utah, each municipality in the state of Utah, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-85. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the ABLE Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

Whereas, the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act, also known as the ABLE Act, has been introduced as S. 313 and H.R. 647 in the One Hundred Thirteenth United States Congress; and

Whereas, the ABLE Act would create tax-advantaged savings accounts known as "ABLE accounts" for persons with disabilities and provide that funds may be withdrawn from such accounts to cover costs of health care, employment support, housing, transportation, assistive technology, and lifelong education for those persons; and

Whereas, ABLE accounts would be subject to the same tax treatment as the popular education savings accounts commonly called "529 plans", as they would be created in the same section (Section 529) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

Whereas, the ABLE Act would create a powerful incentive for individuals and families to save private funds for the purpose of supporting persons with disabilities in maintaining health, independence, and quality of life; and

Whereas, a vital component of the ABLE Act is a provision which stipulates that funds held in an ABLE account do not count toward any maximum limit on a person's assets upon which eligibility for a means-tested federal program may be contingent; and

Whereas, savings in an ABLE account would thereby not jeopardize a person's eligibility for programs such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as food stamps), the asset limits of which currently force low-income persons into the difficult decision of whether to spend what resources they may have down to two thousand dollars in most cases in order to become eligible for needed assistance; and

Whereas, the ABLE Act includes a fiscal safeguard for states by providing that if the ABLE account beneficiary dies or their disability ceases and assets remain in the account, the assets will be distributed first to any state Medicaid plan that provided assistance to the person; and

Whereas, as evidenced by the party affiliations of its seventy-eight original cosponsors being almost perfectly balanced, the ABLE Act legislation enjoys broad bipartisan support; and

Whereas, the ABLE Act embodies sound economic policy by encouraging savings and asset building; and by providing that every citizen living with a disability has the opportunity to attain independence and an improved quality of life, promotes important values that our nation holds dear: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the ABLE Act; and be it further

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

POM-86. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to repeal that portion of the federal health care reform legislation which imposes a health insurance tax; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

Whereas, beginning in 2014, Section 9010 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), as amended by Section 10905 of that Act and Section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (P.L. 111-152), will impose an unprecedented new tax on health insurance that numerous policy experts agree will be passed on to individuals, working families, employers, and seniors, contradicting a primary goal of health care reform by making health care more expensive; and

Whereas, Congressman Charles Boustany (R-LA) and Congressman Jim Matheson (D-UT) have already sponsored bipartisan legislation, H.R.763 of the First Session of the 113th Congress, in the United States House of Representatives, to repeal Section 9010 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which imposes an annual fee on health insurance providers; and

Whereas, similar legislation, S. 603 of the First Session of the 113th Congress, has also been introduced in the United States Senate by Senator John Barrasso (R-WY); and

Whereas, it has been estimated that the health insurance tax will cause premiums on the individual market to rise an average of two thousand one hundred fifty dollars for individuals and an average of five thousand eighty dollars for families nationally over a ten-year period; and

Whereas, it has also been estimated that, in Louisiana over the next ten years, an individual will pay an average of two thousand one hundred twenty-eight dollars more for single coverage and an average of four thousand five hundred twelve dollars more for family coverage, a small group employer will pay an average of two thousand five hundred eighty-nine dollars more for single coverage and an average of six thousand three hundred ninety-one dollars more for family coverage, and a large group employer will pay an average of two thousand eight hundred thirty dollars more for single coverage and an average of six thousand eight hundred thirty-six dollars more for family coverage; and

Whereas, it has been further estimated that a Medicare policyholder in Louisiana will pay on average four thousand one hundred eleven dollars more for coverage, all within the same time period; and

Whereas, estimates additionally indicate that the health insurance tax will also impact the national economy over the next ten years by reducing future private sector jobs by as much as one hundred twenty-five thousand, with approximately fifty-nine percent for small businesses, and reducing potential sales by at least eighteen billion dollars, with approximately fifty percent for small businesses; and

Whereas, higher premiums are a disincentive for everyone to obtain insurance coverage, particularly younger, healthier people, who are likely to drop their policies if they become too expensive, further eroding the risk pool and making coverage even less affordable: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to repeal Section 9010 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL. 111-148), as amended by Section 10905 of that Act and Section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (P.L. 111-152), which imposes a health insurance tax, in order to make health care more

affordable for working families, individuals, and businesses; and be it further.

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

POM-87. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to review and consider eliminating provisions of federal law which reduce Social Security benefits for those receiving benefits from federal, state, or local government retirement or pension systems, plans, or funds; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

Whereas, the Congress of the United States of America has enacted both the Government Pension Offset (GPO), reducing the spousal and survivor Social Security benefit, and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), reducing the earned Social Security benefit for any person who also receives a public pension benefit; and

Whereas, Congress enacted these reduction provisions to provide a disincentive for public employees to receive two pensions; and

Whereas, the GPO negatively affects a spouse or survivor receiving a federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit who would also be entitled to a Social Security benefit earned by a spouse; and

Whereas, the GPO formula reduces the spousal or survivor Social Security benefit by two-thirds of the amount of the federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit received by the spouse or survivor, in many cases completely eliminating the Social Security benefit even though their spouses paid Social Security taxes for many years; and

Whereas, the GPO often reduces spousal benefits so significantly it makes the difference between self-sufficiency and poverty; and

Whereas, the GPO has a harsh effect on thousands of citizens and undermines the original purpose of the Social Security dependent/survivor benefit; and

Whereas, the WEP applies to those persons who have earned federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefits, in addition to working in employment covered under Social Security and paying into the Social Security system; and

Whereas, the WEP reduces the earned Social Security benefit using an averaged indexed monthly earnings formula and may reduce Social Security benefits for affected persons by as much as one-half of the retirement benefit earned as a public servant in employment not covered under Social Security; and

Whereas, the WEP causes hardworking individuals to lose a significant portion of the Social Security benefits that they earn themselves; and

Whereas, in certain circumstances both the WEP and GPO can be applied to a qualifying survivor's benefit, each independently reducing the available benefit and in combination eliminating a large portion of the total Social Security benefit available to the survivor; and

Whereas, because of the calculation characteristics of the GPO and the WEP, they have a disproportionately negative effect on employees working in lower-wage government jobs, like policemen, firefighters, teachers, and state employees; and

Whereas, Louisiana is making every effort to improve the quality of life of its citizens and to encourage them to live here lifelong, yet the current GPO and WEP provisions compromise their quality of life; and

Whereas, individuals drastically affected by the GPO or WEP may have no choice but to return to work after retirement in order to make ends meet, but the earnings accumulated during this return to work can further reduce the Social Security benefits the individual is entitled to; and

Whereas, retired individuals affected by both GPO and WEP have significantly less money to support their basic needs and sometimes have to turn to government assistance programs; and

Whereas, the GPO and the WEP penalize individuals who have dedicated their lives to public service by taking away benefits they have earned; and

Whereas, our nation should respect, not penalize, public servants; and

Whereas, the number of people affected by GPO and WEP is growing every day as more and more people reach retirement age; and

Whereas, the GPO and WEP are established in federal law, and repeal of the GPO and the WEP can only be enacted by Congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States of America to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions and to consider eliminating or reducing them; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize Congress, in the alternative, to repeal the Government Pension Offset and to consider applying the less stringent Windfall Elimination Provision to spousal and survivor benefits; and be it further

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

POM-88. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the President of the United States, the United States Congress and the United States Trade Representative regarding the use of trade promotion authority in international trade policy; to the Committee on Finance.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the State strongly supports international trade when fair rules of trade are in place and seeks to be an active participant in the global economy, and the State seeks to maximize the benefits and minimize any negative effects of international trade; and

Whereas, existing trade agreements have effects that extend significantly beyond the bounds of traditional trade matters, such as tariffs and quotas, and can undermine Maine's constitutionally guaranteed authority to protect the public health, safety and welfare and its regulatory authority; and

Whereas, a succession of federal trade negotiators from both political parties over the years have failed to operate in a transparent manner and have failed to meaningfully consult with the State on the far-reaching effect of trade agreements on state and local laws, even when obligating the State to comply with the terms of these agreements; and

Whereas, Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution empowers the President of the United States "... by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two thirds of Senators present concur ..."; and

Whereas, the trade promotion authority implemented by the United States Congress and the President of the United States with regard to international trade and investment treaties and agreements entered into over the past several years, commonly known as fast-track negotiating authority, does not adequately provide for the constitutionally required review and approval of treaties; and

Whereas, the United States Trade Representative, at the direction of the President of the United States, is currently negotiating or planning to enter into negotiations for several multilateral trade and investment treaties, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership; and

Whereas, proposals are under consideration to review these and future trade and investment agreements pursuant to a fast-track model; and

Whereas, the current process of consultation with states by the Federal Government on trade policy fails to provide a way for states to meaningfully participate in

the development of trade policy, despite the fact that trade rules could undermine state sovereignty; and

Whereas, under current trade rules, states have not had channels for meaningful communication with the United States Trade Representative, as both the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee on Trade and the state point of contact system have proven insufficient to allow input from states, and states do not always seem to be considered as a partner in government; and

Whereas, the President of the United States, the United States Trade Representative and the Maine Congressional Delegation will have a role in shaping future trade policy legislation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that future trade policy include reforms to improve the process of consultation both between the Executive Branch and Congress and between the Federal Government and the states; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the fast-track model of consultation and approval of international treaties and agreements be rejected with respect to pending agreements and agreements not yet under negotiation; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States, the United States Congress and the United States Trade Representative seek to develop a new middle ground approach to consultation that meets the constitutional requirements for treaty review and approval while at the same time allowing the United States Trade Representative adequate flexibility to negotiate the increasingly complicated provisions of international trade treaties; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States, the United States Congress and the United States Trade Representative seek a meaningful consultation system that increases transparency, promotes information sharing, allows for timely and frequent consultations, provides state-level trade data analysis, provides legal analysis for states on the effect of trade on state laws, increases public participation and acknowledges and respects each state's sovereignty; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that each instance in which trade promotion authority is authorized by the United States Congress be limited to a specific trade agreement to help ensure the adequate review and approval of each international trade treaty; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the United States Trade Representative and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-89. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the President and the Congress of the United States to exclude social security, Medicare, and Medicaid from being a part of any legislation to reduce the federal deficit; to the Committee on Finance.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, Social security and Medicare are the foundations of income and health security for older Californians and those with severe work disabilities, providing monthly cash benefits and health insurance to over 5 million Californians, including 3.4 million retirees and nearly 700,000 disabled workers; and

Whereas, Social security is the single most important source of life insurance protection for California's children and provides a vital guaranteed income to 370,000 children throughout the state; and

Whereas, Social security prevents more than 1.1 million Californians from living in poverty; and

Whereas, Social security provides benefits to more than 9 million veterans nationwide, which is roughly four out of 10 veterans; and

Whereas, Social security annually contributes nearly $67 billion dollars to California's economy by paying benefits to over 5.1 million residents in the state; and

Whereas, Social security's funding is independent of that of the rest of the federal government, and has never contributed to, and by law can never contribute to, the federal deficit; and

Whereas, Social security in fact has a surplus of $2.7 trillion dollars today that is expected to grow to $3.1 trillion dollars by 2020; and

Whereas, Social security is not in crisis and has sufficient resources to meet all of its obligations through 2032 and has dedicated revenues that would—even in the absence of Congressional reforms—meet three-quarters of promised benefits thereafter; and

Whereas, Social security's funding shortfall after 2032 is modest: about one-half of the cost of the Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003; and

Whereas, There are many policy options available to close social security's funding shortfall without cutting benefits, including eliminating the cap on earnings subject to the payroll tax, which would eliminate about 80 percent of the 75-year shortfall, or raising the payroll tax rate from 6.2 to 7.2 percent gradually over 20 years, which would eliminate one-half of the shortfall; and

Whereas, Americans prefer raising payroll taxes to cutting social security benefits by a margin of 53 percent to 36 percent; and

Whereas, Social security's modest but vital benefits, averaging just $12,930 per year in California, are critical to the economic security of those who receive those benefits; and

Whereas, Losses of pensions, 401(k) balances, home equity, and earnings have greatly diminished the retirement income prospects of Californians; and

Whereas, The social security benefit cuts imposed in 1983 will, when fully phased in, cut benefits by roughly 25 percent; and

Whereas, Forty-seven percent of elderly Californians are struggling just to make ends meet and more than one-half of working Californians will not have saved enough to be able to maintain their standard of living in retirement; and

Whereas, Proposals to increase the social security retirement age to 69 would cut benefits by an additional 13 percent on top of the 13 percent cut that occurred when the retirement age increased from 65 to 67; and

Whereas, The physical demands of a job differ from industry to industry and, on average, the longevity of the lives of individuals differ significantly according to their level of income, education, race, and access to health care; and

Whereas, Social security belongs to the people who have worked hard all their lives and contributed to the program, and it is based on a promise that if you pay in, you and your family can collect your money when you retire, experience a severe disability, or die; and

Whereas, Medicare insures almost 4 million California seniors for health care at a fraction of the administrative costs of private plans; and

Whereas, Medicare has controlled its costs better than private insurance plans; and

Whereas, Although increasing the eligibility age for Medicare would save the federal government some money, it would add billions of dollars to what we as a country spend on health care and shift costs onto other governmental entities, businesses, and many individuals who cannot afford those costs; and

Whereas, Medicaid is a critical source of protection for over 11 million low-income children, adults, and elderly Californians, many of whom have severe disabilities or are in need of long-term care; and

Whereas, Our social security, Medicare, and Medicaid systems are fundamental to protecting against risks to which all Californians are subject; and

Whereas, Our social security, Medicare, and Medicaid systems give expression to widely held values, including caring for our families, our neighbors, and ourselves, personal responsibility, hard work, and dignity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the California State Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to exclude social security, Medicare, and Medicaid from being a part of any legislation to reduce the federal deficit; and be it further

Resolved, That the California State Legislature opposes cuts to social security, Medicare and Medicaid, and calls on our state's representatives in Washington, D.C. to vote against any cuts and consider improving those systems in ways that will strengthen their protections; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, of South Dakota, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 534. A bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-82).

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

S. 783. A bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-83).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1379. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1380. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to ensure that on-duty time does not include waiting time at a natural gas or oil well site for certain commercial motor vehicle operators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1381. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1382. A bill to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1383. A bill to provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, provide summer employment and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and carry out work-related and educational strategies and activities of demonstrated effectiveness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1384. A bill to help ensure that all items offered for sale in any gift shop of the National Park Service or of the National Archives and Records Administration are produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 314

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 360

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 360, a bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 425

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 488

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 621

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services replacing ICD-9 with ICD-10 in implementing the HIPAA code set standards.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1066

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans.

S. 1072

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1072, a bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1195

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1195, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, supra.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

S. 1341

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1341, a bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1360, a bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1378

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1378, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2218. An act to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The hour of 4:15 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 25, 2013, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1243) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1783, proposed by Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MERKLEY), to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 4:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 25, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

SUPPORTING THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC MARITIME

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 167) reaffirming the strong support of the United States for the peaceful resolution of territorial, sovereignty, and jurisdictional disputes in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to amend the preamble on various pages and lines, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1819).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 153) recognizing the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2218) to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, as pursuant to the order of today (in executive session).

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:47 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving six rollcall Votes), during which the following occurred:

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1243 ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill S. 1243 on tomorrow, the pending amendments be laid aside; that Mr. PAUL then be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1739); that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the proponents and opponents; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no point of order or second-degree amendment be in order thereto prior to a vote.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1243) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1783, proposed by Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MERKLEY), to the bill, as amended.

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that the following amendments be proposed on behalf of the Senators indicated; that each be modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. FLAKE, amendment No. 1818; Mr. FLAKE, amendment No. 1772; Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT), amendment No. 1800; Mr. BLUMENTHAL, amendment No. 1809; Mr. MENENDEZ, amendment No. 1812; Mr. WHITEHOUSE, amendment No. 1761, as modified; Mr. COCHRAN, amendment No.

1814; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Ms. COLLINS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1783 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1243:

HARRY REID, PATTY MURRAY, BARBARA MIKULSKI, JON TESTER, T.R. HARKIN, JACK REED, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, TIM JOHNSON, TOM UDALL, MARK BEGICH, CHRIS MURPHY, PATRICK LEAHY, DICK DURBIN, BILL NELSON, CHRIS COONS, AMY KLOBUCHAR, MAZIE HIRONO, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1783 to the bill, as amended.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Samantha Power to be Representative to the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations be withdrawn; that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the proponents and opponents; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2465. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navigation and Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments; Correction" (RIN1625-AC06), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2466. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River, Mile 469.4-470. 0; Bellevue, KY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0558)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2467. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pamlico River and Tar River; Washington, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0517)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2468. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Skagit River Bridge, Skagit River, Mount Vernon, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0449)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2469. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fifth Coast Guard District Fireworks Display Cape Fear River; Wilmington, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0115)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2470. A communication from the Deputy Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Transportation Statistics Annual Report 2012"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2471. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Military Vehicles; Vessels of War; Submersible Vessels; Oceanographic Equipment; Related Items; and Auxiliary and Miscellaneous Items that the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control under the United States Munitions List" (RIN0694-AF39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2472. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Export Administration Regulations: Implementation of Limited Syria Waiver for Reconstruction Assistance" (RIN0694-AF94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2473. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 37; Correction" (RIN0648-BC66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2474. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2013 Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications" (RIN0648-XC513), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2475. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enhanced Document Requirements To Support Use of the Dolphin Safe Label on Tuna Products" (RIN0648-BC78), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2476. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department

of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Revision of Requirements for Fireworks Approval (RRR)" (RIN2137-AE70), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2477. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Final Listing of 2014 Light Duty Truck Lines Subject to the Requirements of This Standard and Exempted Vehicle Lines for Model Year 2014" (RIN2127-AL42), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2478. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael C. Gould, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2479. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Walter E. Gaskin, Sr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2480. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Robert S. Harward, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2481. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2482. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Presidential 1 Dollar Coin Program"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2483. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds" (31 CFR Part 356), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2484. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the President and Congress Medicaid Home and Community-Based Alternatives to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities Demonstration"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2485. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Medicare and Medicaid Integrity Programs Report for Fiscal Year 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2486. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Terminology: 'Mental Retardation' to 'Intellectual Disability'" (RIN0960-AH52), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2487. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Exchange Functions: Standards for Navigators and Non-Navigator Assistance Personnel; Consumer Assistance Tools and Programs of an Exchange and Certified Application Counselors" (RIN0938-AR75; 0938-AR04), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2488. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Justice Report to Congress Concerning the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2489. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Office of Violence Against Women, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removing Unnecessary Office on Violence Against Women Regulations" (RIN1105-AB40), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1385. A bill to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1386. A bill to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 1387. A bill to establish a pilot program to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1388. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Energy, to conduct a study on the public health and environmental impacts of the production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1389. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs¿' Monument in Fort Greene Park, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1390. A bill to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1391. A bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1392. A bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY,

Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REID, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1393. A bill to ensure that the courts of the United States may provide an impartial forum for claims brought by United States citizens and others against any railroad organized as a separate legal entity, arising from the deportation of United States citizens and others to Nazi concentration camps on trains owned or operated by such railroad, and by the heirs and survivors of such persons; to the Committee on the Judiciary

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1394. A bill to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1395. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1396. A bill to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 1397. A bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1398. A bill to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1399. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend the interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1400. A bill to increase access to adult education to provide for economic growth; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 202. A resolution designating July 30, 2013, as "National Whistleblower Appreciation Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. Res. 203. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 204. A resolution designating August 7, 2013, as "National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. VITTER, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 205. A resolution expressing support for the designation of September 2013 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. SHELBY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. KING):

S. Res. 206. A resolution designating September 2013 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 154

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that the coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in Exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban.

S. 204

At the request of Mr. ENZI, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. REED, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 675

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to prohibit contracting with the enemy.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to

improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 790

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to require the United States International Trade Commission to recommend temporary duty suspensions and reductions to Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 907

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 907, a bill to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 1033

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1033, a bill to authorize a grant program to promote physical education, activity, and fitness and nutrition, and to ensure healthy students, and for other purposes.

S. 1053

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1053, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs.

S. 1140

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1195

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1195, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1208, a bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, a bill to strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight related to domestic surveillance conducted pursuant to the USA PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

S. 1218

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1218, a bill to establish a State Energy Race to the Top Initiative to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030.

S. 1228

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1228, a bill to establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating Medicare beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health.

S. 1254

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1254, a bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1271, a bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1279

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1279, a bill to prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities.

S. 1335

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 1342

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1342, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1360, a bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1378

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1378, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 69

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 69, a resolution calling for the protections of religious minority rights and freedoms in the Arab world.

SENATE RESOLUTION 164

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 164, a resolution designating October 30, 2013, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 165

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 165, a resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling.

SENATE RESOLUTION 199

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 199, a resolution celebrating the 200th August Quarterly Festival taking place from August 18, 2013, through August 25, 2013, in Wilmington, Delaware.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Mitigating Systemic Risk in Financial Markets Through Wall Street Reforms."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Compensation Policy, and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 30, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Standard Essential Patent Disputes and Antitrust Law."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING

The Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing on July 30, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2397. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

At 8:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1092. An act to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center".

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2397. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

DESIGNATING THE "DOUGLAS A. MUNRO COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS BUILDING"

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2611) to designate the headquarters building of the Coast Guard on the campus located at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue Southeast in the District of Columbia as the "Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building", and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REVERSE MORTGAGE STABILIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2167) to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish additional requirements to improve the fiscal safety and soundness of the home equity conversion mortgage insurance program.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 44) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER APPRECIATION DAY"

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 202) designating July 30, 2013, as "National Whistleblower Appreciation Day", submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. LEVIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE AND LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION DAY"

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 204) designating August 7, 2013, as "National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day", submitted today by Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 205) expressing support for the designation of September 2013 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 206) designating September 2013 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month", submitted today by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. SHELBY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. KING), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1392) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 1243, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 1739, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Byron Todd Jones to be Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; and that the Senate the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

At 8:13 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2013

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 31, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1392) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1243) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1783, proposed by Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WYDEN), to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. PAUL to further amend the pending bill, in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1739).

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 1 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Byron Todd Jones to be Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to S. Res. 15, be concluded; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR RECESS ON TODAY, FOR "FILING" OF AMENDMENTS TO BILL S. 1243, AND FOR MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 1739, the Senate recess until 1 p.m.; that Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments to pending bill S. 1243 until 1:30 p.m. on today; that, when the Senate resumes its legislative session following a vote on confirmation of the nomination of Byron Todd Jones, as pursuant to the order of today, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that Mr. INHOFE be recognized for 30 minutes therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

ORDER FOR FURTHER EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following the period for morning business, as pursuant to the foregoing order, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Samantha Power, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1243.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1739 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CORKER to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 86, nays... 13

[Rollcall Vote No. 195 Leg.]

YEAS --- 86

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 13

Barrasso, Coburn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Grassley, Heller, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Thune.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1783 to the bill, as amended.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 11:39 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 1 p.m.

AT 1 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, April 8, 2011,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-90. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging the United States Congress to pass S. 336 and H.R. 684, the Marketplace Fairness Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States held in Quill v. North Dakota, 504 U.S. 298 (1992) that the "dormant" or "negative" Commerce Clause of the Constitution of the United States prohibits a state from requiring a retailer to collect and remit sales tax on sales to consumers in the state unless the retailer has physical presence in the state;

Whereas, the Supreme Court further held "that the underlying issue is not only one that Congress may be better qualified to resolve, but also one that Congress has the ultimate power to resolve";

Whereas, the sales tax, as applied to consumer purchases, can be a transparent tax levied by state and local governments;

Whereas, the sales tax is, from the individual consumer's perspective, one of the simplest taxes imposed by state and local governments;

Whereas, a complex aspect of sales taxation, from the individual consumer's perspective, is the requirement to pay "use" tax directly to the state or locality when sales tax is not collected by the retailer;

Whereas, the electronic commerce industry needs to be left free from government interference, and any argument in favor of taxing sales on the Internet is problematic in light of constitutional provisions regarding interstate commerce and interstate compacts;

Whereas, because there are over 9,600 state and local taxing jurisdictions in the United States, each with unique and changing definitions, rules, and holidays, the sales tax is, from a remote seller's perspective, one of the most complex and costly taxes imposed by state and local governments;

Whereas, consumption taxes can be used to achieve competitiveness;

Whereas, the sales tax has been a stable source of state and local revenue and provides some level of certainty for states and localities;

Whereas, some proposed federal legislation authorizing states to require all retailers whose sales to consumers in those states exceed a minimum threshold to collect sales taxes has garnered support from some businesses and organizations;

Whereas, despite the progress states have made in simplifying state sales tax collection for remote sellers, there remain some inequities between the burden of tax collection obligations imposed upon sellers with physical presence and the burdens those same obligations would impose on remote sellers serving consumers in multiple states without physical presence;

Whereas, any federal legislation should be fair to both in-state and remote sellers, whether such legislation requires sales and use taxes to be collected on a point-of-sale or point-of-delivery basis; and

Whereas, the state of Utah has adopted or supports, and Congress is considering, the following items in federal legislation:

1. State-provided or state-certified tax collection and remittance software that is simple to implement and maintain, and paid for by states;

2. Immunity from civil lawsuits for retailers utilizing state-provided or state-certified software in tax collection and remittance;

3. Tax audit accountability to a single state tax audit authority;

4. Elimination of interstate tax complexity by streamlining taxable good categories;

5. Adoption of a meaningful small business exception so that small, remote seller businesses are not adversely affected; and

6. Fair compensation to the tax-collecting retailer, taking into account such elements as the exchange fees retailers are charged for consumer credit card transactions, which fees apply equally to any state taxes collected on the purchase of goods sold as well as the actual purchase amount;

Whereas, the Marketplace Fairness Act, currently introduced in the United States Senate as S. 336 and the United States House of Representatives as H.R. 684, helps level the playing field between remote sellers and main street sellers by requiring larger remote sales to collect the same sales and use taxes that the brick and mortar stores in Utah already collect;

Whereas, in Quill Corp. v. North Dakota (1992), the Supreme Court of the United States indicated that Congress has the ability to resolve this sales tax collection inequity between remote sellers and brick and mortar sellers;

Whereas, the Marketplace Fairness Act will provide states with the authority to require remote sellers to collect and remit the sales tax due if the state is willing to make significant simplifications for sellers;

Whereas, Utah has already shown the way by adopting all the simplifications and uniformity standards required in the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement;

Whereas, these simplifications, along with the ease of reporting through recent technological advances, have removed the obstacles to remote sellers collecting sales taxes just like any other retailer;

Whereas, this is evidenced by the fact that over 1,800 sellers have voluntarily registered to collect the taxes in the states, including Utah, that have conformed their laws to the requirements of the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement;

Whereas, there is an urgent need to pass this long overdue legislation to level the playing field for all retailers;

Whereas, the legislation is about fairness, simplification, and stemming the erosion of state sales tax systems;

Whereas, that both houses of Congress have agreed on the approach and legislative language indicates there is a readiness to take this important step to safeguard state sales tax systems;

Whereas, although purchasers still owe a corresponding use tax on taxable purchases from remote retailers, most individuals are either not aware of this requirement or choose to ignore it;

Whereas, while the Internet was essentially unknown to consumers in 1992, the loophole identified in the Quill Corp. v. North Dakota decision points out the competitive advantage online and mail order merchants have over traditional brick and mortar stores that are required to collect and remit sales tax from their customers; and

Whereas, no compelling reason exists for government to continue to give remote sales retailers a competitive advantage over in-state merchants who live and work in a community, hire employees, and pay taxes;

Whereas, the United States Congress should act now so businesses compete on the basis of price and service, not on the ability of one form or retailer to avoid collecting taxes;

Whereas, the Marketplace Fairness Act would give states the authority to require remote sellers with more than $1 million in total remote sales in the preceding calendar year to collect their state's sales and use tax on sales to customers; and

Whereas, the Marketplace Fairness Act identifies minimum simplification requirements a state must enact before it can require remote sellers to collect its sales and use taxes, making it easier for the remote sellers to comply with the laws of multiple states: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah urges Congress to enact S. 336 and H.R. 684 to authorize states, consistent with this resolution and principles of taxation espoused by national associations of legislators and governors, and subject to the enactment of any necessary state laws, to establish true fairness in state tax collection for both retailers having physical presence in a state and retailers who are remote sellers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, having addressed the principles of fairness outlined in this resolution, urges Congress to require all retailers whose sales to consumers exceed a minimum threshold to collect and remit applicable sales taxes on sales in the state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the United States House of Representatives and to the members of the United States Senate.

POM-91. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Utah urging the United States Congress to repeal portions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

Whereas, sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, impose an unprecedented new tax on health insurance that numerous policy experts agree will be

passed on to individuals, working families, small employers, and senior citizens, contradicting a primary goal of health reform by making care more expensive;

Whereas, the health insurance tax will cause premiums on the individual market to rise an average of $2,150 for individuals and $5,080 for families nationally over 10 years and will increase premiums for families over $4,305 over 10 years;

Whereas, the health insurance tax will impact small employers over the next 10 years, reducing private sector jobs by 125,000;

Whereas, 59% of these lost jobs will come from small businesses;

Whereas, potential sales will be reduced by at least $18 billion, 50% of which will come from small businesses;

Whereas, in the state of Utah, premiums for small employers will increase by an average of $2,173 per employer over 10 years and premiums for large employers will increase by an average of $2,400 over 10 years;

Whereas, the health insurance tax will impact Medicare Advantage beneficiaries in the state of Utah by costing an average of $2,926 in additional premiums and reduced benefits over 10 years;

Whereas, the health insurance tax will impact Medicaid beneficiaries in the state of Utah enrolled in a coordinated care program by costing an average of $1,506 over 10 years, putting pressure on already strained state budgets, decreasing benefits, and potentially creating coverage disruption; and

Whereas, higher premiums are a disincentive for everyone to obtain insurance coverage, particularly younger, healthier people who are likely to drop their policy if it becomes too expensive, further eroding the risk pool and making coverage less affordable: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the state of Utah strongly urges the United States Congress to enact legislation to repeal the health insurance tax, sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, to make health care more affordable for working families, individuals, and businesses; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-92. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Kansas recognizing the many contributions made by the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6022

Whereas, The Republic of Azerbaijan and the United States of America are long-standing allies, both dearly cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy and human rights; and

Whereas, The State of Kansas and the Republic of Azerbaijan enjoy a strong, vibrant and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the prospect of further growth; and

Whereas, It is the custom of the State of Kansas to welcome all who come to our state, especially those who come in the interest of friendship and commerce; and

Whereas, It is the policy of the Kansas House of Representatives to recognize the contributions of our allies and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with the allies of the United States of America, including the contributions made by the Republic of Azerbaijan and the value of our positive relationship with this ally: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we recognize the many contributions made by the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan and that it is in the best interest of the State of Kansas to promote relationships with Azerbaijan.

POM-93. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania supporting those peaceful political actions that will result in the final reunification of Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Whereas, Ireland and its people comprise an ancient and distinct island nation, and the people of Ireland have a right and the responsibility to govern themselves; and

Whereas, Human and civil rights derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed" and are best guaranteed by people freely elected by democratic means to an independent government; and

Whereas, The logic of history, international law, human rights and peaceful political actions dictate the reunification of the island of Ireland, and the reality of the moment in the Peace Process, the Good Friday Agreement, the Desolved Assembly and the development of the All-Ireland institutions of governance attest to this momentum; and

Whereas, In the past, the General Assembly adopted the MacBride Principles for Northern Ireland and strongly endorsed passage of the Good Friday Agreement among the parties, in part because of the dedication and bipartisan support of three separate presidents of the United States, in seeing the Good Friday Agreement to fruition and formation of the Assembly; and

Whereas, The contributions of the Irish born and Irish Americans to the United States of America and this Commonwealth are legion; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is home to a significant percentage of Americans whose ancestors migrated in times of famine and war to seek a better life, but in whose hearts still desire peace and unification for their ancestral home: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Pennsylvania strongly support a United Ireland by supporting those peaceful political actions that will result in the final reunification of Ireland; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President and Vice President of the United States; the United States Secretary of State; all members of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation; the Governor of Pennsylvania; and the Taoiseach and President of Ireland; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the United States Ambassador to Ireland, who shall be urged to transmit a copy to the United States Ambassador to Great Britain and to Great Britain's Ambassador to the United States.

POM-94. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California memorializing the Congress and the President of the United States to observe the California Week of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide by participating in the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Project; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, The Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 was the first genocide of the 20th century, in which 1.5 million men, women, and children lost their lives at the hands of the Turkish Ottoman Empire in their attempt to systematically eliminate the Armenian race; and

Whereas, In their 3,000 year historic homeland in Asia Minor, Armenians were subjected to severe and unjust persecution and brutality by the Turkish rulers of the Ottoman Empire before and after the turn of the 20th century, including widespread acts of destruction and murder during the period from 1894 to 1896, inclusive, and again in 1909; and

Whereas, The massacre of the Armenians constituted one of the most atrocious violations of human rights in the history of the world; and

Whereas, Adolph Hitler, in persuading his army commanders that the merciless persecution and killing of Jews, Poles, and other people would bring no retribution, declared, "Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?"; and

Whereas, Unlike other people and governments that have admitted and

denounced the abuses and crimes of predecessor regimes, and despite the overwhelming proof of genocidal intent, the Republic of Turkey has inexplicably and adamantly denied the occurrence of the crimes against humanity committed by the Ottoman and Young Turk rulers, and those denials compound the grief of the few remaining survivors of the atrocities, desecrate the memory of the victims, and cause continuing pain to the descendants of the victims; and

Whereas, Leaders of nations with strategic, commercial, and cultural ties to the Republic of Turkey should be reminded of their duty to encourage Turkish officials to cease efforts to distort facts and deny the history of events surrounding the Armenian Genocide; and

Whereas, The determination of those who continue to speak the truth about the Armenian Genocide is tested to this day with some of these speakers of truth being silenced by violent means; and

Whereas, The accelerated level and scope of denial and revisionism, coupled with the passage of time and the fact that very few survivors remain who can serve as reminders of indescribable brutality and tormented lives, compel a sense of urgency in efforts to solidify recognition of historical truth; and

Whereas, By consistently remembering and forcefully condemning the atrocities committed against the Armenians, and honoring the survivors as well as other victims of similar heinous conduct, we guard against repetition of such acts of genocide and provide the American public with a greater understanding of its heritage; and

Whereas, This measure would provide that the Legislature deplores the persistent, ongoing efforts by any person in this country or abroad to deny the historical fact of the Armenian Genocide; and

Whereas, California is home to the largest Armenian-American population in the United States, and Armenians living in California have enriched our state through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts; and

Whereas, The State of California has been at the forefront of encouraging and promoting a curriculum relating to human rights and genocide in order to empower future generations to prevent recurrence of the crime of genocide: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the State of California commends its conscientious educators who teach about human rights and genocide; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby designates the week of April 18 to 24, 2013, as "California Week of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923"; and be it further

Resolved, That California commemorates California Week of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide through the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Project; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of California respectfully calls upon the Congress and the President of the United States to act likewise and to formally and consistently recognize and reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature calls upon the Republic of Turkey to acknowledge the facts of the Armenian Genocide and to work toward a just resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, Members of the United States Congress, the Governor, and the Turkish Ambassador to the United States.

POM-95. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts reaffirming the friendship between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, the United States and Taiwan share a most important relationship supported by the 2 countries' common values and support for freedom, democracy and a commitment to a free market economy; and

Whereas, the President of Taiwan, Ma Ying-Jeou, has worked tirelessly to uphold democratic principles in Taiwan, ensure the prosperity of Taiwan's 23 million people, promote Taiwan's international standing and further improve relations between the United States and Taiwan; and

Whereas, the United States and Taiwan, and especially the Commonwealth, share a historically close relationship marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, scientific and technological interests and tourism; and

Whereas, Taiwan is a member of the United States Visa Waiver Program, reflecting the cooperation shared between the 2 countries and making travel between Taiwan and the United States for business and tourism more convenient; and

Whereas, the United States ranks as Taiwan's third largest trading partner and Taiwan was the eleventh largest trading partner of the United States In 2012; and

Whereas, bilateral trade in goods and services between the United States and Taiwan reached $85 billion in 2011 and the New England region exported approximately $1.4 billion in goods to Taiwan, of which, $956 million was exported from the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Taiwan is the seventeenth largest trading economy in the world and a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, or Apec Forum, which promotes free trade and economic cooperation throughout the Asia-Pacific region: Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts General Court seeks to reaffirm the friendship between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Taiwan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, to the Massachusetts Delegation of the United States Congress, to the Honorable Deval Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth, to the Honorable Ma Yingjeou, President of Taiwan and to Anne Hung, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.

POM-96. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging careful review of the proposed underground nuclear waste repository in Ontario, Canada, and memorializing the United States Congress to do all it can to see that Michigan's concerns are fully addressed; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

Whereas, Ontario Power Generation is proposing to construct an underground, long-term burial facility for all of Ontario's low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station, some of which is long-lived intermediate waste. This site, less than a mile inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 440 yards below the lake level, is approximately 120 miles upstream from the main drinking water intakes for Southeast Michigan; and

Whereas, Lake Huron and the other Great Lakes are critically-important resources to both the United States and Canada. The Great Lakes contain 95 percent of North America's surface fresh water and provide drinking water to tens of millions of people. Pristine water is important to fishing, boating, recreation, tourism, and agriculture in Michigan and throughout the region. Agriculture, commercial and sport fisheries, shipping, recreation, and tourism are important components of the Great Lakes economy. This proposal to place a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to the Great Lakes raises serious concerns; and

Whereas, As part of an effort to protect water quality, Michigan's siting criteria for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste prohibits any site located within ten miles of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, the Saint Mary's River, the Detroit River, the St. Clair River, or Lake St. Clair. It also excludes sites located within a 500-year floodplain, located over a sole source aquifer, or located where the hydrogeology beneath the site discharges groundwater to the land surface within 3,000 feet of the boundaries of

the site. We encourage Canada to consider similar siting criteria; and

Whereas, International agreements between the United States and Canada state that radiological contamination should be reduced and emphasize the concept of prevention. We encourage Canada, as part of its public review process, to make known the steps that have been or will be taken to fulfill the requirements of these agreements; and

Whereas, Siting an underground nuclear waste repository in limestone, as proposed by Ontario Power Generation, is the first of its kind. The environmental impact statement for this proposed nuclear waste burial facility noted that the acceptability of an alternative site was "unknown." We encourage the use of sound scientific principles and analyses in determining whether this geologic formation is appropriate for the safe long-term storage of radioactive waste and that before making any further approvals of this proposed facility, this scientific data, along with information regarding the alternative sites that were considered, be made available; and

Whereas, Given the proximity and potential impact to many Michigan residents, we urge Canadian and Ontario officials, along with all relevant governmental agencies, to ensure open communication and information sharing with Michigan citizens about this proposal and to possibly consider extending the public comment period: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge Canadian officials to thoroughly review the proposed underground nuclear waste repository in Ontario, Canada, including the issues raised herein, and we memorialize the United States Congress to do all it can to see that Michigan's concerns are fully addressed; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, the Chairman of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-97. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, in the late 1950s, the United States began sending advisors to help train the South Vietnamese Army and Air Force to withstand the onslaught from Communist North Vietnam;

Whereas, the Military Assistance and Advisory Group (MAAG), along with 700 other U.S. military advisors, worked for eight years to train the South Vietnamese for conventional warfare;

Whereas, on October 11, 1961, President John F. Kennedy authorized a detachment from the 4400th Combat Crew Training Squadron to deploy to South Vietnam as Project Farm Gate;

Whereas, Operation Mule Train, begun in January 1962, was designed to drop supplies to isolated outposts and transport parachutists into areas controlled by the Vietcong;

Whereas, at the request of South Vietnam's President, the United States Air Force was directed to spray the Vietnamese countryside with an aerial herbicide that would strip the jungles of all foliage and eliminate the cover and available food for the North Vietnamese;

Whereas, this action, named Operation Ranch Hand, began in 1962;

Whereas, arguments in Washington erupted on whether the spraying actually did any good, or whether the Americans and the South Vietnamese governments were risking the loyalty of the South Vietnamese people whose livelihoods were also at risk;

Whereas, President Kennedy allowed the spraying, but only under limited conditions and as long as crops were not damaged;

Whereas, the planes that dropped the herbicide were modified to carry and spray the defoliants to only attack areas of the jungle where combatants could hide, but by 1971 the policy had changed and even crops were sprayed;

Whereas, the operation continued for nine years and affected 36% of the mangrove forest and 20% of the jungles of South Vietnam;

Whereas, this operation began the controversy over the effects of the defoliant Agent Orange on humans, which continues today;

Whereas, in August 1964, two U.S. destroyers, the USS Turner Joy and the USS Maddox, were performing surveillance patrols in conjunction with the South Vietnamese Navy along the North Vietnamese coast in the Gulf of Tonkin;

Whereas, North Vietnam claimed a 12-mile territorial zone off its coastline, but the United States only recognized a 3-mile border and allowed its ships to sail within 11 miles of the coast;

Whereas, when ships would come into range, the North Vietnamese radar sites on shore would activate and the South Vietnamese Navy would then harass the installations with gunfire;

Whereas, in retaliation, the North Vietnamese Navy sent out several torpedo boats on an attack, which proved unsuccessful;

Whereas, when President Lyndon B. Johnson received notification of the incident, he ordered the first American air strikes against North Vietnamese naval bases;

Whereas, a few days later, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which gave President Johnson the authority to increase America's involvement in Vietnam;

Whereas, in February 1965, President Johnson ordered a series of reprisal air strikes after several attacks on U.S. bases by Vietcong units;

Whereas, a series of paved and unpaved roads, rivers, and sometimes narrow footpaths through dense jungle, commonly referred to as the Ho Chi Minh Trail, were being utilized by the North Vietnamese and Vietcong armies to smuggle supplies and troops back and forth from North and South Vietnam;

Whereas, this intricate transportation system stretched throughout the mountains along the Vietnamese-Laos-Cambodia borders and was a large problem for the South Vietnamese and U.S. forces;

Whereas, cutting off the Ho Chi Minh Trail, often called the "Secret War," was controversial because it often entailed constant air strikes to areas in Laos and Cambodia, which were neutral countries, and these tactics were not known to most Americans;

Whereas, after several attacks upon United States Air Force bases, 3,500 United States Marines were dispatched to South Vietnam on March 8, 1965;

Whereas, this marked the beginning of the American ground war, and public opinion at the time overwhelmingly supported the deployment;

Whereas, the initial deployment of 3,500 Marines increased to nearly 200,000 American military personnel by December of 1965;

Whereas, that same month, South Vietnamese forces suffered heavy losses in a battle that both sides viewed as a watershed, and American leaders responded by developing plans for U.S. troops to move from a defensive strategy to an offensive approach to the escalating war;

Whereas, the bombing campaigns that began in 1964, which were intended to force North Vietnam to cease its support for the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam, escalated significantly by the end of 1966;

Whereas, where ground combat was sometimes made complicated by unconventional military opposition and difficult terrain, U.S. air superiority remained constant, and throughout the Vietnam War, various policies and strategies were put in place by the U.S. military to take advantage of that strength;

Whereas, over the course of the conflict, U.S. forces dropped over 7 million tons of bombs through Southeast Asia, compared to only about 2 million tons dropped during all of World War II;

Whereas, geared towards suppressing the Pathet Lao's Communist guerrillas in Northern Laos, Operation Barrel Roll, a heavily covert operation, was initiated to provide air support for the Royal Laotian Army, and included the first bombings in Laos in support of the war against North Vietnam;

Whereas, another interdiction effort, Operation Steel Tiger, was aimed at destroying the North Vietnamese flow of supplies and troops along the Ho Chi Minh Trail and involved heavy covert bombing in Southeastern Laos;

Whereas, Operation Tiger Hound, initiated in support of both Barrel Roll and Steel Tiger, focused solely on disrupting movement along the Ho Chi Minh Trail on the lower portion of the Laotian panhandle and was initiated by the South Vietnamese Air Force and by United States Air Force units based in South Vietnam;

Whereas, what was expected to be the usual two-day cease-fire in observance of Tet NguyeÿAE3n Dan, the lunar New Year and the most important Vietnamese holiday, became an opportunity for the North Vietnamese Army and Vietcong to strike;

Whereas, this large, well-coordinated surprise campaign on cities and U.S. targets throughout South Vietnam, named the Tet Offensive, was North Vietnam's attempt to end the war in one swift blow;

Whereas, the morning of January 31, 1968, saw many provincial capitals and cities such as Saigon and Hue under siege from large numbers of Communist fighters who had apparently infiltrated the South in the months and weeks leading up to the planned offensive;

Whereas, U.S. and South Vietnamese forces, initially unprepared and overwhelmed, countered many of the attacks, and eventually gained back control by early March of all areas where the Vietcong were entrenched;

Whereas, in the aftermath, many cities and towns in South Vietnam were devastated, with thousands of casualties sustained by forces and civilians in the South;

Whereas, the Tet Offensive was evidence of North Vietnam's ability to stage a large-scale attack;

Whereas, this turning point in the war would lead to a change in approach by political and military leadership, and change the way many in the United States viewed the war from home;

Whereas, the first major bombing campaign on North Vietnamese territory, Operation Rolling Thunder was intended to place heavy military pressure on the North Vietnamese leaders and reduce their ability and desire to wage war against the U.S.-supported South Vietnamese government;

Whereas, from 1965 to 1968, about 643,000 tons of bombs were dropped on North Vietnam;

Whereas, leading up to the Tet Offensive, widespread protests and demonstrations against U.S. involvement and the continued loss of American lives were already taking place in the United States;

Whereas, beginning in 1964, these protests and demonstrations led to a polarization of Americans, with one side continuing to support America's role in Southeast Asia and the other preaching peace and the end to U.S. operations in the region;

Whereas, although most demonstrations were peaceful, some were highlighted by violence and, whether instigated by protestors or police, these confrontational events often received more attention than the war itself;

Whereas, the North Vietnamese-led Tet Offensive in early 1968 brought a new wave of criticism from the American public as images of those events shocked many across the nation;

Whereas, with many news outlets publicizing the horrors encountered in South Vietnam during that period, as well as the depiction of the attack on the American Embassy in Saigon, many Americans questioned the ability of the United States to resolve the conflict by use of military intervention and the validity of previous reports of successful operations in the region;

Whereas, Operation Menu was a highly secretive bombing campaign of Communist-supported supply bases in Cambodia that the North Vietnamese used in aiding attacks on South Vietnam;

Whereas, these controversial B-52 bombing raids in neutral Cambodia, authorized by President Richard Nixon, continued until 1973 when information about those raids was leaked and the devastation to the region was exposed;

Whereas, public protests increased, and on May 4, 1970, the Ohio National Guard fired on Kent State University students, killing four students, during a protest against President Nixon for sending American troops into Cambodia;

Whereas, the killings resulted in a nationwide student strike;

Whereas, the Vietnam War was the central issue of the 1972 presidential election, with President Nixon's opponent, George McGovern, campaigning on a platform of withdrawal from Vietnam;

Whereas, starting in 1969, President Nixon's National Security Adviser, Henry Kissinger, carried on secret negotiations with North Vietnamese officials;

Whereas, in October 1972, an agreement was reached, but South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu demanded massive changes to the peace proposal;

Whereas, with negotiations deadlocked, President Nixon approved Operation Linebacker II, a massive bombing campaign by B-52 strategic bombers aimed at reassuring the South Vietnamese and forcing the North Vietnamese back to the negotiating table;

Whereas, in just 11 days, over 49,000 tons of bombs were dropped on North Vietnam, devastating the country and forcing North Vietnam back to the table;

Whereas, on January 15, 1973, President Richard Nixon announced the suspension of offensive action against North Vietnam;

Whereas, the Paris Peace Accords, the agreement signed on January 27, 1973, between North Vietnam and the United States and South Vietnam, effectively ended the conflict and began the complete withdrawal of American troops;

Whereas, the key provisions of the agreement included a cease-fire throughout Vietnam, withdrawal of U.S. combat forces, the release of prisoners of war, and the reunification of North and South Vietnam through peaceful means;

Whereas, the South Vietnamese government was to remain in place until new elections were held, and North Vietnamese forces in the South were not to advance further or be reinforced;

Whereas, little more than two months after the peace agreement, U.S. combat troops left Vietnam;

Whereas, Operation Homecoming, a result of the Paris Peace Accords, made possible the return of nearly 600 American prisoners of war (POWs) held by North Vietnam;

Whereas, groups of released POWs were selected on the basis of their length of time in prison, with the first group consisting of POWs that had spent six to eight years as prisoners of war;

Whereas, after Operation Homecoming, about 1,350 Americans were still listed as prisoners of war or missing in action, and another 1,200 Americans were reported killed in action without their bodies being recovered;

Whereas, these missing personnel would become the subject of an intense search by the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, with many remains of missing personnel located and returned in the decades since;

Whereas, following the refusal of Congress to fund additional U.S. activity in Vietnam, all American troops and equipment were withdrawn from Vietnam;

Whereas, Communist leaders in the North had expected that the cease-fire terms would favor their side, but even before the last American combat troops departed on March 29, 1973, the Communists violated the cease-fire;

Whereas, in Saigon, approximately 7,000 United States Department of Defense civilian employees remained behind to aid South Vietnam in conducting what was beginning

to look like a fierce and ongoing war with Communist North Vietnam;

Whereas, Saigon, bolstered by a surge of U.S. aid received just before the cease-fire went into effect, at first started to push back the Vietcong, but by early 1974, full-scale warfare had resumed;

Whereas, the Vietcong recaptured the territory it lost during the previous dry season, and during the rest of 1974 Communist forces took possession of additional areas in the South;

Whereas, at the end of 1974, South Vietnamese authorities reported that 80,000 soldiers and civilians had been killed, making it the costliest year of the war;

Whereas, in the spring of 1975, 20 divisions of the North Vietnamese Army invaded South Vietnam;

Whereas, South Vietnamese forces fell back in disorder and panic, abandoning air bases, weapons, aircraft, fuel, and ammunition, and on April 29, 1975, Communist forces reached Saigon, the South Vietnamese capital, and quickly overran the city;

Whereas, South Vietnam formally surrendered the next day;

Whereas, April 30, 1975, also saw the last American civilians and military personnel still in South Vietnam airlifted out of Saigon by U.S. support forces;

Whereas, statistics from the 1970 census indicate that 27,910 Utahns served in Vietnam;

Whereas, 388 Utahns were killed, 14 are still listed as missing in action, and many more were wounded during their service;

Whereas, a new exhibit, which honors and pays tribute to the sacrifices of POWs during the Vietnam War, opened September 12, 2012, at the Hill Air Force Base museum; and

Whereas, it is fitting that in the 50th year since the beginning of the conflict Utahns reflect on the Vietnam War and its legacy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and those who fought, suffered, and died in the conflict; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge the citizens of Utah to reflect on the service and sacrifice of many during the Vietnam War; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Veterans of Foreign Wars USA, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Utah Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Hill Air Force Base museum, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-98. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah recognizing Israel's legal, historical, and moral right of self-governance and self-defense; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, the Jewish people have a long standing connection to the land of Israel;

Whereas, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel has remained constant throughout the past 4,000 years;

Whereas, Israel declared its independence and self-governance on May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing a homeland for the Jewish people;

Whereas, the United States, having been the first nation to recognize Israel as an independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial relationship with Israel and her people;

Whereas, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East and the two countries enjoy strong bonds and common values;

Whereas, there are those in the Middle East who, since the time of Israel's inception as a state, have continually sought to destroy Israel;

Whereas, Israel and the United States have similar goals of democracy and stability in the Middle East; and

Whereas, Utah and Israel have enjoyed a cordial and mutually beneficial relationship since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the state of Utah; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor express support for Israel in its legal, historical, and moral right of self-governance and self-defense upon its lands; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor recognize that Israel is not an attacking force of other nations, and that peace can be afforded the region only through combined efforts and trust; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Embassy of Israel to the United States, the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-99. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to support free trade with Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Whereas, the state of Utah is proud of the sister-state relationship it has enjoyed with Taiwan since 1980;

Whereas, Taiwan, as a full-fledged democracy, shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights, open market, peace, and prosperity with the United States;

Whereas, Taiwan is currently the 18th largest exporter as well as importer, the United States' 10th largest trading partner, and the 6th largest agricultural products market;

Whereas, despite being a member of the World Trade Organization since 2002 and a faithful ally and an important strategic partner of the United States, Taiwan has yet to sign a free trade agreement with the United States;

Whereas, approximately 580,000 people from Taiwan visit the United States annually, and Taiwanese airline carriers currently have more than 40 flights destined for the United States weekly, carrying more than 5,000 passengers daily for business, tourism, study, and other purposes;

Whereas, Taiwanese airlines fly to every corner of the globe and Taiwan aims to ensure that all aspects of its aviation sector conform to the standard formulated by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for safety and security;

Whereas, for the past 40 years, however, Taiwan has not been able to enter or meaningfully participate in the ICAO;

Whereas, this hampers Taiwan's voluntary efforts to comply with the ICAO standards due to lack of timely and comprehensive information;

Whereas, Taiwan has recently promoted an East China Sea Peace Initiative, a commendable effort to ease tensions that might seriously endanger peace and prosperity in the region; and

Whereas, resolving disputes in the East China Sea in a rational and peaceful manner is in the best interests of all parties in the region and the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah reaffirms the friendship, and encourages the sister-state relationship, between Utah and Taiwan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to support a free trade agreement with Taiwan and support Taiwan's participation in multilateral free trade negotiations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature expresses its continued support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in United Nations specialized organizations, conventions, and programs, such as acquiring an observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature welcomes Taiwan's initiative for peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific Region and urges all parties concerned in East China Sea disputes to refrain from any antagonistic actions and resolve their differences through open dialogue and other peaceful means; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the Republic of China on Taiwan, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-100. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska opposing the United States Food and Drug Administration's preliminary finding relating to genetically engineered salmon; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas the United States Food and Drug Administration recently announced the release of a draft environmental assessment and preliminary finding of no significant impact concerning genetically engineered AquaBounty AquAdvantage salmon; and

Whereas the state has bountiful fisheries that provide wild, natural, and sustainable seafood; and

Whereas Alaska seafood is naturally high in essential vitamins, including vitamins E, C, D, and A, and minerals, including zinc, iron, calcium, and selenium; and

Whereas fish habitat in the state is cleaner than fish habitat in other locations; and

Whereas fisheries are a vital component of the state's economy; and

Whereas the state's fisheries are managed to ensure that Alaska seafood continues to be the finest in the world for future generations; and

Whereas, in 2009, 95 percent of pacific salmon landings in the United States occurred in the state; and

Whereas, in 2012, 124,000,000 salmon were harvested in the state, for a value of $505,000,000; and

Whereas Alaska ports consistently rank among the top ports in the United States based on volume and ex-vessel value for various fisheries, including salmon; and

Whereas the state's fishing industry provides over 70,000 jobs annually and is the second largest source of private sector employment in the state; and

Whereas the United States Food and Drug Administration is accepting comments on the proposal to allow, for the first time, a genetically modified organism to be sold for human consumption; and

Whereas the inevitable accidental release of transgenic fish into the wild could devastate native fish populations and ecosystems; and

Whereas citizens and public interest groups overwhelmingly oppose genetically engineered food and have submitted over 400,000 public comments opposing genetically engineered salmon; and

Whereas the United States Food and Drug Administration has not conducted adequate testing to determine the long-term safety of consuming genetically engineered salmon; and

Whereas the sale of genetically engineered salmon could imperil the state's fishing industry; and

Whereas seven members of the United States Senate continue to have concerns about AquaBounty's proposal and the United States Food and Drug Administration's review of the proposal; and

Whereas the United States Food and Drug Administration's review applies only to a limited set of production and rearing facilities and fails to consider the broader applications of this technology that would assuredly occur should final approval be granted: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Food and Drug Administration not to make a final decision regarding genetically engineered salmon until the United States Congress has fully examined the issue and the potential release of genetically engineered fish into the waters of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature opposes AquaBounty's petition to produce AquAdvantage Salmon, a genetically engineered salmon; and be it further

Resolved, That, if the petition is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, despite strong environmental and human health concerns, product labeling requirements must include, as required by Alaska law, the words "Genetically Modified" prominently displayed on the front of the product's packaging.

POM-101. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the United States Congress to oppose section 8 of H.R. 1919; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Section 8 of H.R. 1919, "An Act to Amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," allows prescription drug manufacturers to decide to supply drug information labels only by electronic means, as opposed to the paper labels currently accompanying prescription drugs upon receipt; and

Whereas, a similar provision is not contained in the United States Senate's version of the bill; and

Whereas, the United States Congress addressed electronic labeling in 2012 and directed the United States Government Accountability Office to study the potential advantages and associated risks of this labeling and the results of the study are due to be released in July 2013; and

Whereas, Congress should await the results of the study it ordered to be undertaken before passing legislation that would require critical medical information, such as information on dangerous side effects and contraindications, to be made available to health care professionals and prescription drug consumers only by electronic means; and

Whereas, Maine would be disproportionately negatively affected by Section 8 of H.R. 1919; and

Whereas, as of 2011, 16.3% of Maine's population was over 65 years of age, compared to only 13.3% for the nation as a whole; and

Whereas, due to its geography, climate and highly dispersed and rural population, significant areas of Maine do not have reliable access to the Internet; and

Whereas, Maine relies on the forest products industry to create and maintain jobs and sustainably manage Maine's forests, and that industry would be negatively affected by Section 8 of H.R. 1919 without further study of the effects: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to urge and request that Section 8 of H.R. 1919 not be passed until the Government Accountability Office study on the effects of required electronic-only labeling for prescription medications is published, reviewed and considered; and be it further

Resolved, That We urge and request that this section of the bill not become law without further consideration and mitigation of the disproportionate negative effects on Maine's elderly, rural and highly dispersed population; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-102. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California supporting the congressional action to reverse the suspension of new student enrollments in the Job Corps; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Whereas, the State of California serves the largest proportion of Job Corps students administered by the United States Department of Labor. Currently, there are seven Job Corps centers located in California in the Cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Jose; and

Whereas, these seven Job Corps centers provide a vital piece of California's workforce development system by serving 5,373 disadvantaged youth between 16 and 24 years of age, inclusive, by providing high school diplomas and career technical education to young men and women, all of whom come from very low income households and are unemployed or underemployed; and

Whereas, in addition to academic and employment training, these Job Corps centers provide social skills training and other services to empower these young men and women to obtain and hold a job, enroll in advanced training, attend college, or enter the Armed Forces to defend the interests of the United States around the world; and

Whereas, over 8,000 former dropouts have received fully accredited public high school diplomas at the Job Corps centers and thousands more unemployed youth have received career training and job placement assistance; and

Whereas, the young men and women who participate in the Job Corps gain entry level job skills for well-paying careers in construction, health care, culinary arts, security services, and other employment sectors vital to California's economy; and

Whereas, recent studies demonstrate a significant economic gain from funds invested in dropout recovery by increasing employment, raising individual earnings, improving home and auto sales, increased job and economic growth, greater spending and investments, and tax revenues, and significant reductions in health care costs, crime prevention and corrections expenditures, and other social services provided by California; and

Whereas, the National Job Corps Association reports that the combined economic activity stimulated by the Job Corps centers in California is two hundred forty-three million seven hundred twenty-six thousand five hundred nineteen dollars ($243,726,519), and that 2,971 local jobs are created by the operation of the Job Corps centers in California; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Labor is entrusted to serve the disadvantaged youth in America. However, the United States Department of Labor recently decided to suspend all new student enrollments to Job Corps centers in California and throughout the 125 Job Corps centers serving the nation, which would prevent as many as 30,000 otherwise eligible young men and women from receiving diplomas and job training; and

Whereas, recent decisions of the United States Department of Labor to implement a 93-day suspension of new student enrollment and a 21-percent reduction in funding for future enrollments appear to be inequitably balancing a budget shortfall on the backs of disadvantaged youth it is entrusted to serve when other alternatives are available for closing the shortfall; and

Whereas, seventy-one members of the United States House of Representatives and 17 members of the United States Senate have sent a bipartisan letter asking Acting Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Labor, Seth D. Harris, to reverse the suspension of new student enrollments in order to protect the opportunities provided to the nation's most disadvantaged youth and to prevent further economic damage to the communities served by the Job Corps: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature supports the United States congressional action to reverse the suspension of new student enrollments in the Job Corps, to prevent any limits to student enrollment until other cost-saving measures have been exhausted, and to maintain The full range of educational and employment services provided by the Job Corps; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-103. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging and requesting the Department of Health and Hospitals examine the benefits of routine nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment for those who are malnourished or at risk for malnutrition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

Whereas, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) has established policy promoting the importance of quality nutrition for all Americans in order to maintain healthy, active, independent lifestyles; and

Whereas, the NBCSL adopted policy supporting increased access to quality nutrition and support for infants and children, as passed by the United States Congress in Resolution HHS-11-19; and

Whereas, leading health and nutrition experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of patient health and that good nutrition and good patient health can keep people healthy and out of institutionalized health care facilities, thus reducing healthcare costs; and

Whereas, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is not routinely viewed as a medical concern in this nation, and that malnutrition is particularly prevalent in vulnerable populations, such as older adults, hospitalized patients, or minority populations that statistically shoulder the highest incidences of the most severe chronic illnesses such as diabetes, kidney disease, and cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; the elderly lose lean body mass more quickly and to a greater extent than younger adults and weight assessment (body weight and body mass index) can overlook accurate indicators of lean body mass; and

Whereas, the American Nursing Association defines therapeutic nutrition as the administration of food and fluids to support the metabolic processes of a patient who is malnourished or at high risk of becoming malnourished; and

Whereas, access to therapeutic nutrition is critical in restoring lean body mass such that it resolves malnutrition challenges and, in turn, improves clinical outcomes, reduces health care costs, and can keep people and our communities healthy; and

Whereas, despite the recognized link between good nutrition and good health, nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment have not been incorporated as routine medical treatments across the spectrum of health care: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana urges and requests that the Department of Health and Hospitals examine the benefits of routine nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment for those who are malnourished or at risk for malnutrition, as well as examine the benefits of nutrition screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment as part of the standard for evidenced-based hospital care; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana supports an increased emphasis on nutrition through the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, as well as for Medicare beneficiaries, to improve their disease management and health outcomes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana is encouraged that preventive and wellness services, such as counseling for obesity and chronic disease management, are part of the Essential Health Benefits package included in

the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, the vice president of the United States, the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, and to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

POM-104. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah describing the impacts of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on Utah families, insurers, health care providers, and the state; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and its companion legislation, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, referred to jointly as "the Affordable Care Act," "the ACA," or "Obamacare," were enacted in March 2010;

Whereas, under the ACA, Utah families, employers, manufacturers, and insurers will pay at least 18 new or increased taxes and fees that over 10 years will transfer $500 billion from the private sector to the public sector, suppressing economic growth and reducing employment in the state;

Whereas, hundreds of Utah medical device companies will be subject to the ACA's excise tax on manufacturers and importers of certain medical devices, without regard for company profitability;

Whereas, the tax will threaten the viability of many firms and have a chilling effect on the very innovation needed to drive down health care costs and support economic growth in this state;

Whereas, Utahns will suffer further reductions in employment growth and economic activity as employers comply with uncompensated regulatory burdens imposed by the ACA;

Whereas, Utah families will also pay more for goods and services as employers, insurers, and medical providers pass along various costs imposed by the ACA;

Whereas, health insurance premiums for certain younger, healthier Utahns will more than double in 2014 as the result of various ACA provisions, including a prohibition on medical underwriting and restrictions on the use of age-based premiums;

Whereas, the cost of insurance for many other Utah families will go up as well in response to ACA provisions that are known to drive up costs, including prohibitions on pre-existing condition exclusions, annual benefit limits, and lifetime benefit limits;

Whereas, the ACA will penalize Utah employers that have more than 50 employees if they do not offer health insurance to their employees, even if an employer cannot afford insurance or chooses instead to compensate employees with higher wages, larger retirement contributions, or other employee benefits;

Whereas, working Utah families will have fewer full-time employment opportunities as employers replace full-time workers with part-time workers to avoid ACA penalties;

Whereas, some Utah families will be unable to keep their current health insurance and may have fewer options as employers abandon plans not meeting minimum benefit and affordability requirements in order to avoid ACA penalties;

Whereas, working Utah families will find it even harder to secure employment with health insurance benefits as premium increases continue unabated in response to both the ACA and long-term cost drivers not addressed by the ACA;

Whereas, many Utahns will face increased premiums as their insurers attempt to fund $81 million in losses created by the ACA's transfer of individuals from publicly funded high-risk pools to the private insurance market;

Whereas, many Utah families with insurance offered by small or midsize employers could be threatened with higher premiums or no insurance at all if commercial insurance risk increases too much as the result of employers dropping coverage or switching to self-insurance arrangements;

Whereas, there is a high likelihood that many Utah families will experience higher premiums due to the ACA's minimum benefit requirements, which threaten to ratchet up plan costs both inside and outside health insurance exchanges;

Whereas, Utah families will pay higher insurance premiums because of ACA provisions that subsidize states with high-cost, poorly managed health care plans at the expense of states like Utah that have low-cost, better managed plans;

Whereas, Utah seniors will likely have fewer care options due to Medicare provider payment reductions made by the ACA;

Whereas, Medicaid enrollees will likely have greater difficulty making appointments with health care providers as Medicaid enrollment expands under the ACA, particularly after the two-year enhanced reimbursement rate for primary care providers ends;

Whereas, Utah hospitals will suffer as a result of ACA reductions in funds paid to hospitals that serve a disproportionate number of low-income individuals;

Whereas, Utah families will suffer if medical facilities close or medical practitioners leave their professions in response to the financial strain created by shrinking provider payments under the ACA;

Whereas, state funding for education, roads, public safety, and other important services will be crowded by a $46 million annual liability to pay for the ACA's mandatory Medicaid eligibility expansion;

Whereas, we and our children must one day pay the price for entitlements Congress has created but failed to realistically fund, including the ACA;

Whereas, that price already includes tax increases and cost shifting to our posterity, and will likely include benefit reductions and even currency devaluation;

Whereas, that price will tend to include the shifting of greater fiscal responsibility for government programs—including Medicaid—from Washington to the states, even further crowding out funding for education and other essential state services;

Whereas, the real cost of more Utahns having insurance under the ACA will be a far greater dependence on government, not less;

Whereas, under an optional Medicaid expansion the state would incur large, ongoing funding liabilities and both the state and its citizens would be more dependent, not less dependent, on a fiscally unsustainable federal government;

Whereas, Utah has refused to exacerbate the federal fiscal crisis by choosing not to implement the ACA's federally subsidized health insurance exchange, which makes people dependent on large government subsidies and gives priority to publicly funded, rather than privately funded, coverage;

Whereas, because of the ACA, Utah employers, insurers, and health care providers will face more regulation, not less regulation, and will have fewer options, not more options, for addressing the underlying challenges faced by our health care system;

Whereas, notwithstanding the ACA's focus on preventive care and its acknowledgment of alternative payment and delivery systems, many Utahns will see little relief from premium increases driven by underlying problems the ACA fails to address, including reliance on payment and delivery systems that promote over consumption of health care;

Whereas, implementation of the ACA will tend to destroy the private market for health insurance and move families, insurers, and health care providers ever closer to a single-payer system of federally controlled health care;

Whereas, the state, its citizens, employers, insurers, and health care providers will all suffer as the ACA fails to bring unsustainable health care spending under control and metastasises instead into greater federal regulation and control of not just health care, but most aspects of Utahns' and Americans' daily lives and activities;

Whereas, the ACA disregards state jurisdiction over health care policy and constrains the state's efforts to develop and implement meaningful health care reform; and

Whereas, the Legislature and the Governor believe that successful reform of health care's most vexing problems will require more—not less—state flexibility and innovation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urges the state's Congressional delegation to continue its efforts to arrest the devastating impacts of the ACA on Utah's economy, its citizens, its employers, its medical providers, and its insurers, using all means possible, including repeal of the act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge Utah's Congressional delegation to work cooperatively with other members of Congress and officials of this state and other states to develop workable alternatives to the ACA that encourage state innovation, preserve states' policy-making jurisdiction and regulatory authority, and lead to greater enrollment in affordable health insurance; be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor affirm by this resolution the state's policy that no person in this state should be required to either sponsor or enroll in health insurance, particularly under threat of federal penalty; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge the Legislature's Health Reform Task Force to continue working cooperatively with the Governor's Office to ensure that ACA implementation rules address the needs of Utah families, employers, health care providers, insurers, and insurance regulators; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge all stakeholders in Utah's health care system—including families, employers, health care providers, and insurers—to continue working cooperatively with the Governor and the Legislature to develop state-based health care reforms with the greatest potential for increasing consumerism, improving quality of care, constraining spending growth, and promoting enrollment in affordable health insurance, regardless of how ACA implementation unfolds; be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be sent to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Governor, the Legislature's Health Reform Task Force, Utah's Congressional delegation, the Utah Health Policy Project and other consumer advocacy groups, the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce and other employer associations, the Utah Hospital Association, the Utah Medical Association, Utah insurers, the Utah Association of Health Underwriters, and the Speakers and Presidents presiding over the legislatures of each of the 49 other states.

POM-105. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging the federal government to take action to ensure continued funding of cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, the Rural Health Care Services Grant Program Outreach, a federally funded project providing cancer education, screening, and treatment services to those who are victims of mill tailings exposure, resulted in the diagnosis of 39 new cancers and 32 cases of precancerous polyps;

Whereas, funding has been exhausted and program activities halted, pending continued federal support;

Whereas, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services should instruct the Health Resources and Services Administration to fund cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure until 2044, or until another equitable resolution can be reached through the United States Department of Energy;

Whereas, the assistance of Utah's congressional delegation would help provide federal resources to ensure cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of 51 mill tailings exposure through 2044;

Whereas, the United States Attorney General's Office should investigate the United States Department of Energy's federal statutory limitations in providing cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure and offer suggestions for federal legislation;

Whereas, the Office of the Utah Attorney General should investigate the inclusion of victims of mill tailings exposure in the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act, which provides medical benefits to workers, contractors, subcontractors, and vendors at specified Department of Energy facilities;

Whereas, the Office of the Utah Attorney General should investigate the inclusion of victims of mill tailings exposure in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act for their onsite participation and exposure to radiation from the uranium mill and its tailings; and

Whereas, the United States Congress should direct Legacy Management to provide from its budget an annual stipend for victims of mill tailings exposure to use in establishing a consistent cancer education, screening, and treatment services program: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urge the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to instruct the Health Resources and Services Administration to fund cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure until 2044 or until another equitable resolution can be reached through the United States Department of Energy; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge Utah's congressional delegation to help provide federal resources to ensure cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure through 2044. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge the United States Attorney General's Office to investigate the United States Department of Energy's federal statutory limitations in providing cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure and offer suggestions for federal legislation. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge the Office of the Utah Attorney General to investigate the inclusion of victims of mill tailings exposure in the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act and their inclusion in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act for their onsite participation and exposure to radiation from the uranium mill and its tailings. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge the United States Congress to direct Legacy Management to provide from its budget an annual stipend for victims of mill tailings exposure to use in establishing a consistent cancer education, screening, and treatment services program. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Victims of Mill Tailings Exposure, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Office of Legacy Management, the Office of the Utah Attorney General, the United States Attorney General's Office, the United States Department of Energy, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-106. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii commemorating the twentieth anniversary of Public Law 103-150; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, in 1993, the United States Congress passed Public Law 103-150 (the "Apology Resolution"), acknowledging and

apologizing for the critical role of United States diplomats, military forces, and citizens in the overthrow of the sovereign Kingdom of Hawai'i; and

Whereas, the Apology Resolution confirms that the actions of United States agents in the overthrow and occupation of the Hawaiian government violated treaties between the United States and the sovereign Kingdom of Hawai'i, and norms of international law; and

Whereas, the Apology Resolution confirms that one million eight hundred thousand acres of crown and government lands were thereafter ceded to the United States without consent or compensation to the Native Hawaiian people or their sovereign government, as a result of the United States' annexation of Hawai'i; and

Whereas, the Apology Resolution recognizes that the Native Hawaiian people never relinquished their claims to their inherent sovereignty as a people or of their national lands throughout the overthrow, occupation, annexation, and admission of Hawai'i into the United States; and

Whereas, the Apology Resolution recognizes that the health and well-being of the Native Hawaiian people is intrinsically tied to their deep feelings and attachment to the land; and

Whereas, the Apology Resolution recognizes that the Native Hawaiian people are determined to preserve, develop, and transmit to their descendants, both their ancestral lands and their cultural identity; and

Whereas, the Apology Resolution acknowledges that the overthrow has resulted in the suppression of the inherent sovereignty of the Native Hawaiian people; and

Whereas, the Apology Resolution apologizes to the Native Hawaiian people on behalf of the people of the United States, commends the efforts of reconciliation initiated by the State of Hawaii and the United Church of Christ with the Native Hawaiians, including the appropriation of funds to educate the public regarding Hawaiian sovereignty; and

Whereas, the State Legislature also passed Act 340, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, mandating that the lands and waters of Kaho 'olawe island be held in the public land trust, directing the State to transfer management and control of these lands and waters to the sovereign Native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition by the United States and the State of Hawai'i, and establishing the Kaho 'olawe Island Reserve Commission to manage these lands and waters in the interim; and

Whereas, the State Legislature passed Act 329, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, recognizing the deep sense of injustice felt among many Native Hawaiians and others and affirming that reconciliation with the Native Hawaiian people is desired by all people of Hawai'i; and

Whereas, in 2000, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice published a report, "From Mauka to Makai: The River of Justice Must Flow Freely," which formally initiated the federal government's efforts to reconcile past injustices, and recognize and establish a government-to-government relationship with the Native Hawaiian people; and

Whereas, in 2000 and 2002, the United States Congress passed Public Law 106-568, the Hawaiian Homelands Homeownership Act, and Public Law 107-110, the reenacted Native Hawaiian Education Act, confirming the special relationship between the federal government and the Native Hawaiian people; and

Whereas, in 2005, Hawai'i's entire congressional delegation, including then-representative and current Governor of Hawai'i, Neil Abercrombie, as well as the then-Hawai'i Governor, expressed to the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs their unanimous support for self-governance and self-determination for Native Hawaiians; and

Whereas, in Office of Hawaiian Affairs v. Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH), 117 Hawaii 174, 195 (2008), rev'd and remanded by 556 U.S. 163 (2009), the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i held that "the Apology Resolution and related state legislation ... give rise to the State's fiduciary duty to preserve the corpus of the public lands trust, specifically, the ceded lands, until such time as the unrelinquished claims of the native Hawaiians have been resolved."; and

Whereas, in Office of Hawaiian Affairs v. HCDCH, 117 Hawaii 174, 216, the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i also recognized the critical importance of the 'aÿAE8ina to Hawaiian people and stated, "We firmly believe that, given the 'crucial importance [of the 'aÿAE8ina or land to] the [n]ative Hawaiian people and their culture, their religion, their economic self-sufficiency, and their sense of personal and community well-being,' any further diminishment of the ceded lands (the 'aÿAE8ina) from the public lands trust will negatively impact the contemplated reconciliation/settlement efforts between native Hawaiians and the State"; and

Whereas, the State Legislature passed Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, acknowledging that Native Hawaiians are the only indigenous, aboriginal, maoli population of Hawai'i nei, that the State of Hawai'i has a special political and legal relationship with the Native Hawaiian people, that Native Hawaiians have continued to maintain their identity as a distinctly native political community with rights to self-determination, self-governance, and self-sufficiency, and establishing a Native Hawaiian roll commission to maintain a roll of qualified Native Hawaiians to facilitate Native Hawaiian self-governance; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature hereby commemorates the twentieth anniversary of the Apology Resolution, recognizes the progress that has been made towards reconciliation and Native Hawaiian self-governance and self-determination, reaffirms the State's commitment to reconciliation with the Native Hawaiian people for historical injustices, urges the federal government to advance reconciliation efforts with Native Hawaiians, and supports efforts to further the self-determination and sovereignty of Native Hawaiians; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawai'i, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

POM-107. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey expressing strong opposition to the recent United States Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 86

Whereas, A divided United States Supreme Court, in a 5-to-4 decision issued en January 21, 2010 in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission, overturned two important precedents by lifting a 20-year ruling in Austin v. Michigan Chamber of Commerce, that restricted campaign spending by corporations in support of or in opposition to political candidates; and

Whereas, The Court also overturned part of its 2003 decision in McConnell v. Federal Elections Commission by rejecting a large portion of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, commonly called McCain Feingold, which restricted campaign spending by corporations and unions by banning broadcast, cable or satellite transmissions of electioneering communications paid for by corporations or labor unions from their general funds in the 30 days before a presidential primary and in the 60 days before the general election; and

Whereas, In his 80-page dissent in the Citizens United case, Justice Stevens called the decision "a radical change in the law" that ignores "the overwhelming majority of justices who have served on this court" and

stated that "In the context of election to public office, the distinction between corporate and human speakers is significant ... [Corporations] cannot vote or run for office. Because they may be managed and controlled by nonresidents, their interests may conflict in fundamental respects with the interests of eligible voters"; and

Whereas, President Obama recently criticized the ruling as "a green light to a new stampede of special interest money," and declared "It is a major victory for big oil, Wall Street banks, health insurance companies and the other powerful interests that marshal their power every day in Washington to drown out the voices of everyday Americans"; and

Whereas, Senator John McCain who co-wrote the 2002 campaign reform law with Senator Russell Feingold, said he was "disappointed" by the decision, and Senator Feingold called the decision "a terrible mistake" ignoring "important principles of judicial restraint and respect for precedent"; and

Whereas, For decades, Congress has exercised its constitutional authority to regulate elections by seeking to prevent corporations and unions from exerting undue influence or the appearance of undue influence over federal candidates; and

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the [Senate] General Assembly of this State to express its opposition to the Citizens United decision and to call upon the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide that, with respect to corporation campaign spending, a person is only a natural person for First Amendment protection of free speech; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The General Assembly of the State of New Jersey expresses strong opposition to the United States Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission and calls upon the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide that with regard to corporation campaign spending, a person means only a natural person for First Amendment protection of free speech.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested to by the Clerk of the Assembly, shall be transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the United States Congress elected from this State.

POM-108. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the United States Congress to pass a constitutional amendment to reverse the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, United States Supreme Court rulings, beginning with Buckley v. Valeo and continuing through Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and others, disproportionately elevate the role of wealthy special interests in elections and diminish the voices and influence of ordinary Americans; and

Whereas, Maine citizens wish to develop effective tools for self-governance, including strong laws governing elections and campaign finance; and

Whereas, the current legal landscape severely constrains the range of options available to citizens, frustrating efforts to reduce the influence of moneyed interest in elections and in government: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, hereby declare our support for an amendment to the United States Constitution regarding campaign finance that would reaffirm the power of citizens through their government to regulate the raising and spending of money in elections; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, call upon each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation to actively support and promote in Congress an amendment to the United States Constitution on campaign finance; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-109. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee urging the United States Congress to adopt a balanced budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

Whereas, with each passing year our nation falls further into debt as federal government expenditures repeatedly exceed available revenue; and

Whereas, the annual federal budget has risen to unprecedented levels, demonstrating an unwillingness or inability of both the Legislative and Executive branches of federal government to control the federal debt; and

Whereas, knowledgeable planning and fiscal prudence require that the budget reflect all federal spending and that the budget be in balance; and

Whereas, fiscal discipline is a powerful means for strengthening our nation; with less of America's future financial resources channeled into servicing the national debt, more of our tax dollars would be available for public endeavors that reflect our national priorities, such as education, health, the security of our nation, and the creation of jobs; and

Whereas, Thomas Jefferson recognized the importance of a balanced budget when he wrote: "The question whether one generation has the right to bind another by the deficit it imposes is a question of such consequence as to place it among the fundamental principles of government. We should consider ourselves unauthorized to saddle posterity with our debts, and morally bound to pay for them ourselves."; and

Whereas, state legislatures overwhelmingly recognize the necessity of maintaining a balanced budget; whether through constitutional requirement or by statute, forty-nine states require a balanced budget; and

Whereas, the federal government's unlimited ability to borrow involves decisions of such magnitude, with such potentially profound consequences for the nation and its people, today and in the future, that it is of vital importance to the future of the United States of America that a balanced budget be adopted on an annual basis: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives concurring, That we hereby strongly urge the United States Congress to adopt a balanced federal budget on an annual basis; and be it further

Resolved, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.

POM-110. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma reaffirming the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1009

Whereas, marriage is the building block upon which our society is based; and

Whereas, on November 2, 2004, Oklahoma voters expressed their collective intent to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman by approving State Question 711 which was an amendment to Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution; and

Whereas, the power to regulate marriage is a power reserved to the states that lies within the domain of state legislatures and not with the judicial branch of government; and

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court recently heard oral arguments in two separate cases that challenge the constitutionality of the federal Defense of Marriage Act and the authority of states to regulate marriage; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Legislature commends the Honorable E. Scott Pruitt, Attorney General of Oklahoma, for filing an amicus curiae brief supporting Oklahoma's right to regulate marriage: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the 1st Session of the 54th Oklahoma Legislature, the Senate Concurring Therein, That the Oklahoma Legislature reaffirms its commitment to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman and urges the United States Supreme Court to uphold the Defense of Marriage Act and the right of states to regulate marriage. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President and Vice President of the United States and to the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

POM-111. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the federal government, including the Department of Homeland Security and the General Services Administration, to fund necessary improvements at the San Ysidro, Calexico, and Otay Mesa Ports of Entry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, The United States, Canada, and Mexico signed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1993 to foster trade among the countries, and improve global competitiveness; and

Whereas, Trade between the United States and Mexico has more than quintupled since the implementation of NAFTA, totaling $500 billion in bilateral trade in 2011; and

Whereas, Mexico continues to be California's number one export market with $25.8 billion in goods exported to Mexico in 2011, accounting for 16 percent of all California exports; and

Whereas, Ninety-nine percent of trade between California and Mexico is carried by trucks; and

Whereas, The SANDAG 2050 Comprehensive Freight Gateway Study projects that the nearly two million trucks that crossed the California-Mexico border in 2007 will increase to nearly five million trucks in 2050. In 2011, over $33.5 billion in goods moved between Mexico and the United States at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry and at the Tecate Port of Entry; and

Whereas, The San Diego and Imperial Counties' border traffic congestion and delays cost the U.S. and Mexican economies an estimated $8.63 billion in gross output and more than 73,900 jobs in 2007; and

Whereas, New land port of entry and improvement projects are under federal jurisdiction with significant influence over local communities; and

Whereas, The San Ysidro-Puerta Mexico Land Port of Entry is the busiest port of entry between the United States and Mexico and is undergoing a major reconfiguration and expansion project; and

Whereas, The Otay Mesa-Mesa de Otay Land Port of Entry has plans for the expansion and modernization of passenger and commercial inspection facilities; and

Whereas, The Calexico West Port of Entry also has plans to renovate and expand the facility to process and expand its operation for pedestrians and automobiles; and

Whereas, The collaboration between federal, state, and local agencies is essential for the development of border infrastructure projects and security; and

Whereas, The General Accountability Office and the Department of Homeland Security estimate that $6 billion in border infrastructure is needed to fulfill their mission of preventing unlawful entry and smuggling while facilitating legitimate trade and tourism; and

Whereas, The need for improved border capacity and efficiency comes at a time when traditional federal funding is scarce and increasingly difficult to obtain; and

Whereas, Since February 2009, Congress and the Obama administration have not funded border infrastructure projects; and

Whereas, The San Ysidro project has a stated funding gap of $285 million, the Calexico project needs $318 million to complete construction, and the Otay Mesa project requires $161 million for completion; and

Whereas, Various agencies of the United States, including the Department of Homeland Security and the General Services Administration, should work with Congress to provide funding to support these border infrastructure investments: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the federal government, including the Department of Homeland Security and the General Services Administration, to fund necessary improvements at the San Ysidro, Calexico, and Otay Mesa Ports of Entry; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-112. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the President to sign and Congress to pass the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas, The federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was developed with the input of advocates from around the country with diverse backgrounds and experiences, and addresses the real and most important needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking; and

Whereas, VAWA represents the voices of women and their families, and the voices of victims, survivors, and advocates; and

Whereas, VAWA was first enacted in 1994, and has been the centerpiece of the federal government's efforts to stamp out domestic and sexual violence. VAWA provides millions of dollars to support programs for victim services, transitional housing, and legal assistance, as well as tools that law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges need to hold offenders accountable and keep communities safe while supporting victims; and

Whereas, Domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, once considered private matters to be dealt with behind closed doors, have been brought out of the darkness; and

Whereas, VAWA has been successful because it has had consistently strong, bipartisan support for nearly two decades; and

Whereas, Senators Patrick Leahy and Mike Crapo and Representative Gwen Moore have introduced identical legislation, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, in their respective houses with language that includes several updates and improvements to the law, including the following:

(a) An emphasis on the need to effectively respond to sexual assault crime by adding new purpose areas and a 25-percent set-aside in the STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Program) and the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program.

(b) Improvements in tools to prevent domestic violence homicides by training law enforcement, victim service providers, and court personnel to identify and manage high-risk offenders and connecting high-risk victims to crisis intervention services.

(c) Critical improvements that provide important protections for students, immigrant women, as well as the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender and Native American communities.

(d) Improvements in responses to the high rate of violence against women in tribal communities by strengthening concurrent

tribal criminal jurisdiction over perpetrators who assault Indian spouses and dating partners in Indian countries.

(e) Measures to strengthen housing protections for victims by applying existing housing protections to nine additional federal housing programs.

(f) Measures to promote accountability to ensure that federal funds are used for their intended purposes.

(g) Consolidation of programs and reductions in authorization levels to address fiscal concerns, and renewed focus on programs that have been most successful.

(h) Technical corrections to update definitions throughout the law to provide uniformity and continuity; and

Whereas, There is a need to maintain services for victims and families at the local, state, and federal levels. VAWA reauthorization would allow existing programs to continue uninterrupted, and would provide for the development of new initiatives to address key areas of concern. These initiatives include the following:

(a) Addressing the high rates of domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault among women 16 to 24 years of age, inclusive.

(b) Improving the response to sexual assault with best practices, training, and communication tools for law enforcement, as well as for health care and legal professionals.

(c) Preventing domestic violence homicides through enhanced training for law enforcement, advocates, and others who interact with those at risk: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature requests the President to sign and Congress to pass the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act and ensure the sustainability of vital programs designed to keep women and families safe from violence and abuse; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-113. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of California recognizing the critical importance of continued access to safe and legal abortion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, January 22, 2013, marks the 40th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's landmark decision in Roe v. Wade, which held that every woman has a fundamental right to control her own reproductive decisions and decide whether to end or continue a pregnancy, and is an occasion that deserves celebration; and

Whereas, The 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, making access to abortion safe and legal, has greatly improved the health of women and families; and

Whereas, Roe v. Wade has been the cornerstone of women's remarkable strides toward equality in the past four decades, and reproductive freedom is critical to a woman's ability to participate fully in the social, political, and economic life of the community; and

Whereas, California is committed to protecting public health and the welfare of all its residents, and recognizes that access to reproductive health services, including family planning and prenatal care, supports individuals and their families by ensuring that babies are planned, wanted, and healthy; and

Whereas, The public policy of California, as expressed in the Reproductive Privacy Act, and protected by the California Constitution's express right to privacy, is that each woman has the fundamental right to make decisions regarding her reproductive health; and

Whereas, California has a pioneering history in supporting reproductive rights, including the California Supreme Court's 1969 decision in People v. Belous, recognizing that a woman's decision to end a pregnancy is protected by her constitutional right to privacy, four years prior to the United States Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade; and

Whereas, In a democracy, people may have differing views about abortion, but most Californians recognize that only a pregnant woman can know, and should be entitled to decide, what option is best for herself and her family; and

Whereas, Over 75 percent of Californians oppose efforts to overturn Roe v. Wade, which could create a public health crisis if individual states made abortion illegal and unsafe; and

Whereas, The 2012 elections sent a powerful and unmistakable message to Members of Congress and state legislatures that women do not want politics or politicians to interfere with their personal medical decisions; and

Whereas, Violence against abortion providers and laws that create barriers to abortion endanger a woman's health: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That on the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the senate of the State of California recognizes the critical importance of continued access to safe and legal abortion and urges the President of the United States and the Congress to protect and uphold the intent and substance of the 1973 United States Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-114. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine honoring the victims of the Boston Marathon explosions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, on April 15, 2013, multiple explosions at the finish line of the 117th Boston Marathon, a horrific act of terrorism, killed at least 3 people and injured more than 175 people; and

Whereas, law enforcement's unprecedented response and willingness to put their lives on the line to protect the innocent and bring those responsible to justice is an inspiration to us all; and

Whereas, many of the victims of this tragedy, who are both United States citizens and international visitors, are friends and family members of athletes and spectators celebrating community, sport and the intense effort and sacrifice required to qualify for the Boston Marathon; and

Whereas, many Americans and people of the world watched with horror as the tragedy occurred and the day progressed; and

Whereas, heroic emergency medical technicians, police officers, firefighters, members of the National Guard and other first responders, as well as many marathon participants, volunteers and spectators, saved lives while putting themselves at risk; and

Whereas, Maine and Massachusetts have a special historical, economic and cultural relationship, extending back before our Nation's founding, including our mutual celebration of Patriot's Day as a state holiday, and scores of Maine people run in the Boston Marathon every year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, join the people of Maine, the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the rest of the United States in collective sorrow and anguish; and be it further

Resolved, That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature, stand united with the people of Maine, the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the rest of the United

States against violence perpetrated against innocents; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the governors of the State of Maine and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the President of the Massachusetts Senate, the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Mayor of the City of Boston.

POM-115. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah recommending a name for a new federal courthouse; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, a new federal courthouse is currently being constructed at 351 South West Temple in Salt Lake City;

Whereas, if this new structure is to bear the name of an exemplary Utahn, it should be named after Justice George Sutherland, the only Utahn to serve on the United States Supreme Court;

Whereas, to date, Justice Sutherland is Utah's most accomplished attorney, public servant, and judge;

Whereas, before joining the United States Supreme Court, Sutherland was a renowned legal scholar and sage politician, having served in the Utah State Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and the United States Senate;

Whereas, no past or present Utahn has done more for his state or country, or accomplished more as a lawyer;

Whereas, Sutherland was born in England in 1862 to converts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS);

Whereas, Sutherland's family immigrated to Utah as part of an oxcart company in October 1863;

Whereas, the Sutherland family first settled in Springville, Utah, and then moved to Tintic, Utah, where George Sutherland, Sr. sold dry goods to miners;

Whereas, George Sutherland, Sr. left the LDS Church in 1870, and young George was never baptized;

Whereas, Sutherland recalled his boyhood as a "period when life was very simple, but, as I can bear testimony, very hard as measured by present day standards. ... Nobody worried about child labor, the average boy of 10 worked—and often worked very hard";

Whereas, Sutherland grew up in a time when everybody was poor and everybody worked;

Whereas, neither the 8-hour day nor the 40-hour week had arrived, so work began when it was light enough to see and ended when it became too dark;

Whereas, Sutherland worked first in a clothing store in Salt Lake City, then as a Wells Fargo agent and later as a mining recording agent until age 17, when his family moved to Provo;

Whereas, Sutherland had no schooling from ages 12 to 17, but because he was taught well by his parents, he entered the Brigham Young Academy in 1879 as an excellent student and writer;

Whereas, at Brigham Young Academy, he flourished under the tutelage of renowned headmaster Karl Maeser, who nurtured the institution for decades;

Whereas, at Brigham Young Academy, George Sutherland made many lifelong friends, nearly all members of the LDS Church, including Sam Thurman, who later became his law partner, cofounder of the predecessor firm to Snow, Christensen & Martineau, and a Utah Supreme Court Chief Justice; William H. King, his future law partner and political opponent against whom he ran for Congress in 1900 and the United States Senate in 1916; and James E. Talmage and Richard Lyman, future Apostles of the LDS Church;

Whereas, at Brigham Young Academy, he met Rosamond Lee of Beaver, Utah, and several years later they married;

Whereas, George and Rosamond Sutherland were together for nearly 60 years and had three children, a boy who died at 17 and two daughters who survived him;

Whereas, Sutherland graduated from Brigham Young Academy in 1881 and attended the University of Michigan Law School for a year, passed the Michigan Bar, and then married Rosamond and moved to Provo, where he started a practice with his father, by then a self-taught lawyer;

Whereas, Sutherland once stated, "I transacted all kinds of business, both civil and criminal. A lawyer in a small town can't pick and choose—public opinion demands that he shall treat all men alike when they call for his services. I often traveled on horseback in the mountains to try cases before Justices of the Peace";

Whereas, Sutherland earned a well-deserved reputation as a hardworking and honest family man who was smart, empathetic, and kind;

Whereas, in 1886, at age 24, his law partnership with Sam Thurman began, and they were joined by William King two years later;

Whereas, as young lawyers, Sutherland and Thurman defended nine Irish miners accused of lynching, a capital offense; all were tried and convicted but none was executed—a victory for Sutherland and Thurman;

Whereas, Sutherland also represented many members of the LDS Church charged with violating the Federal Edmund's Act outlawing polygamy;

Whereas, through these cases and his general character, he earned respect within the LDS community and at the same time received the political support of the non-LDS community;

Whereas, Sutherland did not represent Karl Maeser when he was convicted in 1887 of violating the Edmund's Act, but he nonetheless appeared at Maeser's sentencing and made an impassioned and successful plea to the Court not to jail Maeser, citing his many accomplishments at Brigham Young Academy;

Whereas, the Court did not sentence Maeser to jail, but fined him $300, which Sutherland immediately paid to the Court;

Whereas, as a young lawyer, Sutherland dove into public service and politics;

Whereas, from 1886 to 1890, Sutherland was an Overseer of the State Hospital in Provo, and in 1890 he ran for Mayor of Provo as a Liberal Party candidate on an antipolygamy platform, and lost;

Whereas, LDS-Church sanctioned polygamy ended in late 1890, gutting the Liberal Party of its purpose, so Sutherland became a Republican and narrowly lost the 1892 Republican nomination for Congress;

Whereas, Sutherland was gratified that Utah's new Constitution provided for women's suffrage, a cause for which he campaigned throughout his political career;

Whereas, Sutherland's legal practice blossomed, and in 1894 he left Thurman & Sutherland and moved to Salt Lake City where he joined the predecessor to the Van Cott law firm;

Whereas, Sutherland helped form the Utah Bar Association in 1895, and in 1896 was elected to the first Utah State Senate, where he chaired the Judiciary Committee, which drafted the first Utah Judicial and Penal Codes;

Whereas, Sutherland proposed the state's first State Workers' Compensation Statute and laws granting eminent domain to miners and those working in irrigation;

Whereas, in 1900, Sutherland narrowly defeated Democrat and former law partner William H. King for Utah's lone seat in the United States House of Representatives;

Whereas, Sutherland remained very active in state and national Republican Party affairs, serving as a party delegate from Utah to every Republican convention between 1900 and 1916;

Whereas, in his only House term, Sutherland was instrumental in passing the Reclamation Act, which allowed Western water projects to be engineered and financed with federal money, allowing the Western States to grow much faster than if water

projects had been left to private and state financing;

Whereas, Sutherland chose not to run for a second term and resumed his practice with Van Cott;

Whereas, in 1905, United States Senators were elected by State Legislatures;

Whereas, years earlier, Sutherland had represented United States Senator Reed Smoot's father in a polygamy case and now, with the endorsement of his friend and Senator, Sutherland prevailed in an interparty fight with incumbent Thomas Kearns;

Whereas, Sutherland's two-term Senate career was stellar;

Whereas, through his legal ability, affability, and hard work, Sutherland accomplished much regarding women's suffrage, workers' compensation, reclamation, Indian affairs, and foreign policy;

Whereas, Sutherland was the driving force behind the Federal Employer Liability Act, which created a workers' compensation system;

Whereas, in support of the new system, Sutherland argued, "When we are able to get to the truth as to how these accidents happen we will be able to apply the remedy with greater certainty, so that the law is not only just in providing compensation to all injured employees, one of the legitimate expenses of the industry, but what is perhaps still more important, it will tend to greatly reduce the number of accidents and consequently the aggregate of human suffering";

Whereas, Sutherland championed many other labor causes, earning him the praise of Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor;

Whereas, Sutherland's Judiciary Committee rewrote the United States Criminal and Judicial codes, "a monumental task" according to Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes of the United States Supreme Court;

Whereas, in 1907, Sutherland's courtroom skills were well displayed in the Senate where he mounted a detailed and successful defense of Senator Reed Smoot when the Senate considered expelling Smoot due to his religious and alleged polygamous practices;

Whereas, Sutherland sponsored the Nineteenth Amendment to give women the right to vote in 1915 and exerted every effort to assure its passage;

Whereas, Sutherland gave several well received speeches promoting the amendment, including a 1914 speech in which he stated, "I give my assent to woman suffrage because, as the matter appeals to me, there is no justification for denying to half our citizens the right to participate in the operations of a government which is as much their government as it is ours upon the sole ground that they happen to be born women instead of men";

Whereas, Sutherland was not a pacifist, and contended that security should be won through vigilance and strength;

Whereas, when Germanys new submarine fleet attacked shipping in the open sea, President Wilson's apparent vacillation in 1915 gave rise to sham criticism from Sutherland in the Senate, where he stated, "... my own view of the matter is that the new weapon [the submarine] must yield to the law not that the law must yield to the new weapon. ... I for one am becoming sick and tired of the spineless policy of retreat and scuttle. ... Instead of warning our own people to exercise their rights at their peril I would like to see issued to other people a warning to interfere with these rights at their peril. The danger of it all is that by this policy of always backing down, instead of backing up, we shall encourage an increased encroachment upon our rights until we shall finally be driven into crises from which nothing but war can extricate us";

Whereas, during his Senate years, Sutherland was frequently engaged as a speaker on many public issues and he gained a strong reputation as a constitutional scholar;

Whereas, this reputation was enhanced by the fact that he argued three cases before the United States Supreme Court while serving in the Senate;

Whereas, in 1915, Sutherland supported the Seventeenth Amendment, which provided for popular election of United States Senators;

Whereas, in 1916, Sutherland ran for a third term against his old law partner and friend, William King, and lost;

Whereas, although Sutherland had not run a statewide campaign for 16 years, his loss was likely due to the coattail effect of the antiwar fervor that propelled President Wilson to a second term, on the mantra that "He kept us out of war";

Whereas, many Republican candidates were badly defeated in 1916, but in his consoling words to William Howard Taft on his loss of the presidential race, Sutherland stated, "We are to pass through a period of readjustment, and the present administration, in view of its past history, is not likely to deal with the serious problems which will arise in such a way as to satisfy the country. The result will be, therefore, that we shall come back into power for a long time";

Whereas, the Republicans won the next three presidential elections;

Whereas, after leaving the Senate, Sutherland practiced law in Washington, D.C. and argued four cases before the United States Supreme Court;

Whereas, in 1917, Sutherland was elected President of the American Bar Association and gave a series of six lectures at Columbia University Law School on the Constitution and foreign affairs;

Whereas, always a keen political strategist, Sutherland supported Warren G. Harding's seemingly unlikely but successful bid for the Republican presidential nomination, and after Harding was elected he appointed Sutherland as lead counsel for the United States in a seven week trial at The Hague;

Whereas, Sutherland was also counsel to the United States Delegation to the Armament talks of 1921;

Whereas, on September 5, 1922, President Harding nominated Sutherland for an open seat on the United States Supreme Court and the Senate unanimously confirmed him the same day;

Whereas, there was great public interest in and support for Sutherland's appointment because he was the first Utahn to be appointed, one of the few Senators to ascend to the bench, only the fourth foreign born Justice to serve on the Court, and the first to do so since 1793;

Whereas, as he had throughout every aspect of his life, Justice Sutherland worked very hard on the United States Supreme Court;

Whereas, in 15 years he wrote 295 majority opinions, 35 dissents, and 1 concurrence—an average of 20 majority opinions per year, which is double the average production of today's Supreme Court Justices;

Whereas, Justice Sutherland's broad life experiences, sobriety, hard work, and self-reliance brought a valuable perspective to the Court;

Whereas, Justice Sutherland's impoverished upbringing and boyhood years filled with extremely hard work, combined with his intellect and ambition, propelled him into the highest echelon of power on the state and national levels, exposing him to people from all walks of life;

Whereas, Justice Sutherland's extensive experience in the state and national legislative branches gave him a solid foundation as a constitutional scholar and an expert in governmental affairs;

Whereas, having seen temporary factions spring to life from time to time, claiming to have all the answers to society's challenges only to fade away and leave in their wake ill-considered legislation that often infringed on individual rights or violated other constitutional principles, Justice Sutherland was wary of the tyranny of the majority;

Whereas, Justice Sutherland challenged the Congress, the President, and other courts in order to protect individual rights or fundamental constitutional doctrines;

Whereas, in 1935, in Berger v. United States, wherein an Assistant U.S. Attorney was guilty of gross misconduct during a criminal trial, Justice Sutherland eloquently set the standard for prosecutorial misconduct when he wrote that the misconduct called for a stern rebuke and repressive measures, stating, "The United States Attorney is the representative not of an ordinary party to a controversy, but of a sovereignty whose obligation to govern impartially is as

compelling as its obligation to govern at all; and whose interest, therefore, in a criminal prosecution is not that it shall win a case, but that justice shall be done. As such, he is in peculiar and very definite sense the servant of the law, the twofold name of which is that guilt shall not escape, or innocents suffer. He may prosecute with earnestness and vigor, indeed he should do so. But, while he may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones. It is as much his duty to refrain from improper methods calculated to produce a wrongful conviction as it is to use every legitimate means to bring about a just one";

Whereas, this decision better clarified the prosecutor's role and obligations and gave trial judges a clear directive and authority to punish prosecutorial misconduct;

Whereas, when Franklin D. Roosevelt overwhelmingly defeated President Hoover in 1932, the Congress quickly passed many acts to address the economic calamity, but the laws were not thoroughly assessed from a constitutional point of view before they were passed;

Whereas, this led to scores of court challenges, and many laws were struck down by unanimous vote in 1934, 1935, and 1936, while others were struck down by close votes on various constitutional grounds;

Whereas, the most controversial opinions that Justice Sutherland wrote struck down portions of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal legislation;

Whereas, after his landslide 1936 reelection, Roosevelt proposed adding six Justices to the United States Supreme Court, which Justice Sutherland saw as a roadblock to economic recovery;

Whereas, the political upheaval that the court-packing plan sparked caused conservative Justice Owen Roberts to change his votes and to uphold the New Deal legislation;

Whereas, this switch of a vote and strong public opposition to court-packing led to its defeat in the Senate and avoided a constitutional, and perhaps a national, crisis;

Whereas, Justice Sutherland was bitterly disappointed with Justice Roberts's vote change, and when the Supreme Court then reversed recent Supreme Court decisions, Sutherland dissented sharply, contending that political expediency had trumped constitutional principles;

Whereas, much to the disappointment of moderates and conservatives, Justice Sutherland retired in 1938;

Whereas, humble to the end, Sutherland did not mention the Supreme Court or his career in his last public address, the Convocation of the BYU Class of 1941, but instead reminisced about Utah in the 1860s and 70s, his daylong labors as a child, and his education at his beloved Brigham Young Academy;

Whereas, above all he implored graduates to be vigilant caretakers of their character, then to focus on career, family, and church;

Whereas, George Sutherland passed away in 1942;

Whereas, this nation's heritage and good sense teach us to honor distinguished and exemplary forefathers; and

Whereas, other public servants may deserve the recognition of having their names on the new federal courthouse, but none deserves it more than George Sutherland: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah urge the members of Utah's congressional delegation to work to have the new federal courthouse in Salt Lake City named after Justice George Sutherland; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urge the members of Utah's congressional delegation to make this effort in recognition of Justice Sutherland's lifetime of service to the citizens of the state of Utah as a member of the Utah Senate and to the United States as a member of the United States House of Representatives, a member of the United States Senate, and the only Utahn to serve on the United States Supreme Court, and whose example of humility and integrity in public service is unsurpassed; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-116. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah supporting the Financial Ready Utah enterprise risk management process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Legislature of the state of Utah declares that the nation's fiscal recklessness poses a great, clear, and present threat to America's future;

Whereas, David Walker, former Comptroller General of the United States warns, "The most serious threat to the United States is not someone hiding in a cave in Afghanistan or Pakistan, but our own fiscal irresponsibility";

Whereas, the federal government is now in its fourth year of not passing a budget;

Whereas, the national debt has now surpassed $16.4 trillion, more than $136,000 per household;

Whereas, annual deficits have exceeded $1 trillion for each of the last four years, and unfunded obligations for social programs now exceed $85 trillion, with no apparent Congressional resolution on the horizon;

Whereas, it took 200 years for the United States to accumulate the first trillion dollars in debt and only 286 days to accumulate the most recent trillion;

Whereas, $85 billion per month of the national debt and annual deficits are now offset through Federal Reserve operations such as "quantitative easing" and "operation twist";

Whereas, more than 40 cents of every dollar the state of Utah spends comes from the federal government that borrows and prints more than 40 cents of every dollar it sends to Utah;

Whereas, last New Year's Eve, the United States Congress merely delayed until March 1, 2013, the implementation of the automatic cuts or "sequestration" of 8-9% of federal discretionary spending, including funds to state and local governments, and 10% of military spending under the Budget Control Act of 2011;

Whereas, in its recently released audit of the federal government's financial statements, the Government Accountability Office declared, "Over the long term, the structural imbalance between spending and revenue will lead to continued growth of debt held by the public as a share of GDP [Gross Domestic Product]; this means the current structure of the federal budget is unsustainable";

Whereas, this fiscal scenario is by all accounts unsustainable for the nation as well as for our state;

Whereas, in May 2012, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, in its review of the federal government's most recent annual financial statements, warned, "The U.S. is not exempt from the laws of prudent finance. We must take steps to put our financial house in order. The credit rating agencies have recently issued renewed warnings of U.S. credit downgrades unless substantive reforms are made. Our current fiscal policy results in mortgaging our nation's future without investing in it, leaving our children, grandchildren and future generations to suffer the consequences. This is irresponsible, unethical and immoral";

Whereas, restoring fiscal sanity and sustainability is at the heart of jumpstarting economic growth and fostering a business climate where companies can grow and begin to hire; and

Whereas, absent credible actions to address this fiscal irresponsibility, uncertainty will continue to dominate business decision making and economic recovery will languish: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, wholeheartedly supports the Financial Ready Utah initiative of fostering within the state of Utah an enterprise risk management process to assess the immediacy, severity, and probability of risks from any reductions of federal funds to the state of Utah and how the state will marshal its resources, both human and capital, to prioritize and provide the most

essential government services; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor strongly urge local, state, and national representatives to take immediate and sustained action to eliminate deficit spending and secure economic self-reliance to the state of Utah and to the United States;

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor strongly urge the President of the United States and the United States Congress to pass a budget each year and adopt a credible and sustainable plan to balance those budgets;

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor strongly urge Utah's towns, cities, and counties to adopt and implement comprehensive financial risk management measures as soon as possible;

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Attorney General of the United States, the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Utah Association of Counties, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, Financial Ready Utah, the Utah State Chamber of Commerce, the Utah Board of Regents, the Utah State Board of Education, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-117. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah rejecting United Nations Agenda 21 and urging state and local governments across the United States to reject it; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, the United Nations Agenda 21 was initiated at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992;

Whereas, the United Nations Agenda 21 is being introduced into local communities across the United States through the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives, through local "sustainable development" policies including Smart Growth America, the Wildlands Project, and Center for Resilient Cities;

Whereas, the United Nations has accredited and enlisted numerous nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations to assist in the implementation of its policies relative to Agenda 21 around the world;

Whereas, the United Nations Agenda 21 plan of sustainable development views private property ownership, single family homes, private car ownership, individual travel choices, and privately owned farms as destructive to the environment;

Whereas, according to the United Nations Agenda 21 policy, social justice is described as the right and opportunity of all people to benefit equally from the resources afforded citizens by society and the environment, which would be accomplished by redistribution of wealth;

Whereas, according to United Nations Agenda 21 policy, national sovereignty is deemed a social injustice;

Whereas, Utah has a tradition of locally driven community planning efforts dating back to the first settlers who laid out a community plat that formed the basis for most of the cities in Utah;

Whereas, Utah regional planning efforts have focused on citizen participation, local decision making, transparent processes, sound technical data, response to market demand, and respect for due process and private property;

Whereas, Utah's Associations of Governments and Councils of Governments are created and controlled by Utah counties, cities, and towns, predate the adoption of Agenda 21 by more than 20 years, and provide a forum for these local governments to cooperate on issues of regional significance; and

Whereas, cooperative decision making that is locally driven and controlled provides great benefits in terms of cost and service delivery and continues to serve the state of Utah well: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah rejects United Nations Agenda 21, both its intent and its potential for abuse; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges Utah's state agencies and political subdivisions to not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required by policy recommendations originating in or traceable to Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations in 1992 at its Conference on Environment and Development, or any other international law or ancillary plan of action that contravenes the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the state of Utah;

Be it Further Resolved, That the Legislature urges Utah's state agencies and political subdivisions to not adopt or develop environmental and developmental policies that, without due process, would infringe or restrict the private property rights of property owners;

Be it Further Resolved, That the Legislature urges state and local governments across the United States to be well informed regarding the underlying harmful implications of implementing United Nations Agenda 21's strategies for "sustainable development.";

Be it Further Resolved, That the Legislature urges state and local governments across the United States to not enter into any agreement, expend any sum of money, contract services, or give financial aid to those nongovennnental and intergovernmental organizations affiliated with United Nations Agenda 21;

Be it Further Resolved, That the Legislature urges state and local governments across the United States to reject United Nations Agenda 21 and any grant money or financial aid attached to it;

Be it Further Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah supports the locally directed regional planning efforts that are occurring in Utah and encourages other states to look to the Utah model of collaboration that protects local sovereignty and private property rights;

Be it Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of Counties, the United Nations General Assembly, the Wildlands Project, Smart Growth America, Center for Resilient Cities, the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives, the Utah Association of Counties, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment:

S. 415. A bill to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-84).

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

H.R. 1171. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

S. 233. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building".

S. 668. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building".

S. 796. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the "James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 885. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office".

S. 1093. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the "First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1401. A bill to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOZMAN:

S. 1402. A bill to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1403. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to facilitate the screening of severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans at airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1404. A bill to prohibit the consideration of any bill by Congress unless the authority provided by the Constitution of the United States for the legislation can be determined and is clearly specified; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1405. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of certain ambulance add-on payments under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1406. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1407. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1408. A bill to address the dramatic increase of HIV/AIDS in minority communities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1409. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for employer-provided job training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1410. A bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1411. A bill to specify requirements for the next update of the current strategic plan for the Office of Rural Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for improving access to, and the quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1412. A bill to provide the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of the Treasury with authority to more aggressively enforce customs and trade laws relating to textile and apparel articles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. COATS):

S. 1413. A bill to exempt from sequestration certain fees of the Food and Drug Administration; to the Committee on the Budget.

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

S. 1414. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1415. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1416. A bill to protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as black lung disease), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. REID, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 207. A resolution designating August 16, 2013, as "National Airborne Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 208. A resolution designating the week beginning September 8, 2013, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 209. A resolution remembering the anniversary of the tragic shooting on August 5, 2012, at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin in Oak Creek, Wisconsin; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Res. 210. A resolution recognizing and honoring Robert S. Mueller, III, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. Res. 211. A resolution designating September 2013 as "National Spinal Cord

Injury Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. JOHANNS, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Con. Res. 21. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and the Federal approvals required for the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline are in the national interest of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 195, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 422

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms.

S. 562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 562, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

S. 647

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 692

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 692, a bill to rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use the funds to reduce the Federal debt.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes.

S. 809

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 809, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 915

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 915, a bill to

amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes at all levels of postsecondary enrollment.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 968

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1118

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1118, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1123, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1135

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes.

S. 1137

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1137, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to include mental health professionals in training programs of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1217

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1217, a bill to provide secondary mortgage market reform, and for other purposes.

S. 1235

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1250

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1250, a bill to provide $50,000,000,000 in new transportation infrastructure funding through bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation, including roads, bridges, rail and transit systems, ports, and inland waterways, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1251, a bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer.

S. 1276

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1276, a bill to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management, strengthen the authority to terminate or debar employees and contractors involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of security clearance background investigations, enhance transparency regarding the criteria utilized by Federal departments and agencies to determine when a security clearance is required, and for other purposes.

S. 1277

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to establish a commission for the purpose of coordinating efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 1323

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1324, a bill to prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a presidential memorandum relating to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1335

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1360, a bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1386

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1386, a bill to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes.

S. 1392

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1392, a bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Energy Drinks: Exploring Concerns about Marketing to Youth."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Strengthening Public Health Protections by Addressing Toxic Chemical Threats."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013, at 3 p.m., to hold a European Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Where is Turkey Headed? Gezi Park, Taksim Square, and The Future of the Turkish Model."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-608 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013, at 9 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening Privacy Rights and National Security: Oversight of FISA Surveillance Programs."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "How Prepared is the National Capital Region for the Next Disaster?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Powering Our Future: Principles for Energy Tax Reform."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing on July 31, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1300. An act to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2094. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

H.R. 2754. An act to amend the Hobby Protection Act to make unlawful the provision of assistance or support in violation of that Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), as amended by section 1601 of Public Law 111-68, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 491 of the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1098(c)), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the SPEAKER appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a term of 4 years: Mr. Fred Hurst of Flagstaff, Arizona.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2903, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission: Mr. MCDERMOTT of Washington.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the

People's Republic of China: Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio, and Mr. HONDA of California.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 1092. An act to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center".

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1300. An act to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2094. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2754. An act to amend the Hobby Protection Act to make unlawful the provision of assistance or support in violation of that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 11 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Raymond T. Chen, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That, at 2 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Samantha Power, as pursuant to the order of Tuesday, July 30, 2013.

ORDERS FOR VOTE ON MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON BILL S. 1243 AND FOR RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the nomination of Raymond T. Chen and the resumption of legislative session on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1243; and that, following the vote thereon, the Senate recess until 2 p.m.

Pending debate,

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF NATO ALLIED COMMAND TRANSFORMATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 156) expressing the sense of the Senate on the 10-year anniversary of NATO Allied Command Transformation.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the resolution.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 207) designating August 16, 2013, as "National Airborne Day", submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. REID, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. MURRAY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 208) designating the week beginning September 8, 2013, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week", submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. MURPHY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REMEMBERING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAGIC SHOOTING AT THE SIKH TEMPLE OF WISCONSIN

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 209) remembering the anniversary of the tragic shooting on August 5, 2012, at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, submitted today by Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 210) recognizing and honoring Robert S. Mueller, III, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, submitted today by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HIRONO), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 211) designating September 2013 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month", submitted today by Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Raymond T. Chen, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments to bill S. 1243 until 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 8:17 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 1, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

COMMENDING DAVID J. SCHIAPPA

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 212) commending David J. Schiappa, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2490. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Dinghy Poker Run, Middle River; Baltimore County, Essex, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0489)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2491. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Revision of 2013 America's Cup Regulated Area, San Francisco Bay; San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2011-0551)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2492. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Tall Ships Celebration Bay City, Bay City, MI" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0368)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2493. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Red Bull Flugtag National Harbor Event, Potomac River; National Harbor Access Channel, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0114)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2494. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Naval Exercise; Pacific Ocean, Coronado, CA" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0482)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2495. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund" ((RIN3060-AF85)(FCC 13-73)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2496. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Wireline Competition Bureau Data Practices, Computer III Further Remand Proceedings: Bell Operating Company Provision of Enhanced Services; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review of Computer III and ONA Safeguards and Requirements" ((RIN3060-AK03)(FCC 13-69)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2497. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment" (FCC 13-64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2498. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Areas; Bars along the Coasts of Oregon and Washington" ((RIN1625-AC01)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0216)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2499. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navigation and Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-AC06)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0397)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2500. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Outer Banks Bluegrass Festival; Shallowbag Bay, Manteo, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0330)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2501. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Venetian Fireworks; Kalamazoo Lake, Saugatuck, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0539)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2502. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Feast of Lanterns Fireworks Display, Pacific Grove, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0238)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2503. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; City of Menominee 4th of July Fireworks, Green Bay, Menominee, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0540)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2504. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Summer in the City Water Ski Show; Fox River, Green Bay, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0541)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2505. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sugar House Casino Fireworks Display, Delaware River; Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0495)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2506. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fifth Coast Guard District Fireworks Displays, Delaware River; Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0493)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2507. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Grand Haven 4th of July Fireworks; Grand River; Grand Haven, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0547)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2508. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Margate Mother's Association Fireworks Display, Atlantic Ocean; Margate, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0494)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2509. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fort Monroe Fireworks Display, Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0443)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July

17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2510. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Big Bay Boom, San Diego Bay; San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0059)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2511. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; National Cherry Festival Air Show and Fireworks Display, West Grand Traverse Bay, Traverse City, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0189)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2512. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Annual Independence Day Fireworks Displays, Skagway, Haines, and Wrangell, AK" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0078)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2513. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Execpro Services Fireworks Display, Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, NV" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0383)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2514. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; San Diego Symphony Summer POPS Fireworks 2013 Season, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0388)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2515. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; City of Martinez Fourth of July Fireworks Display, Carquinez Strait, Martinez, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0345)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2516. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; City of Vallejo Fourth of July Fireworks Display, Mare Island Strait, Vallejo, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0355)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2517. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fifth Coast Guard District Firework Display, Pagan River; Smithfield, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0473)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2518. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Tennessee River, Mile 625.5 to 626.5" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0408)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2519. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Northside Park Pier Fireworks Display, Assawoman Bay, Ocean City, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0439)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2520. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; America's Cup Safety Zone and No Loitering Area, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0551)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2521. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; South Park Bridge Construction, Lower Duwamish Waterway, Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0452)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2522. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pilot Certification and Qualification Requirements for Air Carrier Operations" ((RIN2120-AJ67)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0100)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2523. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adoption of Statuary Prohibition on the Operation of Jets Weighing 75,000 Pounds or Less That Are Not Stage 3 Noise Compliant" ((RIN2120-AK25)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0503)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2524. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flight Data Recorder Airplane Parameter Specification Omissions and Corrections" ((RIN2120-AK27)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0579)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2525. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Combined Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs" ((RIN2120-AK01)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0688)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2526. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of VOR Federal Airway V-345 in the Vicinity of Ashland, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0236)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2527. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Area R-2504A and R-2504B; Camp Roberts, CA, and Restricted Area R-

2530; Sierra Army Depot, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0515)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2528. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Areas R-2907A and R-2907B, Lake George, FL; and R-2910, Pinecastle, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2010-1146)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2529. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (53); Amdt. No. 3543" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2530. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (78); Amdt. No. 3542" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2531. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Presidio, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0770)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2532. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Colt, AR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1281)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2533. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Elbow Lake, MN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1121)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2534. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sanibel, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1334)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2535. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Grand Canyon, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0163)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2536. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Worthington, MN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1139)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2537. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Ogallala, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1138)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2538. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D and E Airspace; Twin Falls, ID" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0258)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2539. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Parkston, SD" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1282)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2540. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0864)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2541. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0302)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2542. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1230)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2543. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0620)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2544. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0214)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2545. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS Aircraft Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0598)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2546. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0522)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2547. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0018)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2548. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Model Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1206)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2549. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0535)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2550. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dowty Propellers Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0776)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2551. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DASSAULT AVIATION Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1067)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2552. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1039)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2553. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1035)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2554. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1305)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2555. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland (Eurocopter) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0520)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2556. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1034)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2557. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1330)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2558. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Restricted Category Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0553)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2559. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0223)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2560. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1327)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2561. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Forchlorfenuron; Temporary Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9391-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2562. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sorbitan monooleate ethylene oxide adduct; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9389-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2563. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Complex Polymeric Polyhydroxy Acids; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9391-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2564. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Releasing Information; General Provisions; Accounting and Reporting Requirements; Reports of Accounts and Exposures" (RIN3052-AC76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2565. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Handling of Animals; Contingency Plans; Stay of Regulations" ((RIN0579-AC69)-(Docket No. APHIS-2006-0159)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2566. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, (6) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2567. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Navy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2568. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Air Force, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2569. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the review of internal records to verify employment of Iraqi nationals by the U.S. Government and request from each prime contractor or grantee that has performed work in Iraq information that can verify the employment of Iraqi nationals by such contractor or grantee; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2570. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2012 Purchases from Foreign Entities"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2571. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the 2013 Mortgage Rules Under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X) and the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA37)-(Docket No. CFPB-2013-0010)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2572. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2573. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Fund Transfers (Regulation E)" ((RIN3170-AA33)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0050)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2574. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Broker-Dealer Reports" (RIN3235-AK2574), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2575. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Responsibility Rules for Broker-Dealers" (RIN3235-AJ85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2576. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyroxasulfone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9393-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2577. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trifluralin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9393-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2578. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Significant New Uses of Ethaneperoxoic Acid, 1,1-Demethylpropyl Ester" (FRL No. 9392-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2579. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Montana; Interstate Transport of Pollution for the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9839-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2580. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Designations for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9841-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2581. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon: Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter and 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9841-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2582. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Second Ten-Year Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for Greeley" (FRL No. 9840-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2583. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Second 10-Year Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for Colorado Springs" (FRL No. 9840-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2584. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans, State of California, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, New Source Review" (FRL No. 9837-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2585. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9811-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2586. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Permit Exemption Rule" (FRL No. 9834-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2587. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conditional Exclusions from Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste for Solvent-Contaminated Wipes" (FRL No. 9838-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2588. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Software Requirement Specifications for Digital Computer Software used in Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.172, Revision 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2589. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Developing Software Life Cycle Processes for Digital Computer Software used in Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.173, Revision 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2590. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Safety Evaluation of Westinghouse Electric Company Topical Report WCAP-12610-P-A and CENPD-404-P-A, Addendum 2/WCAP-14342-A and CENPD 404-NP-A, Addendum 2, 'Westinghouse Clad Corrosion Model for ZIRLOTM and Optimized ZIRLOTM'" (Project No. 700), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2591. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Applications" (Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2592. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Verification, Validation, Reviews, and Audits for Digital Computer Software Used in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.168, Revision 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2593. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Configuration Management Plans for Digital Computer Software Used in Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.169, Revision 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2594. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Software Unit Testing for Digital Computer Software Used in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.171, Revision 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2595. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Software Unit Testing for Digital Computer Software Used in Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.171, Revision 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2596. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Montana" (FRL No. 9839-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2597. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Belize Concerning the imposition of import restrictions on categories of archaeological material representing the cultural heritage of Belize from the pre-ceramic, pre-classic, classic, and post-classic periods of the pre-Columbian era through the early and late colonial periods; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2598. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Impatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System - Update for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2013 (FY 2014)" (RIN0938-AR63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2599. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recognizing Advance Payments for Gift Cards that are Redeemable for Goods and Services from an Unrelated Entity" (Rev. Proc. 2013-29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2600. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to a

vacancy in the position of Director of the Peace Corps, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2601. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of State, Category Rating Report"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2602. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-109); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2603. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-108); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2604. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-015); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2605. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2606. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "ATF 2013 PACT Act Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2607. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for a report entitled "Transforming Today's Vision Into Tomorrow's Reality"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2608. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Access to Records" (RIN2900-AO61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-118. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the President of the United States and Congress of the United States to adopt the Veterans Remembered Flag in honor of all veterans; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, there are flags for all branches of the Armed Forces of the United States and there is a flag for prisoners of war and those missing in action, but there is no flag to honor the millions of former military personnel who have served our nation; and

Whereas, a flag is a symbol of recognition for a group or an ideal, and veterans compose a group, certainly represent an ideal and surely deserve their own symbol; and

Whereas, the estimated 20,400,000 veterans, affiliated and unaffiliated with veterans' organizations, who have served in our nation's military compose a significant portion of our nation's population; and

Whereas, there is now a flag that has been designed and created to honor the veterans of the United States called the Veterans Remembered Flag, and displaying and flying a Veterans Remembered Flag would honor the lives of millions of individuals who have served our country in times of war, peace and national crisis; and

Whereas, a Veterans Remembered Flag would memorialize and honor past, present and future veterans and provide an enduring symbol to support tomorrow's veterans today; and

Whereas, displaying and flying a Veterans Remembered Flag would fill the need for a flag honoring all veterans who have served in our nation's armed forces; and

Whereas, the symbolism of this unique flag's design would be all-inclusive, would pay respect to all branches of the military and to the history of our nation and would honor those who have lived, and died, serving our nation; and

Whereas, the design of the flag honors the founding of our nation through the 13 stars that emanate from the hoist of the flag and lead to the large red star that represents our nation and the five branches of our nation's military, the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marines and the Coast Guard; and

Whereas, the white star on the flag symbolizes veterans' dedication to service, the blue star on the flag honors all the men and women who have served in our nation's military and the central gold star on the flag memorializes those who have fallen defending our nation; and

Whereas, the blue stripe that bears the title of the flag honors the loyalty of veterans to our nation, flag and government, and the green field on the flag represents the hallowed ground where fallen veterans rest eternally; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress work together to support adoption of the Veterans Remembered Flag to honor our nation's veterans; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-119. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts memorializing the federal government of the United States to prioritize distribution of veterans' benefits; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the members of the Armed Forces of the United States, including active duty members of the Massachusetts National Guard, have honorably and with great distinction served their country and have earned the right to be welcomed home with all honors and benefits prescribed by law by a grateful nation; and

Whereas, the words of our first president, George Washington, are a reminder of the importance of honoring promises made to our veterans and their families, when he said, "the willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation"; and

Whereas, veterans' benefits must be delivered in a timely fashion out of respect for the significant sacrifice and valiant service of those to whom such benefits are owed, especially given the fact that today's veterans urgently need jobs, health care, housing, education and training in order to successfully re-enter civilian life; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is reported to be unable to keep up with a torrent of benefits claims, and the backlog leaves many service members waiting for well over a year after first filing their forms, according to a report from the Center for Investigative Reporting; and

Whereas, according to the center's report, the average wait time for veterans benefits is 273 days, and that veterans filing their first claim, including those who served in Iraq and

Afghanistan, wait nearly two months longer, between 316 and 327 days, and in some major population centers wait up to twice as long—642 days in New York, 619 days in Los Angeles and 542 days in Chicago; and

Whereas, the ranks of veterans waiting more than a year for their benefits grew from 11,000 in 2009 to 245,000 in December 2012, an increase of more than 2,000 per cent, and the Veterans Administration is predicting that the situation will get worse, as the number of veterans waiting on the Department to process their claims is expected to reach 1 million by the end of March, 2013: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Senate hereby requests that the Federal Government of the United States provide sufficient funding and personnel to process veterans' claims in a more timely manner so that the tangible gratitude of the nation can be promptly distributed to all who have earned such recognition; and be it further

Resolved, That resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States, the leaders of the Congress of the United States and to each United States senator and representative from Massachusetts.

POM-120. A communication from citizens of the State of Hawaii petitioning for verification and tabulation of State applications for an Article V Convention; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-121. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida urging the United States Food and Drug Administration to repeal their longstanding prohibition on men who have sex with men from donating blood; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-122. A resolution adopted by the Lawrence City Council of the City of Lawrence, Massachusetts supporting comprehensive immigration reform and urging action from the 113th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-123. A resolution adopted by the City Electors of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin seeking to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-124. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Orange County, New York opposing the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the right of people to bear arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-125. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Webster, Texas protecting and defending the constitutional right to keep and bear arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-126. A resolution adopted by the Blount County Board of Commissioners of the State of Tennessee protecting and defending the constitutional right to keep and bear arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-127. A resolution adopted by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs urging the President and the Congress of the United States to enact legislation regarding gun control; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-128. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater, New Jersey expressing its condolences and support for the victims of gun violence and their families in Newtown, CT, Aurora, CO, Blacksburg, VA, Oak Creek, WI, Tucson, AZ, and other communities throughout the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-129. A resolution adopted by the City of River Oaks, Texas supporting the Constitution of the United States and defending the constitutional right to keep and bear arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-130. A resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York opposing any legislation infringing upon the right of the people to keep and bear arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-131. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Naples, Florida urging Congress and the President to protect the constitutional right of the people to keep and bear arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-132. A resolution adopted by the Catlin Town Board of the State of New York calling for the repeal of the New York SAFE Act of 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-133. A resolution adopted by the Northwest Municipal Conference supporting immigration reform that provides a clear and earned path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, clears immigration backlogs, addresses the current labor market needs and improves state and local economic competitiveness, provides for effective employment verification, promotes immigrant integration, and enhances national security and safety with a sensible enforcement policy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-134. A resolution adopted by the Alabama Town Board of the State of New York opposing the Early Voting Proposal; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1429. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-85).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 933. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1417. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 1418. A bill to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1419. A bill to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1420. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1421. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable tax credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KING, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1422. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1423. A bill to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to strengthen the quality control measures in place for part B lung disease claims and to establish the Advisory Board on Toxic

Substances and Worker Health for the contractor employee compensation program under subtitle E of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1424. A bill to require the Supreme Court of the United States to promulgate a code of ethics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1425. A bill to improve the safety of dietary supplements by amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require manufacturers of dietary supplements to register dietary supplements with the Food and Drug Administration and to amend labeling requirements with respect to dietary supplements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1426. A bill to prohibit employers from compelling or coercing any person to authorize access to a protected computer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1427. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to clarify the rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from the disposition of farm assets under chapter 12 bankruptcies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1428. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for wildfire mitigation grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1429. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1430. A bill to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1431. A bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1432. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating portions of the Ka'u Coast in the State of Hawaii as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1433. A bill to require that members of the Armed Forces who were killed or wounded in the attack that occurred at a recruiting station in Little Rock, Arkansas, on June 1, 2009, are treated in the same manner as members who are killed or wounded in a combat zone; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1434. A bill to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1435. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide certain port authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1436. A bill to prevent a fiscal crisis by enacting legislation to balance the Federal budget through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending; to the Committee on the Budget.

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

S. 1437. A bill to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1438. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any order issued under that Act; to the Committee on the Budget.

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

S. 1439. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for advanced illness care coordination services for Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1440. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to allow the use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of safe rooms; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1441. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1442. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1443. A bill to facilitate the remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1444. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payment under part A of the Medicare Program on a reasonable cost basis for anesthesia services furnished by an anesthesiologist in certain rural hospitals in the same manner as payments are provided for anesthesia services furnished by anesthesiologist assistants and certified anesthetists in such hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1445. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1446. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the affordability of the health care tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1447. A bill to make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 1448. A bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1449. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that income attributable to certain passenger cruise voyages beginning or ending in the United States shall be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1450. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an ad valorem excise tax on certain passenger cruise voyages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1451. A bill to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or shipment of quagga mussels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1452. A bill to enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1453. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish an interagency coordinating committee on pulmonary hypertension to develop recommendations to advance research, increase awareness and education, and improve health and health care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1454. A bill to authorize the Small Business Administrator to establish a grant program to empower encore entrepreneurs; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1455. A bill to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification that a program to verify household income is operational; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1456. A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1457. A bill to exempt the aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1458. A bill to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 1459. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. TESTER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1460. A bill to create two additional judge positions on the court established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and modify the procedures for the appointment of judges to that court, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 1461. A bill to establish a National Catastrophe Risks Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1462. A bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1463. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1464. A bill to facilitate and enhance the declassification of information that merits declassification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1465. A bill to ensure that persons who form corporations in the United States disclose the beneficial owners of those corporations, in order to prevent the formation of corporations with hidden owners, stop the misuse of United States corporations by wrongdoers, and assist law enforcement in detecting, preventing, and punishing terrorism, money laundering, tax evasion, and other criminal and civil misconduct involving United States corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1466. A bill to establish a regulatory review process for rules that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency plans to propose, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1467. A bill to establish the Office of the Special Advocate to provide advocacy in cases before courts established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1468. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1469. A bill to provide higher-quality, lower-cost health care to seniors; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1470. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the guidelines for specification of certain disposal sites for dredged or fill material; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. BURR):

S. 1471. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of the Army to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1472. A bill to create a division within the Congressional Budget Office that would perform regulatory analysis; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 1473. A bill to develop a model disclosure form to assist consumers in purchasing long-term care insurance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1474. A bill to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1475. A bill to establish the position of National Nurse for Public Health, to be filled by the same individual serving as the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1476. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1477. A bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands the National Labor Relations Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 1478. A bill to provide that certain uses of a patent or copyright in compliance with an order of the Federal Communications Commission for emergency communications services shall be construed as use or manufacture for the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 1479. A bill to address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on National Forest System land and public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1480. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide assistance for condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 1481. A bill to require issuers of long term care insurance to establish third-party review processes for disputed claims; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1482. A bill to recognize the primacy of States, provide for the consideration of the economic impact of additional regulations, and provide for standards and requirements relating to certain guidelines and regulations relating to health and the environment; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1483. A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to establish the Federal Oil Spill Research Committee, and to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to include in a response plan certain planned and demonstrated investments in research relating to discharges of oil and to modify the dates by which a response plan must be updated; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. CORNYN)):

S. 1484. A bill to provide for an exchange of land between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Sabine River Authority of Texas; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1485. A bill A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for eldercare expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1486. A bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 212. A resolution commending David J. Schiappa; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. NELSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 213. A resolution expressing support for the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy in Venezuela and condemning violence and intimidation against the country's political opposition; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. Res. 214. A resolution designating the week of October 13, 2013, through October 19, 2013, as "National Case Management Week" to recognize the value of case management in improving healthcare outcomes for patients; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COATS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. Res. 215. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federal Government should not bail out any State; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 216. A resolution electing Laura C. Dove, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 217. A resolution expressing support for designation of October 6, 2013, through October 10, 2013, as "American College of Surgeons Days" and recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the organization; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 22. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. Con. Res. 23. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring the Reverend Doctor Leon Sullivan and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 420

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to longstanding regulatory rule.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions.

S. 462

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to amend the Public Health

Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. MORAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 686

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to extend the right of appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board to certain employees of the United States Postal Service.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 695

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., and for other purposes.

S. 710

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 710, a bill to provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements.

S. 719

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 719, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 723

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 723, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 798, a bill to address equity capital requirements for financial institutions, bank holding companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1048, a bill to revoke the charters for the Federal National Mortgage Corporation and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation upon resolution of their obligations, to create a new Mortgage Finance Agency for the securitization of single family and multifamily mortgages, and for other purposes.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 1068

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1068, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 1075

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1075, a bill to extend the phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties under the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012.

S. 1088

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1118

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1118, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State

child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1118, supra.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1123, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. CHIESA], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1235

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1254

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1254, a bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

S. 1269

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1269, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to support community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1272, a bill to provide that certain requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating on October 1, 2013.

S. 1282

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1282, a bill to reduce risks to the financial system by limiting banks' ability to engage in certain risky activities and limiting conflicts of interest, to reinstate certain Glass-Steagall Act protections that were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1313

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1313, a bill to promote transparency, accountability, and reform within the United Nations system, and for other purposes.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1320, a bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

S. 1335

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1335, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 1343

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1343, a bill to protect the information of livestock producers, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1351

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1351, a bill to provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports.

S. 1385

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1385, a bill to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, a concurrent resolution commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 206

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 206, a resolution designating September 2013 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 208

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 208, a resolution designating the week beginning September 8, 2013, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 1, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 1, 2013, at 10:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 1, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 1, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Mismanagement of POW/MIA Accounting."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND AGENCY ACTION

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights, and Agency Action, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 1, 2013, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Justice Delayed: The Human Cost of Regulatory Paralysis."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 313. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to institute spending limits and transparency requirements for Federal conference and travel expenditures, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1660. An act to require the establishment of Federal customer service standards and to improve the service provided by Federal agencies.

H.R. 2768. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights.

H.R. 2769. An act to impose a moratorium on conferences held by the Internal Revenue Service.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1911) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes.

At 11:43 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 850. An act to impose additional human rights and economic and financial sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2565. An act to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution encouraging peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 8162 of Public Law 106-79, as amended, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Mr. THOMPSON of California.

At 1 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2611. An act to designate the headquarters building of the Coast Guard on the campus located at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue Southeast in the District of Columbia as the "Douglass A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building", and for other purposes.

H.R. 2167. An act to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish additional requirements to improve the fiscal safety and soundness of the home equity conversion mortgage insurance program.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 1:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1911. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 313. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to institute spending limits and transparency requirements for Federal conference and travel expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 850. An act to impose additional human rights and economic and financial sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1660. An act to require the establishment of Federal customer service standards and to improve the service provided by Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

H.R. 2565. An act to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2768. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2769. An act to impose a moratorium on conferences held by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote), during which the following occurred:

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1243

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in legislative session.

Ordered, That there be 10 minutes for debate prior to the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1243, as pursuant to the order of yesterday; that Ms. COLLINS be recognized for 8 minutes therein; and that two minutes be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two sides.

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 101

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 101) to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to State and local governments for payment of obligations, to prohibit the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from financially assisting State and local governments, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that motions to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. WYDEN objected.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON BILL S. 1243

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the bill (S. 1243) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, July 30, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 54, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 199 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:57 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, July 30, 2013, as modified yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, July 30, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1392

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1392) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARKEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 22) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1392

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to bill S. 1392.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. DURBIN further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. DURBIN further asked unanimous consent that it be in order for each side to move to instruct conferees relative to the debt limit, and to move to instruct conferees relative to taxes/revenues; that there be 2

hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to votes in relation to said motions; that no amendments be in order to said motions; and that there be no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. RUBIO objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1392

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to bill S. 1392.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2668

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2668) to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed, without intervening action or debate; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. REID objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2009

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that, when the Senate receives from the House of Representatives the bill (H.R. 2009) to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, it be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed, without intervening action or debate; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. REID objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1392

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1392.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1392 be agreed to; and that the Senate proceed to consider the bill.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Monday, September 9, 2013, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Valerie E. Caproni to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York and the nomination of Vernon S. Broderick to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HYDROPOWER REGULATORY EFFICIENCY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 267) to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION SMALL CONDUIT HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL JOBS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 678) to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

FORMERLY OWNED RESOURCES FOR VETERANS TO EXPRESS THANKS FOR SERVICE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1171) to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HELPING HEROES FLY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1344) to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. COBURN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1848, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF PIPELINE SAFETY REGULATORY DOCUMENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2576) to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating

to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ENCOURAGING PEACE AND REUNIFICATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. SHAHEEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 41) encouraging peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING PARITY TO THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 256) to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the bill.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS ON THE CALENDAR, EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the following bills, en bloc:

S. 233. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building";

S. 668. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building";

S. 796. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the "James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building";

S, 885. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office";

S. 1093. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the "First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building".

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the bills be read the third time, en bloc, and passed, en bloc; and that motions to reconsider, en bloc, be considered made and laid on the table.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH AUGUST QUARTERLY FESTIVAL IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 199) celebrating the 200th August Quarterly Festival taking place from August 18, 2013, through August 25, 2013, in Wilmington, Delaware.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ELECTING LAURA C. DOVE AS SECRETARY FOR THE MINORITY OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 216) electing Laura C. Dove, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF "AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS DAYS" AND RECOGNIZING ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 217) expressing support for designation of October 6, 2013, through October 10, 2013, as "American College of Surgeons Days" and recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the organization, submitted today by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONFEREES APPOINTED TO CONFERENCE ON BILL H.R. 2642

Pursuant to the order of July 18, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2642) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes: Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BENNET, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. HOEVEN.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99-498, as amended by Public Law 110-315, had appointed Michael Poliakoff, of Virginia, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent

action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That committees be authorized to report on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That from today until Monday, September 1, 2013, Mr. CARDIN and Mr. LEVIN be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:45 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11:45 a.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Friday, August 9, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Friday, August 16, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Friday, August 23, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Friday, August 30, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 5 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013; that, on Monday, September 9, 2013, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that the House has agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 22, the Senate adjourn as pursuant to the provisions of said concurrent resolution until 12 noon on Monday, August 12, 2013, for a pro forma session; and that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11:45 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2013

Mr. MARK R. WARNER, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 11:45:59 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 2, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate subsequently (on today) having received a message from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 22,

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 11:46:29 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 22, until 12 noon on Monday, August 12, 2013.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 12 noon, and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 12, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, August 1, 2013,

At 12:00:35 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, August 1, 2013, and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 22, until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2013

Pursuant to the authority granted by section 2 of S. Con. Res. 22, the majority leader of the Senate, after consultation with the minority leader of the Senate, having determined that the public interest warrants a convening of the Senate at this time, notwithstanding the order of Thursday, August 1, 2013,

Mr. AL FRANKEN, from the State of Minnesota, called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. FRANKEN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 6, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable AL FRANKEN, a Senator from the State of Minnesota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. FRANKEN took the chair.

MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 1, 2013, the following reports of committees were submitted on September 4, 2013:

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 572. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes (Rept. No. 113-86).

S. 893. A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-87).

By Ms. STABENOW, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

Report to accompany S. 954, An original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018 (Rept. No. 113-88).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 2, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 22. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1344) to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 2, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 267. An act to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

H.R. 678. An act to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1171. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

H.R. 1344. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2576. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and for other purposes

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bills were subsequently signed on August 6, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. LEVIN).

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 21. An original joint resolution to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria.

INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION

The following joint resolution was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S.J. Res. 21. An original joint resolution to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn, under the authority of the provisions of S. Con. Res. 22, until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, August 1, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 12:04 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and under the provisions of section 2 of S. Con. Res. 22, until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KAINE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 9, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, August 1, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, August 1, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 21

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 21) to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the order of Thursday, August 1, 2013 that the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., be modified such that the Senate instead proceed until then on the pending motion to proceed; and that Senators be recognized to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 21

The Senate continued with consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 21.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, August 1, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, August 1, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2609. A communication from the Program Manager, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Practitioner Data Bank and Privacy Act; Exempt Records System; Technical Correction" (RIN0906-AA97), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2610. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guideline - New Qualified Plug-In Electric Drive Motor Vehicle Credit (Revision)" (UIL: 30D.00-00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2611. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Section 43 Inflation Adjustment" (Notice 2013-50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2612. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Branded Prescription Drug Fee; Guidance for 2014 Fee Year" (Notice 2013-51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2613. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-52), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2614. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deadline to Submit Opinion and Advisory Letter Applications for Defined Benefit Mass Submitter Plans is Extended to January 31, 2014" (Announcement 2013-37), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2615. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Transfers of Property to Regulated Investment Companies (RICs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts" (RIN1545-BI84), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2616. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reimbursed Entertainment Expenses" (RIN1545-BI83), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2617. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - September 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-18), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2618. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Pertaining to the Disclosure of Return Information to Carry Out Eligibility Requirements for Health Insurance Affordability Programs" (RIN1545-BK87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2619. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Late S Election Relief Revenue Procedure" (Rev. Proc. 2013-30), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2620. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirement of a

Section 4959 Excise Tax Return and Time for Filing the Return" (RIN1545-BL58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2621. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2014" (RIN0938-AR65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2622. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2014" (RIN0938-AR66), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2623. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2014 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update; Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements; and Updates on Payment Reform" (RIN0938-AR64), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2624. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2014 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Hospital Conditions of Participation; Payment Policies Related to Patient Status" (RIN0938-AR53), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2625. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, a legislative proposal regarding Authorization for the Use of United States Armed Forces in connection with the conflict in Syria, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2626. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committees on the Budget; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2627. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval of State Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Interstate Transport of Pollution for the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9844-9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2628. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans: Alaska; Fairbanks Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan and State Implementation Plan Revision" (FRL No. 9844-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2629. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Disapproval of State Implementation Plan; Arizona; Regional Haze Requirements" (FRL No. 9843-7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2630. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Update of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Lancaster 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 9841-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2631. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Victoria County 1997 8-Hour Ozone Section 110 (a)(1) Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9842-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2632. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 9393-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2633. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval of State Implementation Plan; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Montana" (FRL No. 9843-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2634. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9845-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2635. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Reconsideration of Certain Provisions of New Source Performance Standards" (FRL No. 9844-4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2636. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Wyoming; Revised General Conformity Requirements and an Associated Revision" (FRL No. 9846-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2637. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9845-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2638. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Arizona; Regional Haze and Interstate Transport Requirements" (FRL No. 9845-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2639. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries" (FRL No. 9845-9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2640. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: 2013 Renewable Fuel Standards" (FRL No. 9834-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2641. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Reporting of Toxics Release Inventory Data" (FRL No. 9835-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2642. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Nevada; Regional Haze Federal Implementation Plan; Extension of BART Compliance Date for Reid Gardner Generating Station" (FRL No. 9843-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2643. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 9900-39-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2644. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Redesignation of the Ohio Portions of the Parkersburg-Marietta and Wheeling Areas to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9900-28-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2645. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Disapproval of PM2.5 Permitting Requirements; Correction" (FRL No. 9900-30 - Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2646. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program: Final Amendments and Confidentiality Determinations for Subpart I" (FRL No. 9845-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2647. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle and Nonroad Technical Amendments" (FRL No. 9900-11-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2648. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9900-47-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2649. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; NOx Emission Trading Orders as Single Source SIP Revisions" (FRL No. 9900-63-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2650. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment for the West Central Pinal Nonattainment Area for the 2006 Fine Particle Standard; Arizona; Determination Regarding Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements" (FRL No. 9900-58-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2651. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minerals Management: Adjustment of Cost Recovery Fees" (RIN1004-AE32), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2652. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Procedures, Execution and Filing of Forms: Correction of State Office Address for Filings and Recordings, Including Proper Offices for Recording of Mining Claims; New Mexico/Oklahoma/Texas/Kansas" (RIN1004-AE33), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 02, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2653. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Filming and

Similar Projects and Still Photography Activities" (RIN1004-AD30), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2654. A communication from the Director, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information Act Regulations" (RIN1093-AA15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2655. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for Sphaeralcea gierischii (Gierish Mallow) Throughout Its Range" (RIN1018-AY58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2656. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Sphaeralcea gierischii (Gierish Mallow)" (RIN1018-AZ46), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2657. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Diamond Darter" (RIN1018-AY12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2658. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Branch of Recovery and State Grant, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Topeka Shiner (Notropis topeka) in Northern Missouri" (RIN1018-AY45), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2659. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Branch of Recovery and State Grant, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassification of Acmispon dendroideus var. traskiae (=Lotus d. subsp. traskiae) and Castilleja grisea as Threatened Throughtout Their Ranges" (RIN1018-AY04), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2660. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Assessment of Flooding Hazards Due to Dam Failure" (JLD-ISG-2013-01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2661. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Assessment of Flooding Hazards Due to Dam Failure" (JLD-ISG-2013-01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2662. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Administration, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Rulemaking Process" (Management Directive 6.3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2663. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Revision 1"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2664. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Secretary of the Army's recommendation to increase the authorized total project cost of the Corpus Christi Ship Chanel, Texas, Deep-Draft Navigation and Ecosystem Restoration Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2665. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-69; Introduction" (FAC 2005-69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2666. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Iran Threat Reduction" (RIN9000-AM44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2667. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Definition of Contingency Operation" (RIN9000-AM48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2668. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Documenting Contractor Performance" (RIN9000-AM09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2669. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Least Developed Countries that are Designated Countries" (RIN9000-AM62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2670. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Update to Biobased Reporting Requirements" (RIN9000-AM63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2671. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-69, Technical Amendments"

(FAC 2005-69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2672. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-69, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC2005-69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2673. A communication from the Associate Attorney General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2674. A communication from the General Counsel, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2675. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay Under the General Schedule and Recruitment, Relocation, and Retention Incentives" (RIN3206-AM13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2676. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-112, "Vending Regulation Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2677. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-119, "Telehealth Reimbursement Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2678. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-118, "Workers' Compensation Statute of Limitations Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2679. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-121, "Closing of a Public Street and Alley and Elimination of Building Restriction Lines in and abutting Squares 5641 and N-5641, S.O. 07-2117, Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2680. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-122, "Delta Sigma Theta Way Designation Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2681. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-123, "Atlas Court Alley Designation Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2682. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-134, "Board of Elections Petition Circulation Requirements Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2683. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-135, "Dimitar Peshev Plaza Designation Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2684. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-136, "Capitol Hill Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2685. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2013 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2686. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Report on The Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2687. A communication from the Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Commission's commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2688. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Labor, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2689. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-120, "Testing Integrity Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 1487. A bill to limit the availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to individuals who receive health insurance coverage pursuant to the provisions of a Taft-Hartley plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ISAKSON, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1488. A bill to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON:

S. Res. 218. A resolution honoring the legacy of A. Philip Randolph and saluting his efforts on behalf of the people of the United States to form "a more perfect union"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. Res. 219. A resolution calling for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried before the International Criminal Court

for committing war crimes and crimes against humanity; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 220. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Wade v. Miller, et al; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 54

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 54, a bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 122

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States.

S. 123

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 314

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, supra.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 373

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 412

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 412, a bill to authorize certain major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 955

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 955, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1007, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1053

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1053, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 1069

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1069, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1130

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1130, a bill to require the Attorney General to disclose each decision, order, or opinion of a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that includes significant legal interpretation of section 501 or 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 unless such disclosure is not in the national security interest of the United States and for other purposes.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1149, a bill to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms, and to extend the ban to undetectable firearm receivers and undetectable ammunition magazines.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1217

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1217, a bill to provide secondary mortgage market reform, and for other purposes.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes.

S. 1228

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1228, a bill to establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating Medicare beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1271, a bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1292

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1292, a bill to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1423

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1423, a bill to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to strengthen the quality control measures in place for part B lung disease claims and to establish the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health for the contractor employee compensation program under subtitle E of such Act.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1455, a bill to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification

that a program to verify household income is operational.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 2, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 213

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 213, a resolution expressing support for the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy in Venezuela and condemning violence and intimidation against the country's political opposition.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 367. An act to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

H.R. 1582. An act to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than $1billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy.

H.R. 1897. An act to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

H.R. 2009. An act to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

H.R. 2879. An act to provide limitations on bonuses for Federal employees during sequestration, to provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service, to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Mr. HUDSON of North Carolina.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 367. An act to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1582. An act to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than $1 billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1897. An act to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2879. An act to provide limitations on bonuses for Federal employees during sequestration, to provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service, to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

AUTHORIZING SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 220) to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Wade v. Miller, et al., submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 11 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 21; that time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12 noon until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

At 6:59 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 21

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 21) to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 -- PM 17

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared in Proclamation 7463 with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2013, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 10, 2013.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment:

S. 289. A bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration (Rept. No. 113-89).

S. 511. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-90).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with amendments:

S. 537. A bill to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-91).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 28. A bill to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-92).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 155. A bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Denali (Rept. No. 113-93).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 159. A bill to designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances in Lyon County, Nevada, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-94).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 255. A bill to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws (Rept. No. 113-95).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 285. A bill to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-96).

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

S. 327. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (Rept. No. 113-97).

S. 340. A bill to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-98).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 341. A bill to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-99).

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

S. 353. A bill to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-100).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 360. A bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service (Rept. No. 113-101).

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

S. 486. A bill to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-102).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 718. A bill to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-103).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1489. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the Secretary of the Treasury to notify the taxpayer each time the taxpayer's information is accessed by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1490. A bill to delay the application of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1491. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1492. A bill for the relief of Vichai Sae Tung (also known as Chai Chaowasaree); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1493. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to encourage the use of dispensing techniques that foster efficiency and reduce wasteful dispensing of outpatient prescription drugs in long-term care facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S.J. Res. 22. A joint resolution to promote a diplomatic solution in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. Res. 221. A resolution designating the week of October 7 through October 13, 2013, as "Naturopathic Medicine Week" to recognize the value of naturopathic medicine in providing safe, effective, and affordable health care; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 150

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

S. 168

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 168, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 322

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 322, a bill to set the United States on track to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten.

S. 325

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 325, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 833

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 833, a bill to amend subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to provide education for homeless children and youths, and for other purposes.

S. 915

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 915, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes at all levels of postsecondary enrollment.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1208, a bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 1251, a bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer.

S. 1306

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1306, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1441

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1441, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1455, a bill to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification that a program to verify household income is operational.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1487

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1487, a bill to limit the availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to individuals who receive health insurance coverage pursuant to the provisions of a Taft-Hartley plan.

S. 1488

At the request of Mr. COATS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1488, a bill to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 128

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 128, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that supporting seniors and individuals with disabilities is an important responsibility of the United States, and that a comprehensive approach to expanding and supporting a strong home care workforce and making long-term services and supports affordable and accessible in communities is necessary to uphold the right of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the United States to a dignified quality of life.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the conflicts between State and Federal marijuana laws.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2013, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-650 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BANKRUPTCY AND THE COURTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and the Courts, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the Federal Judgeship Act of 2013.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2052. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment.

H.R. 2844. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2052. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2844. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 21

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 21.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 11:58 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 21

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 21.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

DESIGNATING "NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 221) designating the week of October 7 through October 13, 2013, as "Naturopathic Medicine Week" to recognize the value of naturopathic medicine in providing safe, effective, and affordable health care, submitted today by Ms. MIKULSKI, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1427) to amend title 11 of the United States Code to clarify the rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from the disposition of farm assets under chapter 12 bankruptcies; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, and the morning hour be expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then observe a

moment of silence in tribute to the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Ordered further, That time until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:22 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 11, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 10:03 a.m.,

The Senate observed a moment of silence in tribute to the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2:30 p.m., for debate only; and that all other provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2690. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propylene Glycol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9394-5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2691. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Topramezone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9388-9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2692. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emamectin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9395-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2693. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tetrachlorvinphos; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9394-9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2694. A communication from the Management Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighing, Feed, and Swine Contractors" (RIN0580-AA99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2695. A communication from the Management Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inspection and Weighing of Grain in Combined and Single Lots" (RIN0580-AB15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2696. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration of Mortgage Loan Originators" (RIN3052-AC78), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2697. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sugar Program; Feedstock Flexibility Program for Bioenergy Producers" (RIN0560-AH86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2698. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enhanced Risk Management Standards for Systemically Important Derivatives Clearing Organizations" (RIN3038-AC98), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2699. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Harmonization of Compliance Obligations for Registered Investment Companies Required to Register as Commodity Pool Operators" (RIN3038-AD75), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2700. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Clearing Exemption for Certain Swaps Entered into by Cooperatives" (RIN3038-AD47), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2701. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York; Changing Reporting Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-002; FV12-929-1 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2702. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in Designated Area of Southeastern California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0005; FV13-925-1 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2703. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Fees for Voluntary Federal Dairy Grading and Inspection Services" (Docket No. AMS-DA-10-0002), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2704. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwifruit Grown in California and Imported Kiwifruit; Relaxation of Minimum Grade Requirement" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0032; FV13-920-1 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2705. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports (2013 Amendment)" (Docket No. AMS-CN-12-0065), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2706. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0076; FV13-932-1 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2707. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Nominations of Foreign Producers and Election of Officers" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0041), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2708. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Revising Reporting Requirements and New Information Collection" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0052; FV12-905-2 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2709. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2013-2014 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0064; FV13-985-1 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2710. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Modification of the General Cull and Handling Regulation for Area No. 2" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0001; FV13-48-1 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2711. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees for 2013 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers" (Docket No. AMS-CN-12-0074), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2712. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, (4) four reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Agriculture received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2713. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imazapic; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9394-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2714. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Trafficking Controls and Fraud Investigations" (RIN0584-AE26), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2715. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Privacy Protections of Information from Applicant Households" (RIN0584-AD91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2716. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethyl-2E, 4Z-Decadienoate (Pear Ester); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9396-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2717. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9395-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2718. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Halosulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9393-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2719. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Limits and Loading Combinations for Class 1 Plate-and-Shell-Type Supports" (Regulatory Guide 1.130, Revision 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2720. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Applications" (Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2721. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Grotto Sculpin (Cottus specus)" (RIN1018-AZ41), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2722. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Species Status for the Grotto Sculpin (Cottus specus)" (RIN1018-AY16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2723. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Species Status for the Austin Blind Salamander and Threatened Species Status for the Jollyville Plateau Salamander" (RIN1018-AY22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2724. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Diamond Darter (Crystallaria cincotta)" (RIN1018-AZ40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2725. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Austin Blind and Jollyville Plateau Salamanders" (RIN1018-AZ24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2726. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Species Status for Jemez Mountains Salamander (Plethodon neomexicanus)" (RIN1018-AY24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2727. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Texas Golden Gladecress and Neches River Rose-mallow" (RIN1018-AZ49), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2728. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revisions to the Regulations for Impact Analyses of Critical Habitat" (RIN1018-AY26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2729. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for Texas Golden Gladecress and Threatened Status for Neches River Rose-mallow" (RIN1018-AX74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2730. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination to Stay and Defer Sanctions; California; San Joaquin Valley" (FRL No. 9900-36-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2731. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Air Quality Implementation Plan; California; Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 9813-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2732. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Maintenance Plan Update for Lake County, Indiana for Sulfur Dioxide" (FRL No. 9900-5-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2733. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of New Jersey; Redesignation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes and Approval of the Associated Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9900-33-Region 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2734. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9900-32-Region 6), received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2735. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan; Redesignation of the Detroit-Ann Arbor Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Standard and the 2006 24-Hour Standard for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9900-49-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2736. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9842-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2737. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Florida; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9900-31-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2738. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; St. Louis Area Transportation Conformity Requirements" (FRL No. 9900-41-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2739. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer, Santa Barbara and Ventura County Air Pollution Control Districts" (FRL No. 9835-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2740. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality: Revision to Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds - Exclusion of trans 1-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-ene [Solstice 1233zd(E)]" (FRL No. 9844-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2741. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Treasury Regulations Pursuant to Section 939A of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act" (RIN1545-BK27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2742. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Marginal Production Rates" (Notice 2013-53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2743. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Debt That is a Position in Personal Property That is Part of a Straddle" (RIN1545-BK89), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2744. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitations on Duplication of Net Built-in Losses" (RIN1545-BE58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2745. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Expiration Dates for Two Body System Listings" (RIN0960-AH60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2746. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Port Limits of Indianapolis, IN" (CBP Dec. 13-13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2747. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosures of Return Information Reflected on Returns to Officers and Employees of the Department of Commerce for Certain Statistical Purposes and Related Activities" (RIN1545-BL66), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2748. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Differential Income Stream as an Application of the Income Method and as a Consideration in Assessing the Best Method" (RIN1545-BK71), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2749. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shared Responsibility Payment for Not Maintaining Minimum Essential Coverage" (RIN1545-BL36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2750. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Tax Liability" (Rev. Proc. 2013-33), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 1494. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to improve child safety and reduce the incidence of preventable infant deaths in child care settings; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1495. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1496. A bill to enhance taxpayer accountability at public transportation agencies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

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

S. Res. 222. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Save for Retirement week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles and increasing personal financial literacy; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to require a study and report by the Small Business Administration regarding the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 631

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 631, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 888

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 888, a bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

S. 931

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options.

S. 1069

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1088

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1123, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste,

fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1208, a bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1271, a bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1282

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1282, a bill to reduce risks to the financial system by limiting banks' ability to engage in certain risky activities and limiting conflicts of interest, to reinstate certain Glass-Steagall Act protections that were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1405, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of certain ambulance add-on payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1457, a bill to exempt the aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs.

S. 1476

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1490

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1490, a bill to delay the application of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 203, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 11, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security at 10 Years: Examining Challenges and Achievements and Addressing Emerging Threats."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 11, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 130. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming.

S. 157. An act to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 256. An act to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

S. 304. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes.

S. 459. An act to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1155. An act to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2747. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2747. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1155. An act to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1392

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, August 1, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 1392 be agreed to; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that no amendment or motion relative to Syria, or the use of force, be in order to the bill during consideration thereon; that the time until 6 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate, between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the following be recognized for only debate for the times indicated: Mr. WYDEN, 20 minutes; Ms. MURKOWSKI, 20 minutes; Mrs. SHAHEEN, 15 minutes; and Mr. PORTMAN, 15 minutes.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1392 was agreed to.

Whereupon,

ENERGY SAVINGS AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1392) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. WYDEN (for Mr. MERKLEY) to amend the pending bill in title IV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1858).

Pending debate,

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1851).

Mr. VITTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858 to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE) to amend the pending bill in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1847).

After debate,

Mr. BENNET withdrew his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Ms. KLOBUCHAR asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for her to propose an amendment (Numbered 1856).

Mr. PORTMAN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858 to the bill.

Pending debate,

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 222) supporting the goals and ideals of National Save for Retirement week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles and increasing personal financial literacy, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. ENZI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1392.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:55 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 12, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a

Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, September 12, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 130. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming.

S. 157. A bill to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 256. A bill to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

S. 304. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes.

S. 459. A bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 674(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, Public Law 112-239, January 2, 2013, I hereby transmit principles for modernizing the military compensation and retirement systems requested by the Act.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 12, 2013.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2751. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending June 30, 2013 (DCN OSS 2013-1283); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2752. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to information requested in section 308(a) of the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2753. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to force structure of the Army for Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2754. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Least Developed Countries that are Designated Countries" ((RIN0750-AI00)(DFARS Case 2013-D019)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2755. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of Cost Assessment and Program Assessment, Department of the Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2756. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), Department of the Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2757. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of the Air Force, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2758. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Release of Fundamental Research Information" ((RIN0750-AH91)(DFARS Case 2012-D054)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2759. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for monthly basic pay increases for members of the uniformed services for 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2760. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Susan S. Lawrence, United States Army, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2761. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral James P. Wisecup, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2762. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2763. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of twenty-one (21) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2764. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2765. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense

(Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General James D. Thurman, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2766. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Dana K. Chapman, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2767. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral William E. Landay III, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2768. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a, for a period not to exceed 14 days before assuming the duties of the position for which the higher grade is authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2769. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Rhett A. Hernandez, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2770. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the obligation and expenditure of funds for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2771. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2012 annual report on the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2772. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to depot-level maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2773. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dispute Resolution Pilot Program for Public Assistance Appeals" ((RIN1660-AA79)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0015)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2774. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2775. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2776. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2777. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2778. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2779. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2780. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2781. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition and Revision to the List of Validated End-Users in the People's Republic of China" (RIN0694-AF95), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2782. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2783. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, with respect to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2784. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2785. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2786. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2787. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import

Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Australia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2788. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Luxembourg; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2789. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to various countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2790. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2791. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancies within the Department, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2792. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HOME Investment Partnerships Program: Improving Performance and Accountability; Updating Property Standards" (RIN2501-AC94), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2793. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hearing Officer and Administrative Judge" (RIN1992-AA36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of Senate on August 23, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2794. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Residential Clothes Dryers" (RIN1904-AC63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2795. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (Docket No. PA-162-FOR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 5, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2796. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Modeling, Data, and Analysis Reliability Standard" (Docket No. RM12-19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2797. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Third-Party Provision of Ancillary Services; Accounting and Financial Reporting for New Electric Storage Technologies" (Docket No. RM11-24-000 and AD10-13-000), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2798. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Procedural Regulations Governing Transportation by Interstate Pipelines" (Docket No. RM12-17-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2799. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Page 700 of FERC Form No. 6" (RIN1902-AE55), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2800. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2801. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Methane Hydrate Program"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2802. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Geothermal Heat Pump Research, Development and Demonstration"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2803. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2804. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2805. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the detailed boundary for the Roaring Wild and Scenic River and Sandy Wild and Scenic River, Upper Portion, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2806. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "United States Department of Transportation 2013 Report to Congress from the Intelligent Transportation Systems Program Advisory Committee"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2807. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Centerville, Midway, Lovelady, and Oakwood, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 12-92, RM-11650, RM-11679), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2808. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (13); Amdt. No. 3541" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2809. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure

Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (85); Amdt. No. 3540" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2810. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-55 and V-169 in Eastern North Dakota" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0484)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2811. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Washington, DC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0081)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2812. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; El Monte, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0505)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2813. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Port Townsend, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0926)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2814. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Live Oak, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0001)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2815. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Selmer, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0074)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2816. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Captiva, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1335)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2817. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of VOR Federal Airway V-537, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0971)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2818. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tuskegee, AL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0158)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2819. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0420)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2820. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0019)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2821. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; B-N Group Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0314)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2822. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1052)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013 ; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2823. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0205)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2824. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1155)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2825. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1214)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2826. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0447)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2827. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Helicopter Models" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0521)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2828. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Engine Alliance Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1329)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013 ; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2829. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0983)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2830. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0458)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2831. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1221)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2832. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (Type Certificate Previously Held by Raytheon Aircraft Company) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0462)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2833. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Kamchatka Flounder in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC750), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2834. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Western Pacific; Fishing in the Marianas Trench, Pacific Remote Islands, and Rose Atoll Marine National Monuments" (RIN0648-BA98), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2835. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Recreational Management Measures for the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Fishing Year 2013" (RIN0648-BD13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2836. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Dusky Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC741), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2837. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish and Dusky Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC756), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2838. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Gulf of Mexico Aggregated Large Coastal Shark and Gulf of Mexico Hammerhead Shark Management Groups" (RIN0648-XC748), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2839. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC740), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2840. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustment for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XC737), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2841. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS Aircraft Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0383)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2842. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC739), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2843. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish" (RIN0648-XC728), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2844. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Shark

Management Measures; Amendment 5a" (RIN0648-BB29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2845. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rate Regulation Reforms" (RIN2140-AB12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2846. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; 'Other Rockfish'" in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC753), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2847. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery and Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 24 and Framework Adjustment 49; Correction" (RIN0648-BC81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2848. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC752), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2849. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Rougheye Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC761), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2850. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; National Standard 2-Scientific Information" (RIN0648-AW62), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2851. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Time Limit for Completion of Voluntary Self-Disclosures and Revised Notice of the Institution of Administrative Enforcement Proceedings" (RIN0694-AF59), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2852. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2853. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2854. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Joint Operations Exercise, Lake Michigan, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0611)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2855. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sherman Private Party Fireworks, Lake Michigan, Winnetka, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0615)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2856. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sister Bay Marina Fest Fireworks and Ski Show, Sister Bay, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0614)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2857. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Alpena Area HOG Rally Fireworks, Alpena, Michigan" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0661)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2858. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Mile 662.8 to 663.9" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0410)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2859. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Motion Picture Filming; Chicago River; Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0612)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2860. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Evening on the Bay Fireworks; Sturgeon Bay, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0613)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 559. A bill to establish a fund to make payments to the Americans held hostage in

Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:08-CV-00487 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-104).

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 815. A bill to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (Rept. No. 113-105).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 223. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON, of South Dakota, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 224. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1497. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply the provisions of the Act to certain Congressional staff and members of the executive branch; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1498. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions relating to small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1499. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the "Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MORAN, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1500. A bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1501. A bill to establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program in the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing and industrial facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1502. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to protect against foodborne illnesses, provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1503. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1504. A bill to increase funds set aside for off-system bridges; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. Res. 223. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary; from the Committee on the Judiciary; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

S. Res. 224. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. LEE, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BURR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 225. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should establish a joint select committee to investigate and report on the attack on the United States diplomatic facility and American personnel in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KIRK, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. Res. 226. A resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of James Cleveland "Jesse" Owens and honoring him for his accomplishments and steadfast commitment to promoting the civil rights of all people; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 344

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from approving the introduction into commerce of gasoline that contains greater than 10-volume-percent ethanol, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 463

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 463, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term "biobased product".

S. 468

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 468, a bill to protect the health care and pension benefits of our nation's miners.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 647

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 820

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the rehabilitation credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1307

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1307, a bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives.

S. 1322

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1322, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1417

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1417, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

S. 1438

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1438, a bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any order issued under that Act.

S. 1442

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1442, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the

minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings.

S. 1487

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1487, a bill to limit the availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to individuals who receive health insurance coverage pursuant to the provisions of a Taft-Hartley plan.

S. 1488

At the request of Mr. COATS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. CHIESA], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1488, a bill to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 1489

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1489, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the Secretary of the Treasury to notify the taxpayer each time the taxpayer's information is accessed by the Internal Revenue Service.

S. 1490

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1490, a bill to delay the application of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, a concurrent resolution commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 12, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 12, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Essential Elements of Housing Finance Reform."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 12, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Dental Crisis in America: The Need to Address Cost" on September 12, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Foreign Relations Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 12, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 12, 2013, at 10 a.m. in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:22 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 130. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming.

S. 157. An act to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 256. An act to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

S. 304. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes.

S. 459. An act to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

ENERGY SAVINGS AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1392) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858, by Mr. WYDEN (for Mr. MERKLEY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; that the following amendments be proposed: amendment No. 1847, 1863, 1845, 1879, 1856, 1866; that, on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, amendment No. 1866 and a majority-party "side by side" amendment be pending; that there be a limitation of 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the majority bill manager and Mr. VITTER; that no point of order be in order to either amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, without intervening motion or debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendments; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; and that, following each vote, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. WYDEN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858 to the bill.

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that his amendment No. 1866 be withdrawn from consideration; that, on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at 3 p.m., the relevant committees be discharged from the further consideration of his "no exemption for Washington from Obamacare Act"; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill, without intervening motion or debate; that there be a limitation of 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the majority leader and Mr. VITTER; that no amendment or motion be in order to the bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. WYDEN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858 to the bill.

Mr. FRANKEN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1855).

After debate,

Mr. VITTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. SANDERS asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment.

After debate,

Mr. VITTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mrs. GILLIBRAND asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that she be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 1860).

After debate,

Mr. VITTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858 to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2013, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Patricia E. Campbell-Smith, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Elaine D. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of pending bill S. 1392.

Ordered further, That, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:57 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2013.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MURPHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 16, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 1442

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1442, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings.

ORDER RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the order of Thursday, September 12, 2013 for consideration on today of nominations of Patricia E.

Campbell-Smith, of the District of Columbia, and Elaine D. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, be modified such that said nominations be considered at a time to be considered by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader; and that all other provisions of said order remain in effect.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1392.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 2:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 17, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 10:03 a.m.,

The Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of yesterday's shooting at the Washington Navy Yard.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 11:30 a.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Patricia E. Campbell-Smith, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Elaine D. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 12, 2013, as modified; and that, upon disposition thereof, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1392 ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of the bill (S. 1392) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries:

TRANSMITTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC ON SOCIAL SECURITY, CONSISTING OF A PRINCIPAL AGREEMENT AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT -- PM 19

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95-216, 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)) (the "Social Security Act"), I transmit herewith an Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Slovak Republic (the "United States-Slovak Republic Totalization Agreement"). The Agreement consists of two separate instruments: a principal agreement and an administrative arrangement. The Agreement was signed in Bratislava on December 10, 2012.

The United States-Slovak Republic Totalization Agreement is similar in objective to the social security totalization agreements already in force with most European Union countries, Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Norway, and the Republic of Korea. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation and to help prevent the lost benefit protection that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries. The United States-Slovak Republic Totalization Agreement contains all provisions mandated by section 233 of the Social Security Act and other provisions that I deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 233, pursuant to section 233(c)(4) of the Social Security Act.

I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report prepared by the Social Security Administration explaining the key points of the United States-Slovak Republic Totalization Agreement, along with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of the provisions of the principal agreement and administrative arrangement. Annexed to this

report is another report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act on the effect of the United States-Slovak Republic Totalization Agreement on income and expenditures of the U.S. Social Security program and the number of individuals affected by the United States-Slovak Republic Totalization Agreement.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 17, 2013.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2861. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities of the Office of the Medicare Ombudsman; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2862. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 2013-1056, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2863. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 2013-1288, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2864. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the April 21, 2013 - June 19, 2013 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2865. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to amendment to part 126 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2866. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2867. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0142 - 2013-0149); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2868. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0136 - 2013-0141); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2869. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0150- 2013-0155); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2870. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period April 1, 2013 through May 31, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2871. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-118); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2872. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-113); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2873. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed transfer of major defense equipment pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. RSAT-13-3520); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2874. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed transfer of major defense equipment pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. RSAT-12-3037); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2875. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-067); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2876. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-096); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2877. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-117); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2878. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-092); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2879. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-111); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2880. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-107); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2881. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-120); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2882. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-115); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2883. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants - Visa

Classification; T Visa Class" (RIN1400-AD42), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2884. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to international financial institutions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2885. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Program Integrity: Exchange, SHOP, and Eligibility Appeals" (RIN0938-AR82), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2886. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling; Gluten-Free Labeling of Foods" (Docket No. FDA-2005-N-0404), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2887. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Spirulina Extract" (Docket No. FDA-2011-C-0878), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2888. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2889. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Assistance General Provisions" (RIN1880-AA87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2890. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Pell Grant Program" (RIN1840-AD11), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2891. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority--National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research--Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84. 133B-11), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2892. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria; Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge" (RIN1810-AB18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2893. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wage Methodology for the Temporary Non-Agricultural Employment H-2B Program; Delay of Effective Date" (RIN1205-AB61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2894. A communication from the Director of the Implementation and Support Unit, Office of Office of the Deputy Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria; Race to the Top - District" (RIN1810-AB17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2895. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report entitled "Report to Congress on the Refugee Resettlement Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2896. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2013 Annual Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2897. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the premarket approval of devices that may be used in pediatric patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2898. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Implementation of Section 3507 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2899. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report of the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Combination Products for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2900. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations: Education Department General Administrative Regulations" (RIN1890-AA14), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2901. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office of Inspector General's budget request for the fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2902. A joint communication from the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Thefts, Losses, or Releases of Select Agents or Toxins"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2903. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Application of Electronic Health Records (EHR) Payment Incentives for Providers Not Receiving Other Incentive Payments"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2904. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Delays in Approvals of Applications Related to Citizen Petitions and Petitions for Stay of Agency Action for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2905. A joint communication from the Executive Director and the Chair of the Board of Governors, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Institute's 2012 Annual Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2906. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations - Student Assistance General Provisions Amendment of the Electronic Filing Procedures for Administrative Adjudication Proceedings Involving Title IV of the Higher Education Act" (RIN1880-AA87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2907. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for pay increases for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems for 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2908. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Premerger Notification; Reporting and Waiting Period Requirements" (RIN3084-AA91), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2909. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to intercepted wire, oral, or electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2910. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Office of Justice Programs Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2911. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs Annual Report to Congress for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2912. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to applications for delayed-notice search warrants and extensions during fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2913. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the second quarter of fiscal year 2013 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2914. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the compliance of federal district courts with documentation submission requirements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2915. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the March 2013 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2916. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the first quarter of fiscal year 2013 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2917. A communication from the Secretary of State, State of Florida, transmitting, a Senate Memorial, adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida, relative to the creation of the Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 131. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-106).

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 851. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (Rept. No. 113-107).

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

S. 1072. A bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-108).

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 228. An original resolution authorizing the reporting of committee funding resolutions for the period October 1, 2013, through February 28, 2015.

S. Res. 229. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. STABENOW, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. Res. 230. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. Res. 231. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. Res. 232. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 233. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. Res. 234. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. Res. 235. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship for October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and October 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015.

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. Res. 236. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1505. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from

definition under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1506. A bill to provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1507. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. REID):

S. 1508. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program of awarding grants to owners or operators of water systems to increase the resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1509. A bill to establish a Maritime Goods Movement User Fee and provide grants for international maritime cargo improvements and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. PAUL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1510. A bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 1511. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to remove barriers to the adoption of children in foster care through reauthorization and improvement of the adoption incentives program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1512. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1513. A bill to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 1514. A bill to save coal jobs, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. Res. 227. A resolution to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the heroic rescue of Danish Jews during the Second World War by the Danish people; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 228. An original resolution authorizing the reporting of committee funding resolutions for the period October 1, 2013, through February 28, 2015; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 229. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. Res. 230. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. Res. 231. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. Res. 232. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services; from the Committee on Armed Services; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. Res. 233. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. Res. 234. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. Res. 235. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship for October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and October 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015; from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. Res. 236. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works; from the Committee on Environment and Public Works; to the Committee on Rules and Administration

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 51

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 120

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 120, a bill to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 195, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 254, a bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize and support the creation of cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources by the Secretary of Health and Human Services through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the dissemination of such materials and resources by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families.

S. 274

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 274,

a bill to strengthen nutrition education for elementary school and secondary school students to promote healthy eating choices through developmentally appropriate lessons and activities integrated into the school day.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 358

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care for their children.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 452, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish an award program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in prekindergarten through higher education.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures under such program.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 619

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments.

S. 648

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 907

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 907, a bill to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 915

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 915, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student

retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes at all levels of postsecondary enrollment.

S. 1023

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1023, a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report on ways to increase the competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign investment.

S. 1089

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to provide for a prescription drug take-back program for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, supra.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1242

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1242, a bill to amend the Fair Housing Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1296

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1296, a bill to amend the Wounded Warrior Act to establish a specific timeline for the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to achieve interoperable electronic health records, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 1323

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a presidential memorandum relating to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1442

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1442, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1455, a bill to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification that a program to verify household income is operational.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1462, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 1487

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1487, a bill to limit the availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to individuals who receive health insurance coverage pursuant to the provisions of a Taft-Hartley plan.

S. 1488

At the request of Mr. COATS, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1488, a bill to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 1497

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1497, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply the provisions of the Act to certain Congressional staff and members of the executive branch.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1503, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 60

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 60, a resolution supporting women's reproductive health.

SENATE RESOLUTION 165

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate

Resolution 165, a resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2013, at 2:15 pm.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2013, at 2:45 p.m., to hold a briefing entitled, "Update on Syria".

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 12, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 12, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR FURTHER MORNING BUSINESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business until 2:30 p.m.; that the time therein be divided and controlled for debate between Mr. MARK UDALL and Mr. BENNET; and that, at 2:30 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of pending bill S. 1392.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 12:37 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ENERGY SAVINGS AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS ACT

The hour of 2:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1392) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858, proposed by Mr. WYDEN (for Mr. MERKLEY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. KING,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1513) to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. KING asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. KING objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. KING,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1514) to save coal jobs, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. KING asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. KING objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. KING,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2009) to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, September 9, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. KING asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. KING objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. KING,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2775) to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, September 16, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. KING asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. KING objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-567, appointed Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minute each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of pending bill S. 1392

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

At 6:41 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 18, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1513) to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1514) to save coal jobs, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. MCCONNELL, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2009) to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, September 9, 2013, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2775) to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, September 16, 2013, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following messages from the President of the United States were transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY FOR COOPERATION REGARDING ATOMIC INFORMATION, INCLUDING A TECHNICAL ANNEX AND SECURITY ANNEX -- PM 20

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, consistent with sections 123 and 144 b. of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153 and 2164(b)), the text of the Agreement Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty for Cooperation Regarding Atomic Information, including a technical annex and security annex (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "ATOMAL Agreement"), as a proposed agreement for cooperation authorizing the exchange of U.S. Restricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data within the context of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) between the United States of America and the following member of NATO: the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter the "New Party").

In addition, I am pleased to transmit my written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the ATOMAL Agreement with respect to the New Party, with a copy of the memorandum of the Secretary of Defense with respect to the agreement. The ATOMAL Agreement entered into force on March 12, 1965, with respect to the United States and the other NATO members at that time. The Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Poland, Spain, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, Romania, the Slovak Republic, and the Republic of Slovenia subsequently became parties to the ATOMAL Agreement. The New Party has signed this agreement and has indicated its willingness to be bound by it. The ATOMAL Agreement with respect to the New Party meets the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Although the ATOMAL Agreement continues in force with respect to the United States and the other current parties to it, it will not become effective as an agreement for cooperation authorizing the exchange of atomic information with respect to the New Party until completion of procedures prescribed by sections 123 and 144 b. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

For more than 40 years, the ATOMAL Agreement has served as the framework within which NATO and the other NATO members that have become parties to this agreement have received the information that is necessary to an understanding and knowledge of, and participation in, the political and strategic consensus upon which the collective military capacity of the Alliance depends. This agreement permits only the transfer of atomic information, not weapons, nuclear material, or equipment. Participation in the ATOMAL Agreement will give the New Party the same standing within the Alliance with regard to nuclear matters as that of the other current parties to the ATOMAL Agreement. This is important for the cohesiveness of the Alliance and will enhance its effectiveness.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the Department of Defense (DOD) and other interested agencies in reviewing the ATOMAL Agreement and have determined that its performance, including the proposed cooperation and the proposed communication of Restricted Data thereunder with respect to the New Party, will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the ATOMAL Agreement with respect to the New Party and authorized the DOD to cooperate with the New Party in the context of NATO upon satisfaction of the requirements of section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

The 60-day continuous session period provided for in section 123 begins upon receipt of this submission.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 18, 2013.*

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO COMMIT, THREATEN TO COMMIT, OR SUPPORT TERRORISM -- PM 21

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2013.

The crisis constituted by the grave acts of terrorism and threats of terrorism committed by foreign terrorists, including the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, in New York and Pennsylvania and against the Pentagon, and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks on United States nationals or the United States that led to the declaration of a national emergency on September 23, 2001, has not been resolved. These actions continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 18, 2013.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2918. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: Income Deductions and Resource Eligibility" (RIN0584-AE05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2919. A communication from the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Annual Report to the Congress on the Information Sharing Environment (ISE)"; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-2920. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Center for Veterans Enterprise, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Veteran-Owned Small Business Verification Guidelines" (RIN2900-AO49), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2921. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Health

Professional Scholarship and Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Programs" (RIN2900-AO34), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2922. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disease Associated with Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents: Peripheral Neuropathy" (RIN2900-AO32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2923. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2924. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2925. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (106); Amdt. No. 3549" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2926. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (35); Amdt. No. 3550" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2927. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbo Fan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0195)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2928. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Beechcraft Corporation and Hawker Beechcraft Corporation" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1180)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2929. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1038)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2930. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0637)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2931. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1321)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2932. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PIAGGIO AERO INDUSTRIES S.p.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0472)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2933. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hamilton Standard Division and Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0262)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2934. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eclipse Aerospace, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0448)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2935. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0207)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2936. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0361)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2937. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0362)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2938. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Regattas and Marine Parades in the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan Zone" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0327)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2939. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Recurring Events in Northern New England" ((RIN1625-AA08; AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-1057)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2940. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Tall Ship Safety Zones; War of 1812" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0192)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2941. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Metedeconk River; Brick Township, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0636)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2942. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bullhead City Regatta; Bullhead City, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0260)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2943. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Maritime Heritage Festival Fireworks, St. Helens, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0485)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2944. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Kentucky Air National Guard Vessel for Parachute Rescue Jumpmaster Training, Lake Erie, Dunkirk, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0584)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2945. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Chicago Harbor; Navy Pier Southeast; Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0320)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2946. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone and Regulated Navigation Area; Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, Romeoville, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00, 1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2011-1108)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2947. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Discovery World Fireworks, Milwaukee Harbor, Milwaukee, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0326)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2948. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; James River; Newport News, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0670)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2949. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; North Hero Air Show; North Hero, VT" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0497)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2950. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Pacific Northwest Grain Handlers Association Facilities; Columbia and Willamette Rivers" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0011)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2951. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; San Diego International Airport Terminal Two West Grand Opening Fireworks; San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0637)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2952. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Kuoni Destination Management Fireworks; San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0666)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2953. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting Requirements for Positive Train Control Expenses and Investments" (RIN2140-AB09), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2954. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Point Thomson, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1175)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2955. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lexington, OK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0272)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2956. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy and Water Use Labeling for Consumer Products Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Energy Labeling Rule)" (RIN3084-AB15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

August 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2957. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Speech-to-Speech and Internet Protocol (IP) Speech-to-Speech Telecommunications Relay Services; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CG Docket Nos. 08-15 and 03-123, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" (FCC 13-101), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2958. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lifeline and Link Up Modernization and Reform" ((RIN3060-AF85)(DA 13-1441)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 237. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. Res. 238. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 239. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1515. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and expand education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1516. A bill to amend title II of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment and implementation of guidelines on best practices for diagnosis, treatment, and management of mild traumatic brain injuries (MTBIs) in school-aged children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1517. A bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1518. A bill improving outcomes for youth at risk for sex trafficking, and other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1519. A bill to ensure orderly conduct of Nuclear Regulatory Commission actions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KING:

S. 1520. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1521. A bill to prohibit Federal agencies from requiring seafood to be certified as sustainable by a third party nongovernmental organization and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1522. A bill to improve access to oral health care for vulnerable and underserved populations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 1523. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to make permanent qualified school construction bonds and qualified zone academy bonds, to treat qualified zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and to modify the private business contribution requirement for qualified zone academy bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 1524. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude major professional sports leagues from qualifying as tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1525. A bill to ensure that the personal and private information of Americans enrolling in Exchanges established under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. Res. 237. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. Res. 238. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. Res. 239. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; from the Committee on Indian Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 240. A resolution designating the week beginning September 15, 2013, as "National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 120

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 120, a bill to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program.

S. 131

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 131, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes.

S. 282

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 282, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a new counseling program.

S. 283

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 283, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to invest in innovation for education.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 by establishing a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 by establishing a program to provide professional development activities for educators, and for other purposes.

S. 466

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to assist States in providing voluntary high-quality universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. CHIESA, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 936

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 936, a bill to increase oversight of small business assistance programs provided by the Small Business Administration.

S. 1078

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1078, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with the opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime.

S. 1210

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1210, a bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students.

S. 1242

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1242, a bill to amend the Fair Housing Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a presidential memorandum relating to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect.

S. 1363

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1363, a bill to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than $1,000,000, 000 and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1452, a bill to enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 1490

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1490, a bill to delay the application of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Implementing MAP-21's Provision to Accelerate Project Delivery."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reevaluating the Effectiveness of Federal Mandatory Minimum Sentences."

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in Room 428A Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a roundtable entitled "Closing the Wealth Gap: Empowering Minority Owned Businesses to Reach Their Full Potential for Growth and Job Creation."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate September 18, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "Older Americans: The Changing Face of HIV/AIDS."

The Committee will meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Implementation of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act of 2012: One Year After Enactment."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Recovering From Superstorm Sandy: Assessing the Progress, Continuing Needs, and Rebuilding Strategy."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1410. An act to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts.

H.R. 2449. An act to authorize the President to extend the term of the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Civil Uses of Nuclear Energy for a period not to exceed March 19, 2016.

H.R. 3092. An act to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 793. An act to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1410. An act to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 2449. An act to authorize the President to extend the term of the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Civil Uses of Nuclear Energy for a period not to exceed March 19, 2016; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ENERGY SAVINGS AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1392) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858, proposed by Mr. WYDEN (for Mr. MERKLEY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 225

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 225) to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should establish a joint select committee to investigate and report on the attack on the United States diplomatic facility and American personnel in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution be agreed to; that the accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to

reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. BOXER objected.

ENERGY SAVINGS AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1392.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858 to the bill.

Pending debate,

DESIGNATING A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM WORKERS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 164) designating October 30, 2013, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 240) designating the week beginning September 15, 2013, as "National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week", submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. ENZI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minute each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of pending bill S. 1392.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:07 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Rev. Kenneth Kolibas, Pastor of the Church of St. Joseph in Raritan, New Jersey, offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 19, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1514

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1514) to save coal jobs, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed, with no intervening action or debate; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2959. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund" ((RIN3060-AF85)(DA 13-97)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2960. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2013; Procedures for Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees; Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2008" (FCC 13-110), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2961. A communication from the Chief of the Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 1.80(b) of the

Commission's Rules; Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties to Reflect Inflation" (DA 13-1615), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2962. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery" (RIN0648-BC21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2963. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BD47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2964. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the South Atlantic States; Amendment 22; Correction" (RIN0648-BA53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2965. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure" (RIN0648-XC783), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2966. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 6 through No. 11" (RIN0648-XC738), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2967. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XC789), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2968. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Highly Migratory Species; 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 8" (RIN0648-BC31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2969. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC769), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2970. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC757), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2971. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Thornyhead Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC818), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2972. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Tilefish Fishery Management Plan; Regulatory Amendment, Corrections, and Clarifications" (RIN0648-BC05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2973. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Sapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Regulatory Amendment 15" (RIN0648-BC60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2974. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Fisheries for 2013" (RIN0648-BC71), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2975. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Western Pacific Fisheries; 2013 Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures; Correcting Amendment" (RIN0648-XC351), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2976. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 28" (RIN0648-BC63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2977. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Regulatory Amendment 18" (RIN0648-BD04), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2978. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; Parrotfish Management Measures in St. Croix" (RIN0648-BC20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on August 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2979. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class B Airspace, Las Vegas, NV" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0966)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2980. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace, Waco, TX, and Establishment of Class D Airspace; Waco, TSTC-Waco Airport, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0136)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2981. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Columbus, Rickenbacker International Airport, OH" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0270)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2982. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace, Grand Forks AFB, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0261)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2983. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace, Bryant AAF, Anchorage, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0433)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2984. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Sparta, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0165)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2985. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace, and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Oceana NAS, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0038)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2986. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; San Marcos, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0273)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2987. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Salt Lake City, UT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1303)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2988. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Gustavus, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0282)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2989. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tri-Cities, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0609)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2990. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Mahnomen, MN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1283)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2991. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Tuba City, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0147)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2992. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Wagner, SD" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0004)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2993. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Walker, MN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0266)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2994. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Brigham City, UT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0414)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2995. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Commerce, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0269)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2996. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Mason, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1141)),

received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2997. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Gruver, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1111)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2998. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Factoryville, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0345)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2999. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Bedford, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0359)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3000. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (134); Amdt. No. 3546" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3001. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (109); Amdt. No. 3547" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3002. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (11); Amdt. No. 3545" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3003. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (6); Amdt. No. 3544" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3004. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0297)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3005. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0447)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3006. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0669)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3007. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace LP" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0093)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3008. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1156)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3009. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Restricted Category Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0564)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3010. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0671)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3011. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1158)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3012. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BRP-Powertrain GmbH and Co KG Rotax Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0263)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3013. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada Corp. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0197)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3014. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1285)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3015. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0209)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3016. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0216)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3017. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1297)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3018. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0566)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3019. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. and Bell Helicopter Textron Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0145)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3020. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1033)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3021. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0367)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3022. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0353)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3023. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0213)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3024. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0206)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3025. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0204)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3026. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0299)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3027. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Austro Engine GmbH Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0164)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3028. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France (Eurocopter) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0638)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3029. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0623)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3030. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hartzell Propeller, Inc. Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0130)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3031. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0628)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3032. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0639)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3033. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1114)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3034. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1222)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3035. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments (4); Amdt. No. 508" (RIN2120-AA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3036. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Seagoing Barges" ((RIN1625-AC03)(Docket No. USCG-2011-0363)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3037. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Anchorage Areas; Port of New York, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2011-0563)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3038. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Double Hull Tanker Escorts on the Waters of Prince William Sound, Alaska" ((RIN1625-AB96)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0975)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3039. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Traffic Service Updates, Including Establishment of Vessel Traffic Service Requirements for Port Arthur, Texas and Expansion of VTS Special Operating Area in Puget Sound" ((RIN1625-AB81)-(Docket No. USCG-2011-1024)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3040. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Taunton River, Fall River and Somerset, MA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0291)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3041. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Wolf River, Gills Landing and Winneconne, WI" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0252)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3042. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Maine Kennebec Bridge Construction Zone, Kennebec River, Richmond, ME" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0329)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3043. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation, Cumberland River, Mile 157.0 to 159.0; Ashland City, TN" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0718)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3044. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Areas, Security Zones: Dignitary Arrival/Departure and United Nations Meetings, New York, NY" ((RIN1625-AA11; 1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0202)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3045. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2012 Liquid Chemical Categorization Updates" ((RIN1625-AB94)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0423)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3046. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CG Docket Nos. 13-24 and 03-123, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" (FCC 13-118), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3047. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Approval and Communication Requirements for the Safe Transportation of Air Bag Inflators, Air Bag Modules, and Seat-Belt Pretensioners (RRR)" (RIN2137-AE62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3048. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unified Registration System" (RIN2126-AA22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3049. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Abbreviated Framework" (RIN0648-BD10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on September 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3050. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trimester Closure for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XC782), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3051. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Adjustment to the 2013 Winter II Quota" (RIN0648-XC749), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3052. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XC803), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3053. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC771), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3054. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Recurring Events in Captain of the Port Duluth Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0214)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3055. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; D-Day Conneaut, Lake Erie, Conneaut, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0648)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3056. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Thunder on the Niagara, Niagara River, North Tonawanda, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0701)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3057. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Motion Picture Production; Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0676)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3058. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lake Erie Heritage Foundation, Battle of Lake Erie Reenactment; Lake Erie, Put-in-Bay, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0546)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3059. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Battle of Lake Erie Fireworks, Lake Erie, Put-in-Bay, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0697)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3060. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Airspace System Capital Investment Plan Fiscal Years 2014-2018"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3061. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interstate Movement of Sharwil Avocados From Hawaii" ((RIN0579-AD70)(Docket No. APHIS-2012-0008)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3062. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Styrene, Copolymers with Acrylic Acid and/or Methacrylic Acid; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9396-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3063. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9395-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3064. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2,5-Furandione, Polymer with Ethenylbenzene, Hydrolyzed, 3-(Dimethylamino)propyl Imide, Imide with Polyethylene-Polypropylene Glycol 2-Aminopropyl Me Ether, 2,2'-(1, 2-Diazenediyl)bis[2-Methylbutanenitrile]-Initiated; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9398-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3065. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quinoxyfen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9398-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3066. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in the Military Personnel, Army appropriation, account 2152010, and occurred within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller) during fiscal year 2005 and was assigned Army case number 11-07; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3067. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Reasonably Available

Control Technology for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9797-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3068. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Second 10-Year Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for Fort Collins" (FRL No. 9900-86-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3069. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; West Virginia's Redesignation for the Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Associated Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9900-71-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3070. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Procedures for Stringency Determinations and Minor Permit Revisions for Federal Operating Permits" (FRL No. 9900-82-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3071. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment for the Chico Nonattainment Area for the 2006 Fine Particle Standard; California; Determination Regarding Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements" (FRL No. 9900-69-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3072. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 9398-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3073. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Regional Haze" (FRL No. 9732-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3074. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Regulatory Updates" (FRL No. 9901-03-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3075. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Conformity of General Federal Actions to State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9901-01-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3076. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Redesignation of the Steubenville-Weirton Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Standard and the 2006 24-Hour Standard for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9900-79-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3077. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Amendments to Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for Wisconsin" (FRL No. 9827-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3078. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Redesignation of the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Standard and 2006 24-Hour Standard for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9900-92-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. NELSON, from the Special Committee on Aging, without amendment:

S. Res. 241. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 243. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. Res. 244. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. Res. 245. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. Res. 249. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on the Budget, without amendment:

S. Res. 250. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 357. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1526. A bill to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to prohibit the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or require the use of different

auditors on a rotating basis; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1527. A bill to enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1528. A bill to establish a national mercury monitoring program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1529. A bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WICKER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1530. A bill to realign structures and reallocate resources in the Federal Government, in keeping with the core American belief that families are the best protection for children and the bedrock of any society, to bolster United States diplomacy and assistance targeted at ensuring that every child can grow up in a permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving family, and to strengthen intercountry adoption to the United States and around the world and ensure that it becomes a viable and fully developed option for providing families for children in need, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1531. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1532. A bill to provide grants to promote financial literacy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BEGICH, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1533. A bill to end offshore tax abuses, to preserve our national defense and protect American families and businesses from devastating cuts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1534. A bill to provide a framework establishing the rights, liabilities, and responsibilities of participants in closing procedures for certain types of consumer deposit accounts, to protect individual consumer rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COONS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1535. A bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON:

S. Res. 241. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging; from the Special Committee on Aging; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. Res. 242. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Growth Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. Res. 243. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. Res. 244. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 245. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. KAINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REED, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. CASEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 246. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 247. A resolution designating the week of September 16 through September 20, 2013, as "National Health Information Technology Week" to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KING, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 248. A resolution designating September 22, 2013, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. Res. 249. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance; from the Committee on Finance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. Res. 250. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget; from the Committee on the Budget; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 153

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in

palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to address equity capital requirements for financial institutions, bank holding companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 916, a bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

S. 957

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 957, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain.

S. 1030

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1030, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid, and for other purposes.

S. 1078

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1078, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with the opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime.

S. 1089

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to provide for a prescription drug take-back program for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1292

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1292, a bill to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1490

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1490, a bill to delay the application of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1503, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

S. 1525

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1525, a bill to ensure that the personal and private information of Americans enrolling in Exchanges established under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards.

SENATE RESOLUTION 225

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 225, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should establish a joint select committee to investigate and report on the attack on the United States diplomatic facility and American personnel in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 19, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 19, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the

session of the Senate on September 19, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 19, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Triad: Promoting a System of Shared Responsibility. Issues for Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act" on September 19, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 19, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Outside the Box: Reforming and Renewing the Postal Service, Part I—Maintaining Services, Reducing Costs and Increasing Revenue Through Innovation and Modernization."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 19, 2013, at 10 a.m. in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 19, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 301. An act to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

H.R. 761. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to the United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 301. An act to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 761. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ENERGY SAVINGS AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1392) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858, by Mr. WYDEN (for Mr. MERKLEY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1497

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that, on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at 10 a.m., the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of his bill (S. 1497) to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply the provisions of the Act to certain Congressional staff and members of the executive branch; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill, without intervening motion or debate; that there be a limitation of 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the majority leader and Mr. VITTER; that no amendment, points of order, or motions to commit be in order to the bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. WYDEN objected.

ENERGY SAVINGS AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1392.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858 to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 527

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m. on today, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of bill (H.R. 527) to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be proposed for Mr. WYDEN, and agreed to; that there be 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. WYDEN and Mr. CRUZ, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; and that all occur with no intervening action or debate.

ENERGY SAVINGS AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1392.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1858 to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That when the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, is received in the Senate, for concurrence from the House of Representatives, the joint resolution be considered read the first and second times, placed on the calendar; and that no motion to proceed to consider said joint resolution be in order until Monday, September 23, 2013.

RESPONSIBLE HELIUM ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP ACT

The hour of 2 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 527) to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization

of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. WYDEN to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1960, in the nature of a substitute).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That time for debate be concluded.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 97, nays... 2

[Rollcall Vote No. 203 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

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Cruz, Sessions.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TUESDAY NEXT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at 11:15 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Todd M. Hughes to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARKEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 246) recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States, submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. KAINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REED, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. CASEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 247) designating the week of September 16 through September 20, 2013, as "National Health Information Technology Week" to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States, submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. THUNE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 248) designating September 22, 2013, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults, submitted today by Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KING, and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:17 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2013.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KAINE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 23, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 19, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 19, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time until 6 p.m. be for debate on the pending motion; and that Senators be recognized to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent, as in executive session, that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Ann Miller Ravel to be a member of the Federal Election Commission, Lee E. Goodman to be a member of the Federal Election Commission, Evan Ryan to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs), and Kenneth R. Weinstein to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Mr. CRUZ objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent, as in executive session, that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Ann Miller Ravel to be a member of the Federal Election Commission, Lee E. Goodman to be a member of the Federal Election Commission, Evan Ryan to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs), and Kenneth R. Weinstein to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors; that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. CRUZ objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the pending motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59 be agreed to; that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution; that no debate, amendment, or motion be in order to the joint resolution; that all points of order thereon be waived; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the pending motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59 be agreed to; that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution; that any points of order thereon be considered waived; that any amendment thereto receive 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of any amendments thereto, the joint resolution, as may be amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59:

HARRY REID, B.A. MIKULSKI, CARL LEVIN, PATRICK LEAHY, ELIZABETH WARREN, CHUCK SCHUMER, RICHARD J. DURBIN, CHRIS COONS, CHRIS MURPHY, EDWARD J. MARKEY, PATTY MURRAY, TIM KAINE, JAY ROCKEFELLER, BILL NELSON, ANGUS S. KING, JR., BEN CARDIN, K.E. GILLIBRAND.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3079. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Washington State Implementation Plan; Approval of Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets and Determination of Attainment for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Standard; Tacoma-Pierce County Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9901-02-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3080. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado Second Ten-Year PM10 Maintenance Plan for Aspen" (FRL No. 9901-06-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3081. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Removal of Stage II Gasoline Vapor Recovery Program" (FRL No. 9901-10-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3082. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; Morongo Band of Mission Indians" (FRL No. 9901-13-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3083. A communication from the Management Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Environmental Policy Act: Categorical Exclusions for Soil and Water Restoration Activities" (RIN0596-AD01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3084. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3363-EM in the State of Texas having exceeded the $5, 000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3085. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expanding the assignment of female Field Artillery Officers (Military Occupational Specialty 13A) into all remaining closed units, outside of those within the U.S. Special Operations Command; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3086. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Animal Welfare; Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions" ((RIN0579-AD57)-(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3087. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Records of Failed Insured Depository Institutions" (RIN3064-AD99), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3088. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Implementation of Basel III, Capital Adequacy, Transition Provisions, Prompt Corrective Action, Standardized Approach for Risk-weighted Assets, Market Discipline and Disclosure Requirements, Advanced Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rule, and Market Risk Capital Rule" (RIN3064-AD95), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3089. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3090. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3091. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stress Testing of Regulated Entities" (RIN2590-AA47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3092. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3093. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical, Physical Readiness, Training, and Access Authorization Standards for Protective Force Personnel" (RIN1992-AA40), received in the Office of the President of Senate on September 11, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3094. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Human Reliability Program: Technical Amendments" (RIN1992-AA44), received in the Office of the President of Senate on September 12, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3095. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mixed Straddles; Straddle-by-Straddle Identification Under Section 1092(b)(2)(A)(i)(I)" (RIN1545-BL04), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on August 8, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3096. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 179(f) for Qualified Real Property" (Notice 2013-59), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3097. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3098. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding Deduction and Capitalization of Expenditures Related to Tangible Property" (RIN1545-BE18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3099. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Changes to Regulations Regarding Medicare Determinations and Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts to Medicare Part B Premiums" (RIN0960-AH47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3100. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; State Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotment Reductions" (RIN0938-AR31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3101. A communication from the Program Manager, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "World Trade Center Health Program; Addition of Prostate Cancer to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions" (RIN0920-AA54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3102. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the drug-free workplace plans of four agencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 1348. A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (Rept. No. 113-109).

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 287. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-110).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1536. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in any proposed rule that limits greenhouse gas emissions and imposes increased costs on other Federal agencies an offset from funds available to the Administrator for all projected increased costs that the proposed rule would impose on other Federal agencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1537. A bill to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted through a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1538. A bill to enhance consumer rights relating to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. Res. 251. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Preventive Services Task Force should reevaluate its recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer for men in all age groups in consultation with appropriate specialists; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 231

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research,

education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to establish a fund to make payments to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:08-CV-00487 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 820

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1335

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1381

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1381, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1405, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of certain ambulance add-on payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1413

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1413, a bill to exempt from sequestration certain fees of the Food and Drug Administration.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1472

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1472, a bill to create a division within the Congressional Budget Office that would perform regulatory analysis.

S. 1490

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1490, a bill to delay the application of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1503, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

SENATE RESOLUTION 225

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 225, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should establish a joint select committee to investigate and report on the attack on the United States diplomatic facility

and American personnel in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 23, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Combating Human Trafficking: Federal, State, and Local Perspectives."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3102. An act to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 59. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

At 2:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1526. An act to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1526. An act to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.J. Res. 59. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

IMPROVING JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1412) to improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. SANDERS) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1964, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended so as to read "A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities affecting veterans and their families, and for other purposes".

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11:15 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minute each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Todd Hughes to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 19, 2013.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate resumes its legislative session upon disposition of the aforementioned nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That, at 2:15 p.m., Ms. MIKULSKI be recognized to speak for 20 minutes; and that, following remarks by her, Mr. CRUZ be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 24, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3103. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Repeal of the Sunset for Certain Protests of Task or Delivery Order Contracts" (RIN9000-AM16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3104. A communication from the Director of the International Broadcasting Bureau, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2013 Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act submission of its commercial and inherently governmental activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3105. A communication from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction's final report to Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3106. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Department of Motor Vehicles Driver Education Program Fund for Fiscal Years 2008 - 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3107. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3108. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Department of Employment Services Workforce Development Monitoring and Quality Assurance Procedures"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3109. A communication from the Associate Attorney General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3110. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Fiscal Year 2013 Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Governmental Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3111. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-157, "Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Support Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3112. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Mangoes from Australia into the Continental United States" ((RIN0579-AD52)(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0040)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3113. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3114. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Correction to Standards Governing Prohibited Financial Interests" (RIN2501-AD61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3115. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Norway; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3116. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Activities, Progress and Plans"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3117. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the implementation of the Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3118. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Obtaining Final Medicare Secondary Payer Conditional Payment Amounts via Web Portal" (RIN0938-AR90), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3119. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-121); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3120. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT-13-3561); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3121. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section

36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT-13-3517); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3122. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-127); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3123. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-125); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3124. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-089); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3125. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-079); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3126. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-122); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3127. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-123); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3128. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0156- 2013-0162); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3129. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3130. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following communications were laid before the Senate on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3131. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3132. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Mica-Based Pearlescent Pigments; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2012-C-0224), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3133. A communication from the Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Fair Employment Practice Agencies" (RIN3046-AA96), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3134. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3135. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Program Integrity Issues" (RIN1840-AD02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3136. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the amount and percentage of each for-profit institution's revenues from Title IV sources and non-Title IV sources; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3137. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Advisory Committee's Annual Report on Institutional Quality and Integrity for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3138. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3139. A communication from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2015 budget request; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3140. A communication from the HR Specialist (Executive Resources), Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Small Business Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3141. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Disabled Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces with Severe Burn Injuries for Financial Assistance in the Purchase of an Automobile or Other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment" (RIN2900-AO31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3142. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vet Center Services" (RIN2900-AN92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3143. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Potomac River, Georgetown Channel and Tidal Basin, Washington, DC" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0790)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3144. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation, Cumberland River, Mile 190.0 to 192.0; Nashville, TN" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket

No. USCG-2013-0721)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3145. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation for Marine Event Hampton Bay Days Festival, Hampton River; Hampton, VA" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0732)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3146. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Red Bull Flugtag Miami, Biscayne Bay; Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0180)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3147. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Jacksonville Dragon Boat Festival; St. Johns River; Jacksonville, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0652)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3148. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Hudson River, Troy and Green Island, NY" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0257)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3149. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lafourche Bayou, Larose, LA" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0243)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3150. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bulk Packaging to Allow for Transfer of Hazardous Liquid Cargoes" ((RIN1625-AB63) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0088)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3151. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Escape to Miami Triathlon, Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0688)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3152. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Tiki Swim; Oceanside Harbor, Oceanside, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0641)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3153. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Swim Around Charleston, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0322)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3154. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Tall Ships Erie 2013 Fireworks Show, Holland Street Pier, Presque Isle Bay, Erie, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0791)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3155. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; LK Events Fireworks; Lake Michigan, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0737)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3156. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Perry 200 Fireworks, Presque Isle Bay, Erie, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0792)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3157. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; SFOBB Demolition Safety Zone, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0654)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3158. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Patapsco River, Northwest and Inner Harbors; Baltimore, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0811)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3159. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone for Fireworks Display, Baltimore Harbor; Baltimore, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0529)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3160. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Suisun Bay Electromagnetic Scan and Ordnance Recovery, Suisun Bay, Concord, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0692)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3161. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, York River; Gloucester, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0750)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3162. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Flying Machine Competition, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0685)), received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3163. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; North Atlantic Ocean; Virginia Beach, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0755), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3164. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2013 Update" (Docket No. EP 542 (Sub-No. 21)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3165. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 48, Framework Adjustment 50; 2013 Sector Operations Plans, Contracts and Allocation Annual Catch Entitlements" (RIN0648-BC27, 0648-BC97, and 0648-XC240), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3166. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Unverified List (UVL)" (RIN0694-AF70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3167. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program" ((RIN3060-AJ15) (DA 13-87)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3168. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Operation in the 57-64 GHz Band" ((ET Docket No. 07-113) (FCC 13-112)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3169. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3170. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Maritime Administrator, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3171. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice in Air Safety Proceedings" (Docket No. NTSB-GC-2011-0001), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3172. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report on New Federal Maritime Commission proposed systems of records subject to the Privacy Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following report of committee was submitted on Tuesday, September 24, 2013:

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 253. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and October 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015.

The following report of committee submitted on Wednesday, September 25, 2013:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1276. A bill to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management, strengthen the authority to terminate or debar employees and contractors involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of security clearance background investigations, enhance transparency regarding the criteria utilized by Federal departments and agencies to determine when a security clearance is required, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-111).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated, on Tuesday, September 24, 2013:

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1539. A bill to require assurances that certain family planning service projects and programs will provide pamphlets containing the contact information of adoption centers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1540. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1541. A bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a Governmentwide shutdown occurs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1542. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1543. A bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian

and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a funding gap caused by the failure to enact interim or full-year appropriations for the Armed Forces occurs, which results in the furlough of non-emergency personnel and the curtailment of Government activities and services; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1544. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain provisions of the Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act of 2008 relating to timber, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1545. A bill to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated, on Wednesday, September 25, 2013:

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1546. A bill to promote minimum State requirements for the prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 1547. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the dialysis pilot program implemented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and submit a report to Congress before expanding that program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1548. A bill to authorize the President to provide assistance to the Governments of Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore within 20 years the extent of forest levels in Haiti and Armenia in existence during the year 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1549. A bill to amend chapter 87 of title 18, United States Code, to end the terrorizing effects of the sale of muderabilia on crime victims and their families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1550. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to use only human-based methods for training members of the Armed Forces in the treatment of severe combat injuries; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 1551. A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated, on Tuesday, September 24, 2013:

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. Res. 252. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on steps the Government of Iran must take before President Obama meets with the President of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 253. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and October 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. LEE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 254. A resolution designating November 2, 2013, as "National Bison Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated, on Wednesday, September 25, 2013:

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 255. A resolution welcoming the Prime Minister of India to the United States for meetings to advance the United States-India partnership; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. WARREN, Mr. KING, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. Res. 256. A resolution designating the week of September 23 through 29, 2013, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 257. A resolution designating October 3, 2013, as "Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 258. A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Infant Mortality Awareness Month, 2013; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CARPER):

S. Res. 259. A resolution designating September 2013 as "Campus Fire Safety Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KIRK, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WARNER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 260. A resolution recognizing the month of October 2013 as "National Principals Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

On Tuesday, September 24, 2013:

S. 153

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to require a study and report by the Small Business Administration regarding the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 820

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, supra.

S. 924

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 924, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to enhance existing programs providing mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes, and for other purposes.

S. 1108

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1108, a bill to reauthorize the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1254

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1254, a bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

S. 1262

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1262, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans conservation corps, and for other purposes.

S. 1276

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1276, a bill to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management, strengthen the authority to terminate or debar employees and contractors involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of security clearance background investigations, enhance transparency regarding the criteria utilized by Federal departments and agencies to determine when a security clearance is required, and for other purposes.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1438

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1438, a bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any order issued under that Act.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1488

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1488, a bill to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1503, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

S. 1532

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to provide grants to promote financial literacy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 246

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 246, a resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and

celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States.

On Wednesday, September 25, 2013:

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 395

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 395, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 1089

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to provide for a prescription drug take-back program for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1108

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1108, a bill to reauthorize the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNS), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1438

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1438, a bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any order issued under that Act.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1490

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1490, a bill to delay the application of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1536

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1536, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in any proposed rule that limits greenhouse gas emissions and imposes increased costs on other Federal agencies an offset from funds available to the Administrator for all projected increased costs that the proposed rule would impose on other Federal agencies.

S. 1537

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER)

and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1537, a bill to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted through a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes.

S. 1541

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1541, a bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a Governmentwide shutdown occurs, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 254, a resolution designating November 2, 2013, as "National Bison Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 25, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing TRIA: The State of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Market."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 25, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Need to Invest in America's Infrastructure and Preserve Federal Transportation Funding."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

The Committee on Banking, housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Assessing the Investment Climate and Improving Market Access in Financial Services in India"

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 25, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "State of the American Senior: The Changing Retirement Landscape for Baby Boomers."

The Committee will meet in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2:15 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, as indicated:

At 7:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 527) to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11:15 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 19, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 19, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:30 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

(The following occurred after 12 midnight, being Wednesday, September 25, 2013)

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent, that, at the conclusion of his remarks, the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59 be agreed to.

Mr. REID objected.

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent, that, if the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59 is agreed to, and a motion is made to bring to a close debate on said joint resolution, that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion on Friday, September 27, 2013.

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

PRAYER

The hour of 12 noon (Wednesday, September 25, 2013) having arrived, and

The Senate having been in continuous session since the previous calendar day,

Pursuant to the order of February 29, 1960,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore temporarily suspended the business of the Senate; and the Chaplain offered a prayer.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time until 1 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, September 23, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, September 23, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 100, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 205 Leg.]

YEAS --- 100

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So, the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

E. CLAY SHAW, JR. MISSING CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE REAUTHORIZATION ACT

On the request of Mr. LEAHY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3092) to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

The motion was agreed to; and

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend (perfect) the pending joint resolution by striking all after the first word and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1974).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending (perfecting) amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending (perfecting) amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1975).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 1976).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 1976) contained in the pending motion to commit by striking "4 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "3 days" (being amendment No. 1977).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "3 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "2 days" (being amendment No. 1978).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending joint resolution; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 59:

HARRY REID, B.A. MIKULSKI, JOE DONNELLY, DICK DURBIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, MICHAEL F. BENNET, PATRICK LEAHY, HEIDI HEITKAMP, DEBBIE STABENOW, CHUCK SCHUMER, MARK R. WARNER, MARTIN HEINRICH, TIM KAINE, TAMMY BALDWIN, TOM HARKIN, CHRIS COONS, ANGUS S. KING, JR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1978 to amendment No. 1977 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 1976) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

PREMATURITY RESEARCH EXPANSION AND EDUCATION FOR MOTHERS WHO DELIVER INFANTS EARLY REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 252) to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. ALEXANDER) to amend the pending bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words, and inserting other words and sums (being amendment No. 1981).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 793

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 793) to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. REID,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill.

WELCOMING THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA TO THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 255) welcoming the Prime Minister of India to the United States for meetings to advance the United States-India partnership, submitted today by Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 256) designating the week of September 23 through 29, 2013, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week", submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. WARREN, Mr. KING, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BAUCUS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "JUMPSTART'S READ FOR THE RECORD DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 257) designating October 3, 2013, as "Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day", submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BENNET), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 258) expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Infant Mortality Awareness Month, 2013, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. MENENDEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 259) designating September 2013 as "Campus Fire Safety Month", submitted today by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CARPER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 260) recognizing the month of October 2013 as "National Principals Month", submitted today by Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KIRK, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WARNER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 59; that, at 10:30 a.m., the time be equally divided and controlled for debate on the motion; that the first hour of the time therein be controlled by the majority party; that the second hour of the time therein be controlled by the minority party; and that each hour thereafter be controlled in like alternating fashion.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 26, 2013.
To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1978, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 1977, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 1976) contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1983).

Mr. TESTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1978 to amendment No. 1977 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 1976) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

Mr. TOOMEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; that it be in order for him to propose amendments Numbered 1971, 1972, 1973, en bloc; that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each amendment; and that, upon conclusion of debate on each amendment, the Senate vote in relation thereto, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. TESTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1978 to amendment No. 1977 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 1976) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

Mr. COATS asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 1979); that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. TESTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1978 to amendment No. 1977 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 1976) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 527

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 527) to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. REID,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1978 to amendment No. 1977 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 1976) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, at 6:30 p.m. on today, there be one hour for debate; that the first 40 minutes therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the proponents and opponents of the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending joint resolution; that the final 20 minutes therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders; that the majority leader control the final 10 minutes therein; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to bring to a close debate; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate on the joint resolution, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that pending amendment No. 1975 be withdrawn; that no other amendment be in order to be proposed; that the majority leader be recognized to make a motion to waive applicable Budget Act points of order; that, if a motion to waive is agreed to, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1974; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the joint resolution, as may be amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on the question of passage of the joint resolution, as may be amended; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between each vote.

After debate,

Mr. LEE objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1978 to amendment No. 1977 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 1976) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following leader remarks on tomorrow, the time until 12:10 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between proponents and opponents of the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending joint resolution; that the time from 12:10 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided for debate between the two leaders; that the majority leader control the final 10 minutes therein; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to bring to a close debate; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate on the joint resolution, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that pending amendment No. 1975 be withdrawn; that no other amendment be in order to be proposed; that the majority leader be recognized to move to waive applicable Budget Act points of order; that, if a motion to waive is agreed to, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1974; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the joint resolution, as may be

amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on the question of passage of the joint resolution, as may be amended; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between each vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1978 to amendment No. 1977 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 1976) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 793. A bill to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and for other purposes.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-135. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida urging Congress to award the United States 65th Infantry Regiment, the Borinqueneers, the Congressional Gold Medal; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE MEMORIAL 1266

Whereas, the Borinqueneers trace their lineage to the "Puerto Rico Regiment of Volunteer Infantry," authorized by Congress on March 2, 1899, as the first body of native troops in Puerto Rico, the only Hispanic-segregated unit in the United States Armed Forces that played a prominent role in American military history; and

Whereas, during World War I, the Borinqueneers rallied a force of over 1,500 to defend the Panama Canal, and upon their return to Puerto Rico were renamed "The 65th Infantry Regiment;" and

Whereas, during World War II, the Borinqueneers served in North Africa and Europe, winning Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arne, Central Europe, and Rhineland battle campaign awards; and were assigned security, anti-sabotage, and other occupation missions around Kaiserslautern and Mannheim, Germany after the war; and

Whereas, during the Korean War, the Borinqueneers were the only all-Hispanic unit; joined the United States 3rd Infantry Division to be among the first infantry to engage in battle with North Korean troops; served with distinction to earn 4 Distinguished Service Crosses, 124 Silver Stars, 9 Korean battle campaign awards, the Presidential and Meritorious Unit Commendations, 2 Korean Presidential Unit Citations, and the Greek Gold Medal for Bravery; and are credited with launching the last recorded battalion-sized bayonet assault in United States Army history; and

Whereas, legendary United States Army General Douglas MacArthur lauded the Borinqueneers, crediting them with a resolute will to victory and loyalty to the United States, saying, "They are writing a brilliant record of heroism in battle and I am indeed proud to have them under my command. I wish that we could count on many more like them;" and

Whereas, in 1959, the Borinqueneers passed their colors to the National Guard of the United States Territory of Puerto Rico, withdrawing from the Regular Army, the only time in United States Army history that active unit colors were not retired, but, instead, turned over to a National Guard unit; and

Whereas, today, the legacy of the Borinqueneers lives on in the National Guard in Puerto Rico, which continues to defend the United States in the ongoing War on Terrorism; and

Whereas, the Borinqueneers served and sacrificed, shedding blood for our democracy and helping to ensure our prosperity as they faced segregation and discrimination, protecting our nation and fighting for the good of all; and

Whereas, these warriors, the Borinqueneers, deserve a place with all American heroes, and should be honored, commended, and never forgotten for their feats; and

Whereas, the Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award given by the United States Congress, awarded as an expression of public gratitude on behalf of the nation for distinguished contributions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That, in recognition of the bravery and sacrifice of the United States 65th Infantry Regiment, the Borinqueneers, the President and the Congress of the United States are urged to award the Congressional Gold Medal to these true heroes and defenders of our great nation; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress, to the Puerto Rico Resident Commissioner, to the President of the United States 65th Infantry Regiment Association, the chairman of the Hispanic Achievers Grant Council, the chairman of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance, and the National Association for Uniformed Services.

POM-136. A resolution adopted by the York County Commissioners, Maine, urging Congress to recognize the importance of the F-35 Lightning II to Maine, the United States and our allies around the world by supporting full funding and full production for the F-35 program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-137. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging Congress to reconsider the statute and appropriations creating FirstNet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, Ohio's first responders require mission critical communications infrastructure to effectively do their jobs; and

Whereas, Ohio has invested over $500,000,000 in system assets that include over 200 tower sites, shelters, generators, mobile towers, microwave backhaul consoles, and mobile and portable radios; and

Whereas, Over 55,000 first responders and public service users at the federal, state, and local government levels rely on the assets that Ohio has invested in; and

Whereas, The federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) within the United States Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration and tasked FirstNet with building and maintaining a single, nationwide, interoperable broadband public safety network; and

Whereas, FirstNet is requiring states to inventory their assets and develop statewide plans to allow federal use or takeover of those assets for the undetermine nationwide broadband public safety network; and

Whereas, FirstNet is requiring states to opt into, and provide an undetermined level of financial support to, the nationwide broadband public safety network; and

Whereas, FirstNet appears to lack sufficient funding for the nationwide broadband public safety network, but is requiring a self-sustaining model; and

Whereas, FirstNet lacks planning and did not seek input from Ohio as evidenced by the witnesses who testified before, and submitted testimony to, the United States House of

Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology in a March 2013, hearing entitled "Oversight of FirstNet and Emergency Communications": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology to hold regular hearings regarding the nationwide broadband public safety network and require that FirstNet create a publicly vetted business plan that identifies the exact costs that Ohio will be mandated to appropriate or obligate for the nationwide broadband public safety network; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology to include amendments to the law that would allow Ohio to opt-out of the nationwide broadband public safety network with no net costs; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology to include amendments to the law that require FirstNet to provide full written assurances that communications provided by the nationwide broadband public safety network will meet and exceed the current level of service for Ohio's state and local public safety officers in the areas of reliability, redundancy, and state-based system control; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology to include amendments to the law that require FirstNet to provide fair market compensation to Ohio for access and utilization of state-owned assets in support of the network's deployment; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the United States Congress to reconsider the statute and appropriations creating FirstNet; and be if further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, all members of the United States House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

POM-138. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging Congress to pass legislation that would reduce the federal tax on fuels by the amount of any increase in the rate of the tax on fuels by the states; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, federal fuel taxes associated with the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 were implemented to construct a 41,250-mile National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, commonly called the Interstate System;

Whereas, the Interstate System, with more than 46,000 miles open to traffic, has been completed for more than 20 years;

Whereas, federal highway user fees are increasingly used for nonhighway purposes;

Whereas, states are required to adopt federal labor regulations, such as Davis-Bacon rules, that can substantially increase project costs; and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-139. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to enact amendments to the federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act to require law enforcement authorities to have a warrant to access e-mail, no matter the age or location of the email; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 30

Whereas, More and more citizens rely on electronic mail communication to conduct both private and professional business. Our ability to store communications at locations other than where the communication originated, such as "in the cloud," has contributed to new challenges in protecting individual's privacy. ECPA fails to adequately protect Americans from unreasonable searches of their private information stored with cloud and mobile providers; and

Whereas, The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that law enforcement must have a valid warrant to access e-mail stored on a provider's server, no matter the age of the e-mail. However, rulings in the lower courts have limited jurisdiction. E-mail providers and storage location can be anywhere in the United States and possibly the world; and

Whereas, Google, Inc. has stated that it will not release any e-mails, regardless of age, without a warrant. Google officials note that the U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment protects against unreasonable searches and seizures and that Amendment takes priority over ECPA;

Whereas, The United States Senate had before it an amendment last November that would have required warrants for all e-mail seizures. However, that amendment was stripped from the vehicle bill before passage; and

Whereas, The legislature finds that, in an era where technology dominates communication and increasingly more business-related and sensitive information is being stored via cloud-based email, more than ever, it is important for government to protect the rights of privacy and due process afforded to all of our state's residents: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge Congress to enact amendments to the federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act to require law enforcement authorities to have a warrant to access email, no matter the age or location of the e-mail; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-140. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that promotes growth of domestic alternative fuel sources, such as natural gas, and reduces dependence on foreign oil; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 132

Whereas, the United States needs a balanced and sensible domestic energy policy; and

Whereas, the Renewable Fuel Standard, established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and expanded and extended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, requires the blending of increasing volumes of designated renewable fuels into the total transportation fuel supply, in a large part, as a way to reduce our country's dependence on foreign petroleum; and

Whereas, reducing dependence on foreign oil is not only a matter of national security but a significant opportunity to enhance economic prosperity and job growth in Louisiana; and

Whereas, currently there are multiple routes to ethanol, including several from traditional fossil fuels such as natural gas, which is plentiful in Louisiana and several other states in the country; and

Whereas, Louisiana is committed to being a leader in development of a sustainable national energy policy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to enact legislation that promotes growth of domestic alternative fuel sources, such as natural gas, and reduces dependence on foreign oil; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the

Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-141. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission memorializing support for the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization of 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-142. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission urging Congress to ensure that the entire Harbor Maintenance and Trust Fund receipts and interest is for the intended purpose of maintaining navigation channels; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-143. A resolution adopted by the Lancaster City Council, California urging Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-144. A communication from citizens of California memorializing their support for the President's plan to increase investments for preschool and early childhood education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-145. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware memorializing a commitment to the strong and deepening relationship between Taiwan and Delaware; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

Whereas, Taiwan and the United States are long-standing friends with a shared historical relationship and dearly cherished values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

Whereas, 2013 will mark the 13th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between Delaware and Taiwan; and

Whereas, for the past 12 years, the sister-state relationship with Taiwan has been strengthened through the efforts of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) resulting in better mutual understanding; and

Whereas, Taiwan is the world's eighteenth largest economy, one of the key trading partners of the United States, and the two-way trade volume between the United States and Taiwan reached sixty-three billion dollars in 2012; and

Whereas, Taiwan is now a member of the U.S. Visa Waiver program (effective November 1st, 2012); reflecting our friendship, trust, and cooperation, and making travel between Taiwan and the United States for business and tourism even more convenient; and

Whereas, negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) between Taiwan and the United States are ongoing and are an important step towards strengthening bilateral trade and paving the way for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA); and

Whereas, President Barack Obama and the leaders of eight Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) countries announced the achievement of the broad outlines for a 21st century TPP agreement on November 12, 2011, and Taiwan has expressed a keen interest to participate, so as to forge close linkages among economics, enhance competitiveness, and benefit consumers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the 147th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, that we hereby reaffirm our commitment to the strong and deepening relationship between Taiwan and Delaware; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

POM-146. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of West Virginia urging the United States Congress to begin the process of amending the Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the entirety of protections or rights of natural persons, specifically so that the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is no longer a form of constitutionally protected speech; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

Calling upon the United States Congress to propose a constitutional amendment addressing the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission.

Whereas, in 2010, the United States Supreme Court issued its ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission that enabled corporations and unions to spend unlimited amounts of money in support of or in opposition to candidates for election; and

Whereas, the people of West Virginia and all other states should have the power to limit by law the extent to which money can be spent in their political systems: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate: That the Senate hereby calls upon the United States Congress to propose a constitutional amendment addressing the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission; and be it further

Resolved, that the West Virginia Senate supports an amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations and unions are not entitled to the same rights and protections as natural persons under the Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, that such an amendment should assure the power of the federal, state and local governments to limit, regulate and require disclosure of sources of all money spent in the course of political elections; and be it further

Resolved, that the West Virginia Senate requests that the West Virginia Congressional Delegation support such an the United States had the opportunity to vote on state and local ballot measures, including the states of Montana and Colorado, calling for a constitutional amendment to limit money in politics, including the entire states of Montana and Colorado, and all proposed resolutions passed with overwhelming and bipartisan support, averaging seventy-five percent of voters in favor: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate: That the Senate calls upon the United States Congress to propose a constitutional amendment overturning the United States Supreme Court's Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission ruling and related cases; and be it further

Resolved, that the West Virginia Senate supports an amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations and unions are not entitled to the same rights and protections as natural persons under the Constitution; and, be it

Resolved, that such an amendment should assure the power of the federal, state and local governments to limit, regulate and require disclosure of sources of all money spent to influence elections; and, be it

Resolved, that the West Virginia Senate requests that the West Virginia Congressional Delegation support such an amendment, work diligently towards its passage and vote at all stages to advance such legislation in the Congress; and, be it

Further Resolved, that the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States and the President pro Tempore of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the majority and minority leaders of both houses of Congress and to each United States Senator and Member of the House of Representatives from West Virginia.

Opposing the United States Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission regarding the constitutional rights of corporations; supporting an amendment to the Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the entirety of protections or rights of natural persons, specifically so that the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is no longer a form of constitutionally protected speech; and calling on Congress to begin the process of amending the Constitution.

Whereas, in 2010 the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, holding that independent spending on elections by corporations and other groups could not be limited by government regulations; and

Whereas, this decision rolled back the legal restrictions on corporate spending in the electoral process, allowing for the unlimited corporate spending to influence elections, candidate selection and policy decisions; and

Whereas, in reaching this decision, a narrow majority of the Supreme Court, relying on and expanding prior decisions, interpreted the First Amendment of the Constitution to afford corporations the same free speech protections as natural persons; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court relied on other prior decisions which afforded the spending of money to influence elections the full protection of the First Amendment and disregarded the distorting and corrupting effects of unlimited money in elections; and

Whereas, in his eloquent dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens rightly recognized that, "corporations have no consciences, no beliefs, no feelings, no thoughts, no desires. Corporations help structure and facilitate the activities of human beings, to be sure, and their 'personhood' often serves as a useful legal fiction. But they are not themselves members of 'We the People' by whom and for whom our Constitution was established"; and

Whereas, the court's decision in Citizens United severely hampers the ability of federal, state and local governments to enact reasonable campaign finance reforms and regulations regarding corporate political activity; and

Whereas, corporations should not be afforded the entirety of protections or rights of natural persons, such that the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is a form of constitutionally protected speech; and

Whereas, in 2012 the same narrow majority of the Supreme Court voted to strike down longstanding campaign finance laws in the State of Montana without hearing any evidence or argument on that state's own history and experience with corporate spending and corruption; and

Whereas, several proposed amendments to the Constitution have been introduced in Congress that would allow government to regulate the raising and spending of money by corporations to influence elections; and

Whereas, on Election Day, 2012, over six million voters across the United States, including the states of Colorado and Montana, had the opportunity to vote on state and local ballot measures calling for a constitutional amendment to limit money in politics, and all proposed initiatives passed overwhelmingly, averaging seventy-five percent support: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate opposes the United States Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution in Citizens United V. Federal Election Commission regarding the constitutional rights of corporations; supports an amendment to the Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the entirety of protections or rights of natural persons, specifically so that the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is no longer a form of constitutionally protected speech; and calls on Congress to begin the process of amending the Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, that the Senate respectfully opposes the United States Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and related cases allowing unlimited corporate election spending; and be it further

Resolved, that the Senate supports an amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations are not entitled to the same rights and protection as natural persons under the Constitution; and, be it

Further Resolved, that such an amendment should assure the power of the federal, state and local governments to limit, regulate and require disclosure of sources of all money spent to influence elections; and be it further

Resolved, that the Senate charges the West Virginia Congressional Delegation with the duty to support such an amendment, to work diligently towards its passage and to vote at all stages to advance such legislation in the Congress; and be it further

Resolved, that the Senate declares its intention to ratify such an amendment if and when the Congress shall submit it to the states; and be it further

Resolved, that the Clerk is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States and the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of both houses of Congress and to each United States Senator and Member of the House of Representatives from West Virginia.

POM-147. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Legislature of Catano, Puerto Rico petitioning for the release of a Puerto Rican political prisoner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-148. A resolution adopted by the Alabama Town Board, New York memorializing opposition to any legislation which infringes upon the right of the people to keep and bear arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-149. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to operate the fleet of the United States Postal Service vehicles on natural gas; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 180

Whereas, since its founding in 1775, the United States Postal Service has been an indispensable part of the country's communication network; and

Whereas, the modern United States Postal Office has struggled to compete with the package delivery services of the Federal Express and the United Parcel Service; and

Whereas, with the decline in first class mail volume and increased competition in package delivery, the United States Postal Office loses billions every year; and

Whereas, in attempts to stay solvent the United States Postal Office has delivered more junk mail, closed smaller postal offices, and considered ending mail deliveries on Saturdays; and

Whereas, one avenue that the United States Postal Office has not explored is the operation of the Postal Service motor vehicle fleet on natural gas; and

Whereas, on average natural gas costs one-third less than gasoline at the pump and natural gas is convenient and abundant; and

Whereas, natural gas prices have exhibited significant stability compared to oil prices and this stability makes it easier to plan accurately for long-term costs; and

Whereas, natural gas vehicles have lower maintenance costs because the gas burns cleanly resulting in less wear and tear on engines; and

Whereas, the operation of the fleet of the United States Postal Service vehicles on natural gas would be an excellent way to save the United States Postal Service millions of dollars each year while making their vehicles safer and more efficient: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to operate the fleet of the United States Postal Service vehicles on natural gas; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 1552. A bill to demonstrate a commitment to our Nation's scientists by increasing opportunities for the development

of our next generation of researchers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 1553. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reauthorize the State infrastructure bank program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 1554. A bill to direct the heads of Federal public land management agencies to prepare reports on the availability of public access and egress to Federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide funding for recreational public access to Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 1555. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a delay in the implementation schedule of the reductions in disproportionate share hospital payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. Res. 261. A resolution designating the week beginning September 23, 2013, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 262. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of suicide prevention awareness; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COONS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KING, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 263. A resolution designating the week of September 23 through September 29, 2013, as "National Estuaries Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 252

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 252, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 348

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 348, a bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1381

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1381, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1405, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of certain ambulance add-on payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1417

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1417, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

S. 1488

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1488, a bill to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 1537

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1537, a bill to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted through a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes.

S. 1541

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1541, a bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a Governmentwide shutdown occurs, and for other purposes.

S. 1548

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1548, a bill to authorize the President to provide assistance to the Governments of Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore within 20 years the extent of forest levels in Haiti and Armenia in existence during the year 1990, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 21, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and the Federal approvals required for the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline are in the national interest of the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TOM UDALL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 26, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 26, 2013, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Newborn Screening Saves Lives: The Past, Present, and Future of the Newborn Screening System" on September 26, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 26, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Outside the Box: Reforming and Renewing the Postal Service, Part II—Promoting a 21st Century Workforce."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 26, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 26, 2013, at 2 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1961. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line.

At 3:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 793. An act to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 5:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3092. An act to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

At 6:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 527. An act to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes.

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1348) to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. TESTER (for Mr. CARPER) to amend the pending bill, at the end

thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1998).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK"

On the request of Mr. TESTER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 261) designating the week beginning September 23, 2013, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week", submitted today by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. SESSIONS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS

On the request of Mr. TESTER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 262) supporting the goals and ideals of suicide prevention awareness, submitted today by Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. TESTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments to joint resolution H.J. Res. 59 until 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

At 7:01 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

Mr. ANGUS S. KING, JR., from the State of Maine, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KING led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 27, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ANGUS S. KING, JR., a Senator from the State of Maine, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KING took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time for debate, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, be concluded.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, to bring to a close debate on pending joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, September 25, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 79, nays... 19

[Rollcall Vote No. 206 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 19

Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Lee, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The motion having been agreed to,

The pending motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions (designated amendment No. 1976), and amendments

Numbered 1977 and 1978 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1975, proposed by Mr. REID, to (perfecting) amendment No. 1974, proposed by Mr. REID, to the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The pending amendment was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 1974 to the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate on the joint resolution, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1974 to the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID, under section 904(b) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and other applicable Budget Act points of order for consideration of the pending joint resolution and amendments.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 68, nays... 30

[Rollcall Vote No. 207 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 30

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 1974 to the joint resolution.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 54, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 208 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the (perfecting) amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The joint resolution, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the joint resolution, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 54, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 209 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So it was

Resolved, That the joint resolution, as amended, do pass.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MARK UDALL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 4 p.m., the majority leader be recognized.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1556. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. WARREN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. REED):

S. 1557. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1558. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of outreach for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1559. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the method of determining whether Filipino veterans are United States residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 491

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs.

GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1306

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1306, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1537

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1537, a bill to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted through a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes.

S. 1541

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1541, a bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a Governmentwide shutdown occurs, and for other purposes.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 17, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, a concurrent resolution commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 213

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 213, a resolution expressing support for the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy in Venezuela and condemning violence and intimidation against the country's political opposition.

SENATE RESOLUTION 262

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 262, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of suicide prevention awareness.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2600. An act to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums.

H.R. 3095. An act to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes.

At 1:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3096. An act to designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the "Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center".

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 1412) to improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, and an amendment to the title.

At 1:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1412. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities affecting veterans and their families, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. REID).

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 527. An act to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3092. An act to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2600. An act to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3096. An act to designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the "Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Colin Stirling Bruce to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois and Sara Lee Ellis to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled the usual form, for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 214) designating the week of October 13, 2013, through October 19, 2013, as "National Case Management Week" to recognize the value of case management in improving healthcare outcomes for patients.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the majority leader and Mrs. BOXER be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions from today through Monday, September 30, 2013.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that Mr. REID be recognized to speak at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 4:15 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2013.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Mr. RICHARD J. DURBIN, from the State of Illinois, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. DURBIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 30, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RICHARD J. DURBIN, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. DURBIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 27, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 27, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID to lay the pending amendments of the House on the table.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 54, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 210 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran,

Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that there be only debate therein; that time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Ms. MIKULSKI be first recognized therein; and that, at 4 p.m., Mr. REID be recognized.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3173. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methyl Parathion; Removal of Expired Tolerances" (FRL No. 9401-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3174. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FD and C Blue No. 1; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9396-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3175. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FD and C Yellow No. 5; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9400-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3176. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Litchi Fruit from Australia" ((RIN0579-AD56)(Docket No. APHIS-2009-0084)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3177. A communication from the Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3178. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3179. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3180. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Grain-Shipment and Grain-Shipment Assist Vessels" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0010)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3181. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Delaware River; Wilmington, DE" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0827)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3182. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; America's Cup Aerobatic Box, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0741)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3183. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 2013 Annual Islamorada Swim for Alligator Lighthouse, Atlantic Ocean, Islamorada, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0663)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3184. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pro Hydro-X Tour, Atlantic Ocean, Islamorada, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0762)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3185. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Catawba Island Club Wedding Event, Catawba Island Club, Catawba Island, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0840)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3186. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area - Tappan Zee Bridge Construction Project, Hudson River; South Nyack and Tarrytown, NY" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0705)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3187. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Frogtown Race Regatta; Maumee River, Toledo, OH" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0839)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3188. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Redesignation of the Dayton-Springfield Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual

Standard for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9901-09 Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3189. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of California; PM10; Redesignation of Sacramento to Attainment; Approval of PM10 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for Sacramento" (FRL No. 9901-29-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3190. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Maintenance Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard for Salt Lake County and Davis County" (FRL No. 9786-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3191. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for California" (FRL No. 9831-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3192. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to New Source Review (NSR) State Implementation Plan (SIP); Emergency Orders" (FRL No. 9901-30 Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3193. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Air Quality Implementation Plan; California; Placer County Air Pollution Control District and Feather River Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 9833-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3194. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; States of Michigan and Minnesota; Regional Haze" (FRL No. 9901-31-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3195. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9900-05-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3196. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Redesignation of Connecticut Portion of the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Nonattainment Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-hour Standards for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9901-11-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3197. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Adoption of Control Techniques Guidelines for Miscellaneous Metal and Plastic Parts which Includes Pleasure Craft Coating Operations" (FRL No. 9901-20-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3198. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, South Coast Air Quality Management District and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9832-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3199. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9900-74-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3200. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9900-96-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3201. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 PM 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Prevention of Significant Deterioration Requirements for PM 2.5 Increments and Major and Minor Source Baseline Dates; Colorado" (FRL No. 9901-04-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3202. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kentucky; Stage II Requirements for Enterprise Holdings, Inc. at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport in Boone County" (FRL No. 9901-23-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3203. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9901-22-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3204. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Louisiana: Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation by Reference of Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9819-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3205. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule for the Update of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Lancaster 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 9901-21-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3206. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality: Revision to Definition to Volatile Organic Compounds - Exclusion of 2,3,3, 3-tetrafluoropropene" (FRL No. 9900-53-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3207. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; West Virginia's Redesignation Request for the Wheeling, WV-OH 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Associated Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9901-41-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3208. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Thurston County Second 10-Year PM 10 Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9901-34-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3209. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Secretary of the Army's report relative to the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO) Ecosystem Restoration, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3210. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Windsor Decision and Rev. Rul. 2013-17 to Employment Taxes and Special Administrative Procedures for Employers to Make Adjustments or Claims for Refund or Credit" (Notice 2013-61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3211. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Notice 2013-29" (Notice 2013-60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3212. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - October 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3213. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-098); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3214. A communication from the Program Manager, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Medical Malpractice Program Regulations: Clarification of FTCA Coverage for Services Provided to Non-Health Center Patients" (RIN0906-AA77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3215. A communication from the Director of the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Implementing the Byrd Amendments to the Black Lung Benefits Act: Determining Coal Miners" and Survivors' Entitlement to Benefits" (RIN1240-AA04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3216. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's budget submission for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3217. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3363-EM in the State of Texas having exceeded the $5, 000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3218. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-148, "Private Contractor and Subcontractor Prompt Payment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3219. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-149, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 77, S.O. 12-6036, Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3220. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-152, "Marriage Officiant Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3221. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-153, "JaParker Deoni Jones Birth Certificate Equality Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3222. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-154, "Criminal Record Sealing Temporary Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3223. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-155, "Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3224. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-156, "Saving D.C. Homes from Foreclosure Clarification and

Title Insurance Clarification and Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3225. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9396-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3226. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methoxyfenozide; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9399-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3227. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sedaxane; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9397-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3228. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Kathleen M. Gainey, United States Army, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3229. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Kurt A. Cichowski, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3230. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Edward A. Rice, Jr., United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3231. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Claude R. Kehler, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3232. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Richard W. Hunt, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3233. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Approval of Lending Institutions and Mortgagees: Streamlined Reporting Requirements for Small Supervised Lenders and Mortgagees" (RIN2502-AJ00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3234. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Hong Kong; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3235. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to blocking the property of persons contributing to the conflict taking place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3236. A communication from the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, transmitting, the July 2013 Quarterly Report to Congress of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Programs; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3237. A communication from the Branch Chief, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rule to List the Southern White Rhino as Threatened" (RIN1018-AY76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3238. A communication from the Branch Chief, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rule to List the Southern White Rhino as Threatened" (RIN1018-AY15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3239. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for the Neosho Mucket and Threatened Status for the Rabbitsfoot" (RIN1018-AX73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3240. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for the Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly and Threatened Status for the Streaked Horned Lark" (RIN1018-AY18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3241. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly and Streaked Horned Lark" (RIN1018-AZ36), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3242. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Echinomastus erectocentrus var. acunensis (Acuna Cactus) and Pediocactus peeblesianus var. fickeiseniae (Fickeisen Plains Cactus) Throughout Their Ranges" (RIN1018-AY51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3243. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Modifications to Renewable Fuel Standard Program" (FRL No. 9900-89-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3244. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia; Removal of Obsolete Regulations and Updates to Citations to State Regulations Due

to Recodification; Correction" (FRL No. 9901-40-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3245. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards and State Board Requirements" (FRL No. 9901-35-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3246. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL No. 9901-53-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3247. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Dayton-Springfield, Steubenville-Weirton, Toledo, and Parkersburg-Marietta; 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9901-61-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3248. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Redesignation of the Canton-Massillon Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Standard and the 2006 24-Hour Standard for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9901-63-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3249. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Illinois; Redesignation of the Chicago Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9901-44-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3250. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Experiments for Research Reactors" (Regulatory Guide 2.4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3251. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to continuing disability reviews (CDR) completed in fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3252. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Determination and Certification under Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act relative to Syria (OSS 2013-1594); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3253. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-078); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3254. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-130); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3255. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-112); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3256. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-100); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3257. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 40(g)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-147); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3258. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 40(g)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-142); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3259. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-101); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3260. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Turtles Intrastate and Interstate Requirements" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0639), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3261. A communication from the Director of the Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation Division, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of the Fair Labor Standards Act to Domestic Service" (RIN1235-AA05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3262. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Fiscal Year 2014 - 2018 Strategic Plan for the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3263. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification Process for State Capital Counsel System" (RIN1121-AA77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3264. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned and Veteran-Owned Small Business Status Protest" (RIN2900-AM92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3265. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC817), received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3266. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Commercial Shark Fisheries" (RIN0648-XC836), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3267. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC850), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3268. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska Management Area" (RIN0648-XC856), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3269. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Queen Conch Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; Regulatory Amendment 2" (RIN0648-BD15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3270. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Fisheries; California Drift Gillnet Fishery; Sperm Whale Interaction Restriction" (RIN0648-BD57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3271. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures" (RIN0648-BD39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3272. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Report to Congress on the Disclosure of Financial Interest and Recusal Requirements for Regional Fishery Management Councils and Scientific and Statistical Committees"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 213. A resolution expressing support for the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy in Venezuela, condemning violence and intimidation against the country's political opposition, and calling for dialogue between all political actors in the country.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 227. A resolution to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the heroic rescue of Danish Jews during the Second World War by the Danish people.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1560. A bill to allow certain emergency relief amounts to be made available to the Federal Highway Administration to use for disasters occurring in calendar year 2013; considered and passed.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1561. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1562. A bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1563. A bill to provide for the expansion of the biofuels market; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1564. A bill making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1565. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1566. A bill to extend the period during which Iraqis who were employed by the United States Government in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and to temporarily increase the fee or surcharge for processing machine-readable nonimmigrant visas; considered and passed.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 55

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 55, a bill to prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 644

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prevent the abuse of dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 893

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1242

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1242, a bill to amend the Fair Housing Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1306

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1306, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1417

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1417, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

S. 1419

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1419, a bill to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1442

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1442, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings.

S. 1489

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1489, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the Secretary of the Treasury to notify the taxpayer each time the taxpayer's information is accessed by the Internal Revenue Service.

S. 1490

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1490, a bill to delay the application of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

S. 1541

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1541, a bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a Governmentwide shutdown occurs, and for other purposes.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1551, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 261

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 261, a resolution

designating the week beginning September 23, 2013, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2013, at 6:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2013.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2251. An act to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the "Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse and Federal Building".

H.R. 2848. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3204. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3210. An act making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. POLIS of Colorado, and Mr. GALLEGO of Texas.

At 3:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2642) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 9:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 6:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3210. An act making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. DURBIN).

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2251. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the "Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2848. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

DEFICIT NEUTRAL DISASTER RELIEF ACT

On the request of Mr. MARK UDALL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1560) to allow certain emergency relief amounts to be made available to the Federal Highway Administration to use for disasters occurring in calendar year 2013, introduced on today by Mr. MARK UDALL (for himself and Mr. BENNET), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PAY OUR MILITARY ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3210) making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing it had receded from its amendments to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and had concurred in the amendment of the Senate with an amendment.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID to lay the pending amendment of the House on the table.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 54, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 211 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

EXTENDING THE IRAQ SPECIAL IMMIGRATION VISA PROGRAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1566) to extend the period during which Iraqis who were employed by the United States Government in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and to temporarily increase the fee or surcharge for processing machine-readable nonimmigrant visas, introduced on today by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TODAY, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on today; that, on today, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the majority leader then be recognized.

Ordered further, That, on today, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SCHUMER.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 12:18 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on today.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing that it had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, with an amendment, insisting upon its amendment to the amendment of the Senate; and asking a conference with the Senate thereon.

On motion by Mr. REID to lay the pending House message on the table.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 54, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 212 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that there be only debate therein; and that time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, October 1, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1348. A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1567. A bill to provide for the compensation of furloughed Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

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

S. Res. 264. A resolution to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in State of Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1503, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

S. 1561

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1561, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees.

S. 1564

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1564, a bill making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Housing Finance Reform: Fundamentals of a Functioning Private Label Mortgage Backed Securities Market."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 1, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1348. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3174. An act to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events in 2013, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Appropriations, for consideration of the Senate amendment and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ROGERS of Kentucky, FRELINGHUYSEN, CRENSHAW, and CARTER.

For consideration of the Senate amendment and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CANTOR, CAMP, RYAN of Wisconsin, and GRAVES of Georgia.

At 12:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1348. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:39 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 2642

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MANCHIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2642) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives, insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate in a ratio of 7 majority- to 5 minority-party Senators; and that all occur with no intervening action or debate.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate: Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BENNET, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. HOEVEN.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY, DOCUMENTS, AND SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 264) to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in State of Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:33 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013

Ms. HEIDI HEITKAMP, from the State of North Dakota, called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. HEITKAMP led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 2, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HEIDI HEITKAMP, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. HEITKAMP took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3273. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 2013-1595, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3274. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense's 2013 annual report to Congress entitled "The Worldwide Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Weapons and Ballistic and Cruise Missile Threat" (DCN OSS 2013-1593); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3275. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Allowability of Legal Costs for Whistleblower Proceedings" ((RIN0750-AI04)(DFARS Case 2013-D022)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3276. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Acquisitions in Support Operations in Afghanistan" ((RIN0750-AH98)(DFARS Case 2013-D009)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3277. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections" ((RIN0750-AH)(DFARS Case 2013-D010)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3278. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Registration as a Municipal Advisor; Required Amendments; and Withdrawal from Temporary Registration" (RIN3235-AK69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3279. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange

Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration of Municipal Advisors" (RIN3235-AJ86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3280. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maintenance, Testing, and Replacement of Vented Lead-Acid Storage Batteries for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.129, Revision 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3281. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States - Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement" (RIN1515-AD88), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3282. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States - Panama Trade Promotion Agreement" (RIN1515-AD93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3283. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Reorganization; Administrative Changes to Regulations Due to Consolidation of the Financial Management Service and the Bureau of the Public Debt into the Bureau of the Fiscal Service" (RIN1510-AB31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3284. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report responding to a GAO report entitled "Haiti Reconstruction: USAID Infrastructure Projects Have Had Mixed Results and Face Sustainability Challenges"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3285. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unique Device Identification System" (Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0090), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3286. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of United States v. Windsor" (5 CFR Parts 1651 and 1690), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3287. A communication from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to modifications to the Jury Plan for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3288. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2013 FAIR Act inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 1545. A bill to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs (Rept. No. 113-112).

INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION

The following joint resolution was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CRUZ:

S.J. Res. 23. A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 468

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 468, a bill to protect the health care and pension benefits of our nation's miners.

S. 813

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013-2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1467

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1467, a bill to establish the Office of the Special Advocate to provide advocacy in cases before courts established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes.

S. 1525

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1525, a bill to ensure that the personal and private information of Americans enrolling in Exchanges established under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards.

S. 1535

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1535, a bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1564

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1564, a bill making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown.

S. 1567

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1567, a bill to provide for the compensation of furloughed Federal employees.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 203, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 2, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 2, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 2, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Continued Oversight of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act."

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that when the Senate receives from the House a message that it has passed joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, as amended by the Senate, the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that all after the resolving clause be stricken, and an amendment (being the text of S. Con. Res. 8, agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate; and that all occur with no intervening action or debate.

When,

Mr. REID questioned the presence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum

When

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

After debate,

Mr. TOOMEY objected (to the request asked by Mrs. MURRAY).

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL IDENTICAL TO BILL S. 1566

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, if the Senate receives from the House of Representatives for concurrence a bill identical to the bill (S. 1566) to extend the period during which Iraqis who were employed by the United States Government in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and to temporarily increase the fee or surcharge for processing machine-readable nonimmigrant visas, as passed by the Senate, it be read the first and second times, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

ORDER FOR CONDITIONAL FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF CERTAIN HOUSE LEGISLATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, if the Senate receives from the House of Representatives, by 11 a.m. on tomorrow, any of the following, it be considered to have been read the first time, and then read the second time; that an objection be considered to have been made to further proceedings; and that it be placed on the calendar under provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 70. Making continuing appropriations for National Park Service operations, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes;

H.J. Res. 71. Making continuing appropriations of local funds of the District of Columbia for fiscal year 2014;

H.J. Res. 72. Making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes;

H.J. Res. 73. Making continuing appropriations for the National Institutes of Health for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3230. Making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first hour therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the minority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the majority control the second 30 minutes therein.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID

Ordered, That Mr. BARRASSO be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; and that, following remarks by him, the Senate adjourn.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That he be recognized.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That he be recognized for an additional 10 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, as modified,

At 5:06 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 3, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR PURSUANT TO RULE XIV

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The following joint resolutions, having been received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, having been considered read the first time, and then read the second time; and that an objection was considered to have been made to further proceedings thereon.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolutions would be placed on the calendar:

H.J. Res. 70. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for National Park Service operations, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 71. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations of local funds of the District of Columbia for fiscal year 2014.

H.J. Res. 73. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the National Institutes of Health for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3289. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Department of the Air Force and was assigned Air Force case number 11-08; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3290. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3291. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to Make the Commerce Control List (CCL) Clearer" (RIN0694-AF37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3292. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System; Yellowstone National Park; Winter Use" (RIN1024-AE15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3293. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (8) eight reports relative to vacancies in the Environmental Protection Agency, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3294. A communication from the General Counsel, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines; Outdoor Developed Areas" (RIN3014-AA22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3295. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the biennial report relative to the impact of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3296. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2014 Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems: Changes to Certain Cost Reporting Procedures Related to Disproportionate Share Hospital Uncompensated Care Payments" (RIN0938-AR53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3297. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Individuals with Disabilities" (RIN1250-AA02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30,

2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3298. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, Disabled Veterans, Recently Separated Veterans, Active Duty Wartime or Campaign Badge Veterans, and Armed Forces Service Medal Veterans" (RIN1250-AA00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3299. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report related to the Food and Drug Administration's implementation of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3300. A communication from the Chairman of the National Health Care Workforce Commission, transmitting, a report relative to the status of the Commission; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3301. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Labor's 2012 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3302. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-70, Introduction" (FAC2005-70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3303. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Allowability of Legal Costs for Whistleblower Proceedings" (FAC2005-70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3304. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections" (FAC2005-70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-150. A resolution adopted by the City Council of South Bend, Indiana petitioning for use of the Vice-Presidential Seal; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-151. A resolution adopted by the House of Delegates of the State of West Virginia urging the United States Congress to protect the Social Security benefits that aid our most vulnerable citizens; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, Social Security cost of living adjustments are currently based on the Consumer Price Index released annually by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. The United States Congress is considering changing the annual cost of living adjustments calculated for Social Security recipients; and

Whereas, The Chained Consumer Price Index finds smaller increases in consumer prices than the traditional Consumer Price Index by estimating how consumers may change their buying habits as prices change; and

Whereas, According to the Center for Economic and Policy Research, changing to the Chained Consumer Price Index would result in significant cuts to Social Security benefits: a cut of roughly three percent after 10 years, about six percent after 20 years, and close to nine percent over 30 years. For the average worker retiring at age 65, this would mean a cut of about $650 each year by age 75 and a cut of roughly $1,130 each year at age 85; and

Whereas, AARP estimates that this change would cut Social Security benefits by $112 billion over the next 10 years, leaving seniors struggling to keep up with the rising cost of utilities, health care and prescription drugs. Cuts would start now and get bigger every year; and

Whereas, The AARP estimates that ninety-two percent of West Virginians 65 or older, approximately 277,734 people, receive Social Security benefits. The average annual benefit is $13,500. Social Security makes up 70 percent of the annual income for a typical older West Virginian and 77 percent of annual incomes for low- and middle-income seniors: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the West Virginia House of Delegates, That the West Virginia House of Delegates urges the United States Congress to protect the Social Security benefits that aid our most vulnerable citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That the West Virginia House of Delegates requests that the West Virginia Congressional Delegation support protecting Social Security for West Virginia seniors and vulnerable residents by voting against any legislation that would base cost of living adjustments to the Chained Consumer Price Index; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the West Virginia House of Delegates mail a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States and the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of both Houses of Congress, and to each United States Senator and Member of the House of Representatives from West Virginia.

POM-152. A resolution adopted by the House of the Representatives of the State of Arkansas memorializing opposition to any action that would limit the right to keep and bear arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1003

Whereas, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed"; and

Whereas, the right to keep and bear arms has benefited the State of Arkansas, its economy, and its citizens; and

Whereas, generations of Arkansans have enjoyed and benefited from the lifestyle fostered by the freedoms and protection granted by the Second Amendment; and

Whereas, the right to keep and bear arms should not be abridged, infringed upon, or in any way limited by the action of any branch of the federal government or a state or local government: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, That the House of Representatives encourages all branches of federal, state, and local government to respect and preserve the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, and opposes any action that would abridge, infringe upon, or limit the right to keep and bear arms; and be it further

Resolved, That the chief clerk of the House of Representatives distribute a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the chief executive officer of each legislative chamber for each of the fifty (50) state legislatures within the United States, and

each member of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

POM-153. A resolution adopted by the House of the Representatives of the State of Arkansas memorializing its support for traditional marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1049

Whereas, marriage is a fundamental social institution that has been tested and reaffirmed over thousands of years; and

Whereas, historically marriage has been reflected in our law and the law of all Jurisdictions in the United States as the union of a man and a woman, and the everyday meaning of marriage and the legal meaning of marriage has always been defined as the legal union of a man and a woman as husband and wife; and

Whereas, families consisting of the legal union of one man and one woman for the purpose of bearing and raising children remains the basic unit of our civil society; and

Whereas, in 1996, Congress overwhelmingly passed, and President Bill Clinton signed, the Defense of Marriage Act under which Congress exercised its rights under the effects clause of Section 1 of Article IV of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, Section 2(a) of the Defense of Marriage Act clearly spells out that "No State, territory, or possession of the United States, or Indian tribe, shall be required to give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other State, territory, possession, or tribe respecting a relationship between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws of such other State, territory, possession, or tribe, or a right or claim arising from such relationship."; and

Whereas, Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, defining marriage, states that "the word 'marriage' means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word 'spouse' refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife."; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States will hear oral arguments in U.S. v. Windsor on March 27, 2013, asking whether the Defense of Marriage Act—passed under the effects clause of Section 1 of Article IV of the United States Constitution—violates the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, in February, the Justice Department of President Barack Obama filed a brief with the Supreme court of the United States, asking the Supreme Court to invalidate Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act; and

Whereas, on November 2, 2004, 753,770 Arkansans voted to pass Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 3 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, representing 74.95% of the votes cast; and

Whereas, the total amount of votes cast in favor of Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 3 was higher than the total amount of votes cast for the re-election of President George W. Bush; and

Whereas, Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 3 became Amendment 83 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas; and

Whereas, Section 1 of Amendment 83 reads, "Marriage consists only of the union of one man and one woman."; and

Whereas, Section 2 of Amendment 83 reads, "Legal status for unmarried persons which is identical or substantially similar to marital status shall not be valid or recognized in Arkansas, except that the legislature may recognize a common law marriage from another state between a man and a woman.": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, That the House of Representatives reaffirms its support for traditional marriage as the union of one man and one woman, as expressed in Amendment 83 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and the Defense of Marriage Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the chief clerk of the House of Representatives distribute a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the United States Supreme Court, the chief executive officer of each legislative chamber for each of the fifty (50) state legislatures within the United States, and each member of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

POM-154. A resolution adopted by the House of Delegates of the State of West Virginia urging the United States Congress to preserve and protect the Second Amendment rights of all law abiding Americans; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

Whereas, Our nation has recently suffered from various acts of mass murder, most notably the tragedy of December 14, 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School; and,

Whereas, Law abiding citizens are not an issue; and

Whereas, Millions of Americans own firearms and do so safely, responsibly and legally; and

Whereas, Law abiding citizens should not be punished for the crimes of evil people; and

Whereas, The investigative research of these tragic events most often leads us to the underlying cause being linked to mental illness and not law abiding gun ownership; and

Whereas, The real issue, the real threat, is dangerous criminals and the seriously men tally ill who need supervision and treatment; and

Whereas, Violent behavior by individuals suffering from various forms of mental illness is the true issue that warrants the focus of our nation's President and Congress; and

Whereas, West Virginia is a slate that strongly supports the Second Amendment rights of the United State's Constitution and the rights found in Article Three, Section Twenty-two of its own Constitution, and believes that all efforts should be undertaken to preserve such rights to the fullest: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates, That the West Virginia House of Delegates conveys to the Congress of the United States that it supports efforts to preserve and protect: our freedoms especially preserving the Second Amendment rights of all law abiding Americans; and be it further

Resolved, That the West Virginia House of Delegates urges the United States Congress to focus on strengthening the areas of mental health diagnosis and treatment; and be it further

Resolved, That the West Virginia House of Delegates requests that the West Virginia Congressional Delegation support actions that preserve Second Amendment Rights and efforts to address mental health diagnosis and treatment in the hope that our nation will never again experience these senseless acts of mass murder, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the West Virginia House of Delegates deliver a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States and the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the both Houses of Congress, and the each United States Senator and Member of the House of Representatives from West Virginia.

POM-155. A resolution adopted by the House of Delegates of the State of West Virginia memorializing support for an amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations and unions are not entitled to the same rights and protection as natural persons under the Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, In 2010, the United States Supreme Court issued its ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission that enabled corporations and unions to spend

unlimited amounts of money to influence the outcome of our elections; and

Whereas, A subsequent ruling Speechnow.org v. Federal Election Commission, opened the door for individual donors to spend unlimited amounts as well; and

Whereas, The use of so-called Super PACs by wealthy individuals and special interests nationally has driven up the cost of elections to over $6 billion in the federal elections alone and reduced local voices in the democratic process; and

Whereas, In 2012, based upon Citizens United, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a century old long-standing Montana campaign finance law, denying states the right to regulate their elections in accordance with their experience of the corrupting influence of money in politics; and

Whereas, The people of West Virginia and all other states should have the power to limit by law the influence of money in their political systems; and

Whereas, On Election Day, 2012, over six million voters across the United States had the opportunity to vote on state and local ballot measures, including the states of Montana and Colorado, calling for a constitutional amendment to limit money in politics, including the entire states of Montana and Colorado, and all proposed resolutions passed with overwhelming and bipartisan support, averaging seventy-five percent of voters in favor: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates, That the West Virginia House of Delegates supports an amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations and unions are not entitled to the same rights and protection as natural persons under the Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That such an amendment should assure the power of the federal, state, and local governments to limit, regulate, and require disclosure of sources of all money spent to influence elections; and be it further

Resolved, That the West Virginia House of Delegates requests that the West Virginia Congressional Delegation support such an amendment, work diligently towards its passage, and vote at all stages to advance such legislation in the Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the West Virginia House of Delegates deliver a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States and the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of both Houses of Congress, and to each United States Senator and Member of the House of Representatives from West Virginia.

POM-156. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida memorializing support for the creation of a coalition in support of the initiative to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-157. A resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Albion, New York memorializing opposition to any legislation which infringes upon the right of the people to keep and bear arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-158. A resolution adopted by the Town Board of Sumner, WI memorializing support of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution stating that only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights and money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 55

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 55, a bill to prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns.

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1537

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1537, a bill to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted through a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes.

S. 1567

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1567, a bill to provide for the compensation of furloughed Federal employees.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MURPHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the sessions of the Senate on October 3, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 3, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "Reversing Iran's Nuclear Program."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND GLOBAL NARCOTICS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 3, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a Western Hemisphere and Global Narcotics Affairs subcommittee nomination hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:31 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolutions, without amendment:

H.R. 3233. An act to extend the period during which Iraqis who were employed by the United States Government in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and to temporarily increase the fee or surcharge for processing machine-readable non-immigrant visas.

H.J. Res. 70. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for National Park Service operations, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 71. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations of local funds of the District of Columbia for fiscal year 2014.

H.J. Res. 73. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the National Institutes of Health for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

At 3:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3233. An act to extend the period during which Iraqis who were employed by the United States Government in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and to temporarily increase the fee or surcharge for processing machine-readable nonimmigrant visas.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that when the Senate receives from the House of Representatives for concurrence the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, that said joint resolution be considered read the first and second times, as pursuant to the order of yesterday; that the Senate proceed to its consideration; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 70) making continuing appropriations for National Park Service operations, the Smithsonian Institution; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. BLUNT asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 73) making continuing appropriations for the National Institutes of Health for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. THUNE asked unanimous consent that when the Senate receives from the House of Representatives for concurrence the bill (H.R. 3230) making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period, said bill be considered read the first and second times, as pursuant to the order of yesterday; that the Senate proceed to its consideration; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN objected.

RELATIVE TO GRANTING OF SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN IRAQIS EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN IRAQ

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The bill (H.R. 3233) to extend the period during which Iraqis who were employed by the United States Government in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and to temporarily increase the fee or surcharge for processing machine-readable nonimmigrant visas, having been received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and being identical to bill S. 1566, as pursuant to said order, was laid before the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and a motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 72

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that when the Senate receives from the House of Representatives for concurrence the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; that said joint resolution be considered read the first and second times, as pursuant to the order of yesterday; that the Senate proceed to its consideration; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table

After debate,

Mr. MURPHY objected.

Pending debate,

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

At 2:33 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 4:12 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) called the Senate to order.

RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING REPORTING OF COMMITTEE FUNDING RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 228) authorizing the reporting of committee funding resolutions for the period October 1, 2013, through February 28, 2015.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 253) authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and October 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 4:15 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 265. A resolution expressing support for the individuals impacted by the senseless attack at the Washington Navy Yard, and commending and thanking members of the military, law enforcement officers, first responders, and civil servants for their courage and professionalism; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 266. A resolution designating the week of October 7 through 13, 2013, as "National Chess Week" to enhance awareness and encourage students and adults to engage in a game known to enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 699

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

S. 1567

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1567, a bill to provide for the compensation of furloughed Federal employees.

SENATE RESOLUTION 227

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 227, a resolution to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the heroic rescue of Danish Jews during the Second World War by the Danish people.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3230. An act making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period.

H.J. Res. 72. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives on today, and at the desk; that the joint resolution be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3230) making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period, received from the House of Representatives on today, and at the desk; that bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 70) making continuing appropriations for National Park Service operations, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and passed;

and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. SCHUMER objected.

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 73) making continuing appropriations for the National Institutes of Health for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

Pending debate,

SMALL AIRPLANE REVITALIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1848) to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That an amendment (Numbered 1999, in the nature of a substitute), being the text of bill S. 1072, as reported, be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and agreed to.

The bill, as thus amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENT FOR THE SLEEP DISORDER SCREENING, TESTING, OR TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS OPERATING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3095) to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on September 27, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HEROIC RESCUE OF DANISH JEWS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 227) to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the heroic rescue of Danish Jews during the Second World War by the Danish people.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE FREE AND PEACEFUL EXERCISE OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IN VENEZUELA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 213) expressing support for the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy in Venezuela and condemning violence and intimidation against the country's political opposition.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the Committee, so as to read: "A resolution expressing support for the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy in Venezuela, condemning violence and intimidation against the country's political opposition, and calling for dialogue between all political actors in the country".

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY THE SENSELESS ATTACK AT THE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD, AND COMMENDING AND THANKING MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND CIVIL SERVANTS FOR THEIR COURAGE AND PROFESSIONALISM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 265) expressing support for the individuals impacted by the senseless attack at the Washington Navy Yard, and commending and thanking members of the military, law enforcement officers, first responders, and civil servants for their courage and professionalism, submitted today by Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CHESS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 266) designating the week of October 7 through 13, 2013, as "National Chess Week" to enhance awareness and encourage students and adults to engage in a game known to enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills, submitted today by Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. LEVIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3230) making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 4:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1567

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1567, a bill to provide for the compensation of furloughed Federal employees.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 75. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 85. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

At 12:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3223. An act to provide for the compensation of furloughed Federal employees.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 58. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for the continued availability of religious services to members of the Armed Forces and their families during a lapse in appropriations.

At 1:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3095. An act to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader with the concurrence of the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Andrea R. Wood to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of

Illinois, and Madeline Hughes Haikala to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3230) making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 75) making continuing appropriations for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 85) making continuing appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3223) to provide for the compensation of furloughed Federal employees, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Colin Stirling Bruce to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Sara Lee Ellis to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, as pursuant to the order of Friday, September 27, 2013, as modified.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:03 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2013.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013

Mr. ANGUS S. KING, JR., from the State of Maine, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KING led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 7, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ANGUS S. KING, JR., a Senator from the State of Maine, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KING took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, October 5, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, October 5, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, October 5, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1568. A bill to make technical corrections to the Pay Our Military Act to include midshipmen at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, who are appointed as midshipmen in the Navy Reserve; to the Committee on Appropriations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1413

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1413, a bill to exempt from sequestration certain fees of the Food and Drug Administration.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. NELSON,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 7, 2013 at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Social Security Disability Benefits: Did a Group of Judges, Doctors and Lawyers Abuse Programs for the Country's Most Vulnerable?"

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 7, 2013, at 5:50 p.m.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, October 7, 2013, he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 3095. An act to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 27, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 27, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR JOINT REFERRAL OF CERTAIN NOMINATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the nomination of Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, received on today, be jointly referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3223) to provide for the compensation of furloughed Federal employees, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Saturday, October 5, 2013, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mrs. BOXER objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 75) making continuing appropriations for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Saturday, October 5, 2013, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mrs. BOXER objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 85) making continuing appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Saturday, October 5, 2013, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mrs. BOXER objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

At 7:13 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

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

S. 1569. A bill to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 55

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 55, a bill to prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns.

S. 153

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1318, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1530

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1530, a bill to realign structures and reallocate resources in the Federal Government, in keeping with the core American belief that families are the best protection for children and the bedrock of any society, to bolster United States diplomacy and assistance targeted at ensuring that every child can grow up in a permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving family, and to strengthen intercountry adoption to the United States and around the world and ensure that it becomes a viable and fully developed option for providing families for children in need, and for other purposes.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for

foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 254, a resolution designating November 2, 2013, as "National Bison Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WARNER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on October 8, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 8, 2013, at 3 p.m., to hold an African Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Security And Governance In Somalia: Consolidating Gains, Confronting Challenges, And Charting The Path Forward."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 77. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the Food and Drug Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:26 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order.

QUESTION OF A QUORUM

Mr. REID raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

When

Thirty-two Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 3]

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Durbin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Murphy, Murray, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Schatz, Tester, Udall (CO), Warner, Wyden.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that a quorum was not present.

On motion by Mr. REID to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to instruct.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 84, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 214 Leg.]

YEAS --- 84

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 14

Alexander, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Heller, Johnson (WI), Lee, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to, and, as indicated by the foregoing rollcall, a quorum being present.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that when the House of Representatives agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and notifies the Senate thereon, the Senate then proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. SESSIONS objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 72

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1569) to ensure the complete and timely

payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014, introduced today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 77) making continuing appropriations for the Food and Drug Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:55 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013

Ms. HEIDI HEITKAMP, from the State of North Dakota, called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. HEITKAMP led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 9, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HEIDI HEITKAMP, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. HEITKAMP took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1569) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 77) making continuing appropriations for the Food and Drug Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms.

MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 267. A resolution relative to the death of Rod Grams, former United States Senator for the State of Minnesota.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 775

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive for the installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1358

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 10, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MARKEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 9, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Housing Finance Reform: Essential Elements of the Multifamily Housing Finance System."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House passed the following joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 84. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for Head Start for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 89. Joint resolution making appropriations for the salaries and related expenses of certain Federal employees during a lapse in funding authority for fiscal year 2014, to establish a bicameral working group on deficit reduction and economic growth, and for other purposes.

At 5:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House passed the following joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 90. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 91. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased military service members of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

QUESTION OF A QUORUM

Mrs. SHAHEEN raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

When

Twenty-seven Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 4]

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Franken, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Leahy, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Stabenow, Warner, Warren.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that a quorum was not present.

On motion by Mr. REID to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to instruct.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 78, nays... 18

[Rollcall Vote No. 215 Leg.]

YEAS --- 78

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 18

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Burr, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Heller, Johnson (WI), Lee, Moran, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Thune.

So the motion was agreed to, and, as indicated by the foregoing rollcall, a quorum being present.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that when the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that it has receded from its amendment, and has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, the Senate then proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the language of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the concurrent resolution, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY further asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. CORNYN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 58

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 58) expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for the continued availability of religious services to members of the Armed Forces and their families during a lapse in appropriations, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Saturday, October 5, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution; that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; that the accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. CASEY objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 91

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the when the Senate receives the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 91) making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased military service members of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, from the House of Representatives for concurrence, it be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. CORNYN was considered to have withdrawn his request.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 70

Mr. ENZI asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 70) making continuing appropriations for National Park Service operations, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mrs. BOXER objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 85

Mr. COATS asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 85) making continuing appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 3230

Mr. HOEVEN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3230) making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 3230

Mr. RUBIO asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 84) making continuing appropriations for Head Start for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; that the joint resolution be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. HARKIN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 70

Mr. PAUL asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 70; that the joint resolution be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Pending debate,

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF ROD GRAMS, FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 267) relative to the death of Rod Grams, former United States Senator for the State of Minnesota, submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 84) making continuing appropriations for Head Start for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CASEY asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. CASEY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 89) making appropriations for the salaries and related expenses of certain Federal employees during a lapse in funding authority for fiscal year 2014, to establish a bicameral working group on deficit reduction and economic growth, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CASEY asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. CASEY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 90) making continuing appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for the fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CASEY asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. CASEY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 91) making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased military servicemembers of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CASEY asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. CASEY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the time until 1 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 1 p.m., the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

At 6:48 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, pursuant to provisions of S. Res. 267, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Rod Grams, and under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 10, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1569) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 84) making continuing appropriations for Head Start for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 89) making appropriations for the salaries and related expenses of certain Federal employees during a lapse in funding authority for fiscal year 2014, to establish a bicameral working group on deficit reduction and economic growth, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 90) making continuing appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for the fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 91) making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased military servicemembers of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SURVIVOR BENEFITS CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 91) making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased military service members of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 1 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 4:04 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do

hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1569:

HARRY REID, MAX BAUCUS, PATTY MURRAY, CHUCK SCHUMER, DICK DURBIN, B.A. MIKULSKI, S. WHITEHOUSE, MARK UDALL, BILL NELSON, BARBARA BOXER, JON TESTER, B. SCHATZ, BEN CARDIN, K. E. GILLIBRAND, MARIA CANTWELL, TIM KAINE, ELIZABETH WARREN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 120. A bill to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1570. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S.J. Res. 24. A joint resolution to amend the Department of Defense Survivor Benefits Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014 to make continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members of the Coast Guard; to the Committee on Appropriations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1564

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1564, a bill making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MARK UDALL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 10, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 10, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Impact of a Default on Financial Stability and Economic Growth."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 10, 2013, at 8 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the debt limit.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 6:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.J. Res. 91. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased military service members of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was signed subsequently by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

SECURITY CLEARANCE OVERSIGHT AND REFORM ENHANCEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1276) to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management, strengthen the authority to terminate or debar employees and contractors involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of security clearance background investigations, enhance transparency regarding the criteria utilized by Federal departments and agencies to determine when a security clearance is required, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. CARPER), so as to read: "A bill to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management."

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES DURING A LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 58) expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for the continued availability of religious services to members of the Armed Forces and their families during a lapse in appropriations, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Saturday, October 5, 2013, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. LEVIN) to amend the pending concurrent resolution on page 2, by striking al beginning with line 3 through page 3, line 2, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2002).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. LEVIN) to strike the preamble and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2003, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then recess, subject to the call of the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:46 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013

Mr. ANGUS S. KING, JR., from the State of Maine, called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KING led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 11, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ANGUS S. KING, JR., a Senator from the State of Maine, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KING took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1569) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 10:40 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed subject to the call of the chair.

AT 1:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1094. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-113).

INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION

The following joint resolution was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 25. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to applying laws equally to the citizens of the United States and the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. Res. 268. A resolution condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 610

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 610, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 955

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 955, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1352

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1352, a bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

S. 1570

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1570, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. LANDRIEU,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 11, 2013, at 1 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will conduct a hearing entitled, "The Impacts of the Government Shutdown on Our Economic Security."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 79. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for certain components of the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51312(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Mrs. McCarthy of New York.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), the Minority Leader appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Mr. Mitchell Draizin of New York, New York.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mrs. BOXER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) making continuing appropriations for certain components of the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mrs. BOXER asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mrs. BOXER objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two

leaders be reserved; and that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. BLUNT.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:04 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 11 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1569) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) making continuing appropriations for certain components of the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID, on Thursday, October 10, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1569.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 10, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 53, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 216 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider the bill.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

ORDER FOR RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following the remarks of Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. JOHANNS, the Senate recess subject to the call of the chair.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

After debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 12:36 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) declared the Senate recessed subject to the call of the chair.

AT 2:16 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 1571. A bill to permit the District of Columbia to obligate and expend local funds in accordance with the local budget adopted by the Council of the District of Columbia during any period of fiscal year 2014 in which no Federal law appropriating such local funds is in effect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 395

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 395, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 24, a joint resolution to amend the Department of Defense Survivor Benefits Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014 to make continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members of the Coast Guard.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 76. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the National Nuclear Security Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

At 12:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2642) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members to be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of the House amendment and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. LUCAS, KING of Iowa, NEUGEBAUER, ROGERS of Alabama, CONAWAY, THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, CRAWFORD, Mrs. ROBY, Mrs. NOEM, Messrs. DENHAM, RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, PETERSON, MCINTYRE, COSTA, WALZ, SCHRADER, MCGOVERN, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD, and Mr. VELA.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of title III of the House amendment, and title III of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ROYCE, MARINO, and ENGEL.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 1207 and 1301 of the House amendment, and sections 1301, 1412, 1435, and 4204 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CAMP, SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and LEVIN.

For consideration of the House amendment to the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SOUTHERLAND and Ms. FUDGE.

AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON TRANSBOUNDARY HYDROCARBON RESERVOIRS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 812) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to implement the Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) making continuing appropriations for the National Nuclear Security Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1 P.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that Senators then be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 2:58 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 1 p.m. on tomorrow.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013

Ms. HEIDI HEITKAMP, from the State of North Dakota, called the Senate to order at 1 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. HEITKAMP led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 13, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HEIDI HEITKAMP, a

Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. HEITKAMP took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1569) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) making continuing appropriations for the National Nuclear Security Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of Saturday, October 5, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 4:46 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on tomorrow.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MURPHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 14, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1569) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, October 5, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, October 5, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS
S. 1306

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1306, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be

deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that Senators then permitted to speak for 10 minutes each.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1569) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:29 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S.1569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1572. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate National Parks during the Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a delay in the implementation schedule of the reductions in disproportionate share hospital payments, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 15, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. room 428A Russell Senate Office building to conduct a hearing entitled "Small Businesses Speak: Surviving the Government Shutdown?"

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 15, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3190. An act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 80. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Education, and the Indian Health Service for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 80) making continuing appropriations for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Education, and the Indian Health Service for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. SCHUMER asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. SCHUMER objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that Senators then be recognized to speak for 10 minutes each.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

At 10:08 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1569

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1569) to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONDITIONAL CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 25

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, if bill H.R. 2775, as amended, is passed by the Senate, the Senate then proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; that an amendment (being the text of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, as agreed to by the Senate) be considered proposed thereto, and agreed to; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 25, as thus amended, be agreed to; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that a motion that the Senate insist on its amendment be made and agreed to; that the Senate ask a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate in a ratio of 12 majority- to 10 minority-party Senators; and that the conferees be instructed to report a conference report by December 13, 2013.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate receives from the House of Representatives a message asking a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, the Senate agree to the conference asked by the House; and that aforementioned provisions for the appointment of conferees on the part of the Senate in certain ratio remain in effect.

Ordered further, That it not be in order for the Senate to consider a conference report on either concurrent resolution that includes reconciliation instructions to raise the debt limit.

Ordered further, That all occur with no intervening action or debate.

Ordered further, That H. Con. Res. 25, as agreed to, be held at the desk pending receipt of a message from the House relative to bill H.R. 2775; and that, if the House fails to concur in the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2775, the aforementioned order be vitiated.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 2775

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 2775; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be proposed thereto, and agreed to; that a motion to bring to a close debate on the bill, as amended, be presented; that the quorum under the rule be waived; that no other amendment, point of order, or motion be in order to the bill; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to bring to a close debate; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended; and that, if the bill, as amended, is passed, an amendment to the title be proposed and agreed to.

Ordered further, That, if said motion is not agreed to, the vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be vitiated; that the amendment be withdrawn; and that the bill be returned to the calendar.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2775) to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REID to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2004, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill, as amended, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2775, as amended:

HARRY REID, DICK DURBIN, PATTY MURRAY, BARBARA BOXER, PATRICK LEAHY, S. WHITEHOUSE, DEBBIE STABENOW, MICHAEL BENNET, JAY ROCKEFELLER, JON TESTER, JACK REED, MARK WARNER, TIM KAINE, BEN CARDIN, CHUCK SCHUMER, CHRIS COONS.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule was waived.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on today, to bring to a close debate on the pending bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 83, nays... 16

[Rollcall Vote No. 218 Leg.]

YEAS --- 83

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 16

Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Grassley, Heller, Johnson (WI), Lee, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Time for debate on the bill, as amended, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate being considered concluded,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CORKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 81, nays... 18

[Rollcall Vote No. 219 Leg.]

YEAS --- 81

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 18

Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Grassley, Heller, Johnson (WI), Lee, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey, Vitter.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. REID, so as to read: "An act making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes".

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to strike all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2006, in the nature of a substitute).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

In further pursuance of the order of today,

The concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

In further pursuance of the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table.

In further pursuance of the order of today,

The Senate insisted on its amendment, and asked a conference with the House thereon; the conferees were instructed, as pursuant to the order of today; and the chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Richard Griffin, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate resume its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA -- PM 22

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2013.

The circumstances that led to the declaration on October 21, 1995, of a national emergency have not been resolved. The actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and to cause an extreme level of violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *October 16, 2013.*

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1573. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1574. A bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1575. A bill to correct inconsistencies in the definitions relating to Native Americans in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. Res. 269. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on United States policy regarding possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities by the Islamic Republic of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 270. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. Res. 271. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that United States military assistance for Cambodia should be suspended until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the July 28, 2013, parliamentary elections, and election reforms are being implemented by the Government of Cambodia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 272. A resolution designating the week beginning October 20, 2013, as "National Character Counts Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Res. 273. A resolution designating October 26, 2013, as "Day of the Deployed"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 274. A resolution supporting Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 17, 2013; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 24. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 621

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider.

S. 1535

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1535, a bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

S. 1572

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 1572, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate National Parks during the Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 16, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 2775) to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational, and for other purposes, further, that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the aforementioned bill.

The message also announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2775. An act making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BEGICH).

At 11:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 8) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Messrs. RYAN of Wisconsin, COLE, PRICE of Georgia, Mrs. BLACK, Messrs. VAN HOLLEN, CLYBURN, and Mrs. LOWEY as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 272) designating the week beginning October 20, 2013, as "National Character Counts Week", submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. LANDRIEU), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "DAY OF THE DEPLOYED"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 273) designating October 26, 2013, as "Day of the Deployed", submitted today by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. HEITKAMP), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL, A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 274) supporting Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 17, 2013, submitted today by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 24) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 80) making continuing appropriations for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Education, and the Indian Health Service for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That during an adjournment or recess of the Senate from today until Monday, October 28, 2013, the majority leader, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointment to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to provisions of 2 U.S.C. 1151, as amended, had appointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Mr. HEINRICH.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 9:54 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 11:16 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER called the Senate to order.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

Ordered, That, on today, Mr. BEGICH be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

At 11:16 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 11:34 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER called the Senate to order.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 8

The Senate having received a message from the House on concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House, and agreed to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and the chair, as authorized, appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate: Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. NELSON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. COONS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WICKER.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12:15 P.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSION, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12:15 p.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Thursday, October 24, 2013, for a pro forma session; and that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that the House has agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 24, the Senate adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013.

Ordered further, That, on Monday, October 28, 2013, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, until 4:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Richard Griffin, Jr., to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate subsequently (on Thursday, October 17, 2013) having received a message from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 24,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

At 11:36 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, October 16, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, October 16, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, October 16, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 17, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 24. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 58) expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for the continued availability for religious services to members of the Armed Forces and their families during a lapse in appropriations, further, that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the preamble of the concurrent resolution.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 23, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following resolutions:

H. Res. 383. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, a former Representative from the State of Washington.

H. Res. 384. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable C.W. Bill Young, a Representative from the State of Florida.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3305. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification that absent suspension of the limit under 31 U.S.C. 3101(b) the Secretary of the Treasury would be unable to issue debt to meet existing commitments, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3306. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of funding for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism funding, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-159. A petition from a citizen of the State of New Jersey relative to the election of a Senator; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 376. A bill to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-114).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs During the 112th Congress" (Rept. No. 113-115).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1576. A bill to redesignate the Department of Veterans Affairs Healthcare System located at 10000 Bay Pines Boulevard in Bay Pines, Florida, as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1577. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1578. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to cover the costs associated with the care of veterans at medical foster homes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1579. A bill to amend the Service members Civil Relief Act to improve the protections provided to members of the uniformed services and their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1580. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require recipients of per diem payments from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1581. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to members of the Armed Forces, to require the Secretary to screen veterans for domestic abuse, to require the Secretary to submit reports on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1582. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit reports on the provision of services by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with hearing loss and other auditory system injuries and the measures that can be taken jointly by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the

Department of Defense with respect to hearing loss and other auditory system injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1583. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1584. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide replacement automobiles for certain disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1585. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to update the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program to base premium rates on the Commissioners 2001 Standard Ordinary Mortality Table instead of the Commissioners 1941 Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1586. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve dental health care for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 1587. A bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods in recognition of their contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1588. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans that were unable to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such emergency treatment; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 1589. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs has an up-to-date policy on reporting of cases of infectious diseases, to require an independent assessment of the Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 1590. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 1591. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire individuals who are members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 1592. A bill to provide for a delay of the individual mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly; read the first time.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1593. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance the protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses with respect to mortgages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S.J. Res. 26. A joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt limit, as submitted under section 1002(b) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 on October 17, 2013; placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 275. A resolution designating October 29, 2013, as "National Technological Innovation Day" to recognize that technological innovation is critical to the United States economy and commemorating the contributions of innovation to prosperity in the United States and abroad; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 29

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 29, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

S. 273

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 273, a bill to modify the definition of fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 619

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 676

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 676, a bill to prevent tax-related identity theft and tax fraud.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the reporting of cases of infectious diseases at facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 893

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 893, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, supra.

S. 931

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, supra.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.

S. 1098

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1098, a bill to reform the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance

Reform Act of 2012 to responsibly protect homeownership.

S. 1106

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1106, a bill to improve the accuracy of mortgage underwriting used by Federal mortgage agencies by ensuring that energy costs are included in the underwriting process, to reduce the amount of energy consumed by homes, to facilitate the creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs, and for other purposes.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1126

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1126, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

S. 1240

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1240, a bill to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, and for other purposes.

S. 1267

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1267, a bill to cut taxes for innovative businesses that produce renewable chemicals.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1361, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1381

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1381, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1417

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1417, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

S. 1442

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1442, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were

added as cosponsors of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1497

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1497, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply the provisions of the Act to certain Congressional staff and members of the executive branch.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

S. 1517

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1517, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1526

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1526, a bill to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to prohibit the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or require the use of different auditors on a rotating basis.

S. 1565

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1565, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 254, a resolution designating November 2, 2013, as "National Bison Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 269

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 269, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on United States policy regarding possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

SENATE RESOLUTION 270

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 270, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 185. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the "Paul Brown United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2083. An act to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

H.R. 3080. An act to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3205. An act to reauthorize and restructure the adoption incentives grant program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3302. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, Florida, as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. MCINTYRE of North Carolina, and Mr. COHEN of Tennessee.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2083. To require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3205. An act to reauthorize and restructure the adoption incentives grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3302. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, Florida, as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Thomas Edgar Wheeler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbian Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER RELATIVE TO NOMINATION OF RICHARD F. GRIFFIN, JR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, ordered to occur today at 5:30 p.m. (as pursuant to the order of October 16, 2013), instead occur on tomorrow at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 26

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following remarks by the leaders on tomorrow, the minority leader, or his designee, be recognized to move to proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 26) relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt limit, as submitted under section 1002(b) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 on October 17, 2013; that time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to proceed; that, if said motion is agreed to, time be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the joint resolution; that, upon conclusion of debate, the joint resolution be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that provisions of the statute for consideration of the joint resolution remain in effect.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 893) to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 275) designating October 29, 2013, as "National Technological Innovation Day" to recognize that technological innovation is critical to the United States economy and commemorating the contributions of innovation to prosperity in the United States and abroad, submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. ISAKSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1592) to provide for a delay of the individual mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly, introduced today by Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. SESSIONS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following the remarks of the two leaders, the Senate proceed to consider a motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 26, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of joint resolution S.J. Res. 26, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, October 16, 2013, as modified.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 29, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1592) to provide for a delay of the individual mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly, introduced on yesterday by Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. SESSIONS), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 26

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 26) relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt limit, as submitted under section 1002(b) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 on October 17, 2013.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:29 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 26

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 26.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The hour of 2:15 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 220 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Chiesa, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 7 p.m., for debate only, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1594. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the Paul Brown United States Courthouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1595. A bill to establish a renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 1596. A bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1597. A bill to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1598. A bill to provide a process for ensuring the United States does not default on its obligations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1599. A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COONS, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COATS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. RISCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1600. A bill to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, research, and international capabilities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1601. A bill to ensure that certain communities may be granted exceptions for floodproofed residential basements for purposes of determining risk premium rates for flood insurance; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1602. A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for the diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to provide certain services to those descendants, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1603. A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1604. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1605. A bill for the relief of Michael G. Faber; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 1606. A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1607. A bill to provide conformity in Native small business opportunities and promote job creation, manufacturing, and American economic recovery; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 1608. A bill to authorize appropriations for the SelectUSA Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1609. A bill to amend title 14, United States Code, to authorize the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard to lease tidelands and submerged lands under control of the Coast Guard for periods longer than five years; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1610. A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 276. A resolution designating October 2013 as "National Work and Family Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 29

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 29, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 80

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 80, a bill to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and to establish a Sexual Assault Forensic

Evidence Reporting System, and for other purposes.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 288

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to increase the participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and industry.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 289, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 372

At the request of Ms. WARREN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 372, a bill to provide for the reduction of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and the promotion of healthy relationships, and for other purposes.

S. 395

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 395, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 820

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 820, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 924

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 924, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to enhance existing programs providing mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes, and for other purposes.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 945

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 945, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth

services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1053

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1053, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1195

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1195, a bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1318, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1340

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1340, a bill to improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1351

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1351, a bill to provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports.

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1351, supra.

S. 1357

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 1357, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program.

S. 1452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1452, a bill to enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes.

S. 1490

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1490, a bill to delay the application of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1517

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1517, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1529

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1529, a bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1590, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1592, a bill to provide for a delay of the individual mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 254, a resolution designating November 2, 2013, as "National Bison Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 270

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 270, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 29, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Housing Finance Reform: Essentials of a Functioning Housing Finance System for Consumers."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 29, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE INTERNET

The Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 29, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Broadband Adoption: The Next Mile."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 29, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "'Stand Your Ground' Laws: Civil Rights and Public Safety Implications of the Expanded Use of Deadly Force."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1405. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include a notice of disagreement form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1742. An act to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2011. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a two-year extension of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education.

H.R. 2189. An act to improve the processing of disability claims by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2481. An act to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to benefits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3304. An act to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1405. To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include a notice of disagreement form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1742. An act to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2011. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a two-year extension of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2189. To improve the processing of disability claims by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2481. To make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3304. An act to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1590

Mr. ALEXANDER asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1590) to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. HARKIN objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL BISON DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 254) designating November 2, 2013, as "National Bison Day".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 276) designating October 2013 as "National Work and Family Month", submitted today by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Alan F. Estevez; and that the time until 10:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:30 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 30, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving 3 rollcall Votes, during which the following occurred:)

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1592

Mr. RUBIO asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that the Senate proceed to legislative session to consider the bill (S. 1592) to provide for a delay of the individual mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN -- PM 23

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within the 90-day period prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the Sudan emergency is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2013.

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan that led to the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, and the expansion of that emergency in Executive Order 13400 of April 26, 2006, and with respect to which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13412 of October 13, 2006, has not been resolved. These actions and policies are hostile to U.S. interests and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security

and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan and maintain in force the sanctions against Sudan to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *October 30, 2013.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3307. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal year 2007 and 2009 Operation and Maintenance, Navy funds, that occurred at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti and was assigned Navy case number 11-08; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3308. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report entitled "Pilot Program: Civilian Credentialing for Military Occupational Specialties"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3309. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Implementation of Basel III, Capital Adequacy, Transition Provisions, Prompt Corrective Action, Standardized Approach for Risk-weighted Assets, Market Discipline and Disclosure Requirements, Advance Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rule, and Market Risk Capital Rule" (RIN7100-AD64), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3310. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3311. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3312. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3313. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Housing: Revision of Notification, Correction, and Procedural Regulations" (RIN2502-AI84), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3314. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspended Counterparty Program" (RIN2590-AA60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3315. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Implementation of Basel III, Capital Adequacy, Transition Provisions, Prompt Corrective Action, Standardized Approach for Risk-weighted Assets, Market Discipline and Disclosure Requirements, Advance Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rule, and Market Risk Capital Rule; Final Rule" (RIN7100-AD87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3316. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf - Adjustment of Service Fees" (RIN1014-AA12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3317. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface" (RIN1902-AE67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3318. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Federal Agency Cooperation on Permitting Natural Gas Pipelines"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3319. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fifth report on Government dam use charges; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3320. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors" (Regulatory Guide 1.184, Revision 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3321. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, prospectuses that support the Administration's fiscal year 2014 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3322. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; South Coast; Contingency Measures for 1997 PM2.5 Standards" (FRL No. 9901-77-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3323. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho; State Board Requirements" (FRL No. 9901-76-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3324. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Perfluoroalkyl Sulfonates and Long-Chain Perfluoroalkyl Carboxylate Chemical Substances; Final Significant New Use Rule" (FRL No. 9397-1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3325. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island: Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Permitting Authority and Tailoring Rule" (FRL No. 9901-71-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3326. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Revision to Prevention of Significant Deterioration Program; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Utah" (FRL No. 9901-92-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3327. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revised Ambient Air Quality Standards for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9901-80-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3328. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Standards for the Liberty-Clairton Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9901-81-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3329. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9901-83-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3330. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Shelter for Individuals Displaced by Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides in Colorado" (Notice 2013-63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3331. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Rev. Rul. 2013-20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3332. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013-2014 Special Per Diem Rates" (Notice 2013-65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3333. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2014 Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems: Changes to Certain Cost Reporting Procedures Related to Disproportionate Share Hospital Uncompensated Care Payments" (RIN0938-AR53), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3334. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - November 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3335. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought in Specified Counties" (Notice 2013-62), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3336. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Presidential Determination No. 2014-02 relative to U.S. drug interdiction assistance to the Government of Brazil; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3337. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0163- 2013-0170); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3338. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Regulatory Exception to Permit Compliance with the United Nations Headquarters Agreement and Other International Obligations and Clarification of the Definition of 'Immediate Family' for Certain Nonimmigrant Visa Classifications " (RIN1400-AD43), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3339. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period April 1, 2013 through May 31, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3340. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 40(g)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-152); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3341. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 40(g)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-160); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3342. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act 2003 on Loan Guarantees to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3343. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the

Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the June 20, 2013 - August 18, 2013 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3344. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 40(g)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-161); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3345. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-116); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3346. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communique" and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3347. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-090); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3348. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-119); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3349. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-135); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3350. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Initial Implementation of Export Control Reform; Correction" (RIN1400-AD37), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3351. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0171- 2013-0178); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3352. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT 13-3643); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3353. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Iran-Related Multilateral Sanctions Regime Efforts" covering the period February 17, 2013 to August 17, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3354. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Feed Materials Production Center (FMPC) in Fernald, Ohio, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3355. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3356. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3357. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3358. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Baker Brothers site in Toledo, Ohio, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3359. A communication from the Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-276, "Sense of the Council in Support of the Fair Minimum Wage Act Emergency Resolution of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3360. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the annual audit of the Thrift Savings Funds received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3361. A communication from the Associate Attorney General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3362. A communication from the Associate Attorney General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3363. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-158, "Extension of Time to Dispose of Hine Junior High School Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3364. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-159, "Fire and Emergency Medical Services Major Changes Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3365. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-160, "School Transit Subsidy Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3366. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-183, "Chief Financial Officer Compensation Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3367. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a

report on D.C. Act 20-184, "CCNV Task Force Temporary Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3368. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-185, "Income Tax Secured Bond Authorization Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3369. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-186, "Community Renewable Energy Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3370. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-187, "Smoking Restriction Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3371. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-188, "Bicycle Safety Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3372. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-189, "Personal Property Robbery Prevention Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3373. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-190, "Older Adult Driver Safety Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3374. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-191, "Veteran Status Driver's License Designation Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3375. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-192, "Commercial Driver's License Tests Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3376. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-193, "Tax Lien Compensation and Relief Reporting Temporary Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3377. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-194, "District Real Property Tax Sale Temporary Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3378. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-195, "Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Support Technical Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3379. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-196, "Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3380. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-197, "Visitor Parking Pass Preservation Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3381. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-206, "Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3382. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-207, "Elected Attorney General Implementation and Legal Service Establishment Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3383. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Department of Employment Services Adult Career and Technical Education Programs"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3384. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Department of General Services Fiscal Year 2012 Procurement of Snow and Ice Removal Pretreatment Services"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3385. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of Non-District Resident Students Enrolled in Public Schools"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3386. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the DC Department of Parks and Recreation Facility Use and Permit Process"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3387. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Update on Non-Reporting Public-Private Development Construction Projects"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3388. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, four reports relative to the Public Service Commission Agency Fund; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3389. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2013 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 3rd Quarter of the Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3390. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Department of Small and Local Business Development Certified Business Enterprise Program"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

H.R. 2094. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

H.R. 2747. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1302. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide

for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1557. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1561. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1611. A bill to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1612. A bill to deter abusive patent litigation by targeting the economic incentives that fuel frivolous lawsuits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1613. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify Federal law with respect to reporting full-file alternative data, including positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1614. A bill to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1615. A bill to develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the United States, to encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 1616. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for simplification, to reduce the number of tax brackets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1617. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. AYOTTE, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1618. A bill to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1619. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to develop a strategy report to address the skills gap by providing recommendations to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities, increase employer participation in education and workforce training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1620. A bill to prohibit the consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1621. A bill to enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1622. A bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. RISCH, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1623. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1624. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit for hiring veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1625. A bill to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1626. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide employees in the private sector with an opportunity for compensatory time off, similar to the opportunity offered to Federal employees, and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 277. A resolution recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. Res. 278. A resolution designating October 2013 as "School Bus Safety Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 310

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 310, a bill to jump-start economic recovery through the formation and growth of new businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 723

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 723, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1318, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1361, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

S. 1559

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1559, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the method of determining whether Filipino veterans are United States residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1561

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1561, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees.

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1561, supra.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1590, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges.

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1590, supra.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1606, a bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 203, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 251

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 251, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Preventive Services Task Force should reevaluate its recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer for men in all age groups in consultation with appropriate specialists.

SENATE RESOLUTION 268

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 268, a resolution condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 276

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 276, a resolution designating October 2013 as "National Work and Family Month".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MARK UDALL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 30, 2013, at 11 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: Achieving the Potential."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 30, 2013, at 9:15 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 30, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 30, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 30, 2013, at 2 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 30, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Jobs Act at a Year and a Half: Assessing Progress and Unmet Opportunities."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:22 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 330. An act to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

H.R. 623. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

H.R. 2337. An act to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado.

H.R. 2640. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.

At 11:42 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2374. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes.

At 3:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution:

H. Con. Res. 62. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 623. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 2337. An act to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2374. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2640. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 330. An act to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

ORDER FOR JOINT REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the nomination of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, received from the President on today, be joint referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

CHIMP ACT AMENDMENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1561) to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION EXTENSION ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3190) to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "SCHOOL BUS SAFETY MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 278) designating October 2013 as "School Bus Safety Month", submitted today by Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 62) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Melvin E. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency; and that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, following the swearing-in of Senator-elect Booker on tomorrow, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the aforementioned nomination; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:43 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 31, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes, during which the following occurred:)

CREDENTIALS OF A SENATOR-ELECT FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of Cory Booker, duly chosen a Senator by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 for the unexpired term ending at noon on Saturday, January 3, 2015, caused by the death of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, as follows; which was deemed read and ordered placed on file:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixteenth day of October, 2013, Cory Booker, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey, a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2015, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the death of Frank Lautenberg.

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-eighth day of October two thousand and thirteen.

By the Governor:

CHRIS CHRISTIE,
Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

Mr. BOOKER appeared, and the oath of office prescribed by law having been administered by the Vice President, and subscribed by him, he took his seat in the Senate.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

ORDERS FOR RECESS, AND FOR MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, that the Senate recess until 2 p.m.; that, at 2 p.m., the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, until 6 p.m.; and that Senators be permitted for 10 minutes each therein.

RECESS

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

At 12:59 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) called the Senate to order.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3391. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cold Treatment for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables; MidAmerica St. Louis Airport, Mascaoutah, IL" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0089), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3392. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Additions in Wisconsin" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0075), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3393. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker, Citrus Greening, and Asian Citrus Psyllid; Interstate Movement of Regulated Nursery Stock" ((RIN0579-AD29)(Docket No. APHIS-2010-0048)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3394. A communication from the Associate Administrator, National Organic Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program (NOP); Sunset Review (2013)" ((RIN0581-AD13)(Docket No. AMS-NOP-11-0003; NOP-10-13FR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3395. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Change in Reporting and Assessment Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0071; FV13-955-1 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3396. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Paper and Paper-Based Packaging Promotion, Research and Information Order; Referendum Procedures" ((RIN0581-AD21)(Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0069; FR-B), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3397. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0053; FV13-987-1 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3398. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Potato Research and Promotion Plan; Amend the Administrative Committee Structure and Delete the Board's Mailing Address" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0027), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3399. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Relaxing Size and Grade Requirements on Valencia and Other Large Type Oranges" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0009; FV13-905-2 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3400. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida; Change in Minimum Grade Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0067; FV13-915-1 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3401. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York; Revising Determination of Sales History" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0042; FV12-929-2 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3402. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers" ((RIN0581-AC52)(Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0027; FV-05-332)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3403. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the State of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin; Revising Handler Reporting and Grower Division Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0030; FV13-930-2 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3404. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0010; FV13-946-1 FIR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3405. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington;

Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0055; FV13-923-1 IR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3406. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Suspension of Handling Regulations" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0040; FV13-922-1 IR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3407. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwifruit Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0071; FV13-920-2 IR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3408. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0041; FV13-922-2 FR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3409. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Temporary Change to Handling Regulations and Reporting Requirements for Yellow Fleshed and White Types of Potatoes" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0067; FV13-946-2 IR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3410. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Dental Insurance Program-Federalism" (RIN2900-AO85), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3411. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to blocking the property of persons contributing to the conflict taking place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3412. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial and Industrial Equipment" (RIN1904-AD08), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3413. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedures for Showerheads, Faucets, Water Closets, Urinals, and Commercial Prerinse Spray Valves" (RIN1904-AC65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3414. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mississippi Regulatory Program" (Docket No. MS-023-FOR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3415. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants, State of Iowa; Control of Emissions From Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerator Units, Negative Declaration and 111(d) Plan Rescission; Approval and Promulgation of Operating Permits Program, State of Iowa" (FRL No. 9901-65-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3416. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Early-Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-AY87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3417. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands" (RIN1018-AY87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3418. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2013-14 Early Season" (RIN1018-AY87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3419. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2013-14 Late Season" (RIN1018-AY87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3420. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds" (RIN1018-AY87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3421. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Late-Season Migratory Bird Hunting

Regulations" (RIN1018-AY87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3422. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for Spring Pygmy Sunfish" (RIN1018-AY19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3423. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the Fluted Kidneyshell and Slabside Pearlymussel" (RIN1018-AY06), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3424. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for Chromolaena frustrata (Cape Sable Thoroughwort), Consolea corallicola (Florida Semaphore Cactus), and Harrisia aborginum (Aboriginal Prickly-Apple)" (RIN1018-AY08), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3425. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Critical Habitat for the Comal Springs Dryopid Beetle, Comal Springs Riffle Beetle, and Peck's Cave Amphipod" (RIN1018-AY20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3426. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Species Status for 15 Species on Hawaii Island" (RIN1018-AY09), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3427. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Blue-throated Macaw" (RIN1018-AY68), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3428. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Fluted Kidneyshell and Slabside Pearlymussel" (RIN1018-AZ48), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3429. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees and the President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report in accordance with Section 8G(h) of the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3430. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Contracting, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Subcontracting" (RIN3245-AG22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3431. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Contracting, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size and Status Integrity" (RIN3245-AG23), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3432. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards: Support Activities for Mining" (RIN3245-AG44), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3433. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards: Finance and Insurance and Management of Companies and Enterprises" (RIN3245-AG45), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3434. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards: Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting" (RIN3245-AG43), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3435. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards: Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation" (RIN3245-AG36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3436. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary and Deputy Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the Patent Law Treaty" (RIN0651-AC85), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3437. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Regulatory Amendment 19" (RIN0648-BD16), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3438. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of New York" (RIN0648-XC878), received during

adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3439. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Bigeye Tuna Catch Limit in Longline Fisheries for 2013 and 2014" (RIN0648-BC88), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3440. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic" (RIN0648-BB70), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3441. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fisheries Management Plan; Northern Red Hake Quota Harvested" (RIN0648-XC793), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3442. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; 2013-2014 Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf King Mackerel in Western Zone" (RIN0648-XC868), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3443. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Sharks in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC872), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3444. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC873), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3445. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; 'Other Rockfish' in the Aleutian Island Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC869), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3446. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XC815), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3447. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC851), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3448. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC832), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3449. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC831), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3450. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Arrowtooth Flounder in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC816), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3451. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustments for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XC823), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3452. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC882), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3453. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC875), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3454. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shortraker Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC876), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3455. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper" (RIN0648-XC733), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3456. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Atlantic Aggregated Large Coastal Shark (LCS), Atlantic Hammerhead Shark, Atlantic Blacknose Shark, and Atlantic Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Shark (SCS) Management Groups" (RIN0648-XC881), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3457. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bay Swim VI, Presque Isle Bay, Erie, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0311)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3458. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nontank Vessel Response Plans and Other Response Plan Requirements" ((RIN1625-AB27)(Docket No. USCG-2008-1070)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3459. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Baltimore Harbor, Baltimore's Inner Harbor; Baltimore, MD" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0767)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3460. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Required in Notices and Petitions Containing Interchange Commitments" (RIN2140-AB13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3461. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters; Adjusted Customs Value for Cigarette Lighters" (16 CFR Part 1210), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3462. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Cedar Rapids, Iowa" (MB Docket No. 13-182, DA 13-1882), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3463. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; San Diego Bayfair; Mission Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0476)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3464. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "An Inquiry Into the Commission's Policies and Rules Regarding AM Radio Service Directional Antenna Performance Verification" (FCC 13-115), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3465. A communication from the Chief of the Satellite Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Comprehensive Review of Licensing and Operating Rules for Satellite Services" (IB Docket No. 12-267, FCC 13-111), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 268. A resolution condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 42. A bill to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 1631. A bill to consolidate the congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1627. A bill to amend title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal renewable electricity standard for retail electricity suppliers and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1628. A bill to provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Department of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1629. A bill to require the disclosure of determinations with respect to which Congressional staff will be required to obtain health insurance coverage through an Exchange; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LEE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 1630. A bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United

States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1631. A bill to consolidate the congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1632. A bill to protect 10th Amendment rights by providing special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. JOHANNS, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1633. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain footwear, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1634. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide certain exemptions relating to the taking of migratory game birds; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1635. A bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to extend the period during which supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits are temporarily increased; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1636. A bill to redesignate certain facilities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1637. A bill to better connect current and former members of the Armed Forces with employment opportunities by consolidating duplicative Federal Government Internet websites into a single portal, to conserve resources by merging redundant and competing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1638. A bill to promote public awareness of cybersecurity; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. COATS):

S.J. Res. 27. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of the Treasury relating to liability under section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for the shared responsibility payment for not maintaining minimum essential coverage; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 279. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 280. A resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the withdrawal of United States combat troops from the Vietnam War and expressing renewed support for United States veterans of that conflict; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Res. 281. A resolution expressing the sense of the United States Senate that President Obama should issue a statement regarding spying on His Holiness, Pope Francis; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COONS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. Res. 282. A resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Corporation for National and Community Service; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 283. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. PAUL):

S. Res. 284. A resolution calling on the Government of Iran to immediately release Saeed Abedini and all other individuals detained on account of their religious beliefs; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 138

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 931

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise

awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1088

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1351

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1351, a bill to provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1590, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1592, a bill to provide for a delay of the individual mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly.

S. 1595

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1595, a bill to establish a renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1610, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1614

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1614, a bill to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes.

S. 1626

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1626, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide employees in the private sector with an opportunity for compensatory time off, similar to the opportunity offered to Federal employees, and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 203, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 268

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 268, a resolution condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MARKEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 31, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 31, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Housing Finance Reform: Essential Elements of a Government Guarantee for Mortgage-Backed Securities."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 31, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 31, 2013, at 10:15 a.m., to hold a hearing on Syria.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 31, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Attaining a Quality Degree: Innovations to Improve Student Success" on October 31, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room

SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 31, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Navy Yard Tragedy: Examining Government Clearances and Background Checks."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 31, 2013, at 10 a.m. SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 31, 2013, at 2 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 992. An act to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities.

H.J. Res. 99. Joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt limit, as submitted under section 1002(b) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 on October 17, 2013.

The message also announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3190. An act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, and Mr. BURGESS of Texas.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 992. An act to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar, pursuant to Sec. 1002 of Public Law 113-46:

H.J. Res. 99. Joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt limit, as submitted under section 1002(b) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 on October 17, 2013.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 815

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 815) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 815:

DICK DURBIN, T.R. HARKIN, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, BEN CARDIN, MICHAEL F. BENNET, B.A. MIKULSKI, CHUCK SCHUMER, MARTIN HEINRICH, PATRICK J. LEAHY, ROBERT MENENDEZ, BARBARA BOXER, K.E. GILLIBRAND, MAZIE K. HIRONO, TAMMY BALDWIN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, JACK REED, HARRY REID.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Gregory Howard Woods to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Debra M. Brown to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; that an amendment No. 2009 (in the nature of a substitute, being the text of bill S. 601, as passed the Senate) be proposed by Mrs. BOXER, and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate in a ratio of 5 majority-to 3 minority-party Senators; and that all occur with no intervening action or debate.

SCHOOL ACCESS TO EMERGENCY EPINEPHRINE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2094) to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NAMING THE "C.W. BILL YOUNG DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3302) to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, Florida, as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 282) commemorating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Corporation for National and Community Service, submitted today by Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COONS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. JOHANNS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSTITUTING THE MAJORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 283) to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 815.

Ordered further, That, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate resumes its legislative session upon disposition of the nomination of Debra M. Brown, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 815; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 31, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 31, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 815

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 31, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, October 31, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 815) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 31, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 31, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 815

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 31, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 2 minutes for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 815.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 31, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to

consider the bill (S. 815) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 31, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 61, nays... 30

[Rollcall Vote No. 229 Leg.]

YEAS --- 61

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 30

Alexander, Barrasso, Boozman, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1639. A bill to amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to provide guidance and limitations regarding the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into United States airspace, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1640. A bill to facilitate planning, permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects within Lincoln County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1641. A bill to establish the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1642. A bill to permit the continuation of certain health plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1643. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a two-year extension of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 285. A resolution authorizing the Committee on Rules and Administration to prepare a revised edition of the Standing Rules of the Senate as a Senate document; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill to improve the retirement of American families by strengthening Social Security.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 658

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 658, a bill to amend titles 10 and 32, United States Code, to enhance capabilities to prepare for and respond to cyber emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 809

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 809, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 886

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 1023

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1023, a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report on ways to increase the competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign investment.

S. 1118

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms.

KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1118, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to include mental health professionals in training programs of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes.

S. 1258

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1258, a bill to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor posthumously to First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing for acts of valor during the Civil War.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1318, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 1416

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1416, a bill to protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as black lung disease), and for other purposes.

S. 1446

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1446, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the affordability of the health care tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1505

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1505, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from definition under that Act.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1557, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1575

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1575, a bill to correct inconsistencies in the definitions relating to Native Americans in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1581

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1581, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to members of the Armed Forces, to require the Secretary to screen veterans for domestic abuse, to require the Secretary to submit reports on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 1586

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1586, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve dental health care for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1610, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1614

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1614, a bill to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes.

S. 1617

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1617, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1630

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1630, a bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture.

S. 1632

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1632, a bill to protect 10th Amendment rights by providing special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations, and for other purposes.

S. 1635

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1635, a bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to extend the period during which supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits are temporarily increased.

SENATE RESOLUTION 269

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 269, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on United States policy regarding possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

CONFEREES APPOINTED TO CONFERENCE ON BILL H.R. 3080

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 31, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair), as authorized, appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes: Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BARRASSO.

CRIMINAL ANTITRUST ANTI-RETALIATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 42) to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FESTIVAL OF DIWALI

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 277) recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING A REVISED EDITION OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. BENNET,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 285) authorizing the Committee on Rules and Administration to prepare a revised edition of the Standing Rules of the Senate as a Senate document, submitted today by Mr. SCHUMER, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BENNET,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3204) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, September 30, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. BENNET asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BENNET objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 815; and that time during recess, adjournment, or morning business, be counted against the time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

At 7:12 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Doctor Gregory Knox Jones of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARKEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3204) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, September 30, 2013, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 815

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, October 31, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 815) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:31 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 815

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 815.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3466. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Susan J. Helms, United States Air Force, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3467. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Major General David H. Huntoon, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3468. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Private Sector Notification Requirements of In-Sourcing Actions" ((RIN0750-AI05)(DFARS Case 2012-D036)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3469. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Free Trade Agreement - Panama" ((RIN0750-AH79)-(DFARS Case 2012-D044)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3470. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Designated Country - Croatia" ((RIN0750-AI09)(DFARS Case 2013-D031)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3471. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Only One Offer - Further Implementation" ((RIN0750-AH89)-(DFARS Case 2013-D001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3472. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Approval of Rental Waiver Requests" ((RIN0750-AI03)(DFARS Case 2013-D006)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3473. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imazapyr; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9401-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3474. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "D-Glucopyranose, oligomeric, decyl octyl glycosides; Exemption for the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9901-95), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3475. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fomesafen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9401-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3476. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards" (RIN3052-AC93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3477. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Assessment of Demand Response and Advanced Metering"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3478. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Television Sets" (RIN1904-AC29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3479. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans;

Wisconsin; Removal of Gasoline Vapor Recovery from Southeast Wisconsin" (FRL No. 9900-17-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3480. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Redesignation of the Columbus Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Standard for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9902-00-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3481. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Atlanta, Georgia 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonatttainment Area; Reasonable Further Progress Plan" (FRL No. 9902-19-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3482. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9902-25-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3483. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Significant New Uses of 1-Propene, 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoro-" (FRL No. 9901-97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3484. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cost-Benefit Analysis for Radwaste Systems for Light-Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Reactors" (Regulatory Guide 1.110, Revision 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3485. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries" (FRL No. 9902-22-OSWER), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3486. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for CY 2014" (RIN0938-AR59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3487. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Part A Premiums for CY 2014 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement" (RIN0938-AR57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3488. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2014" (RIN0938-AR58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3489. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Conditions of Participation (CoPs) for Community Mental Health Centers" (RIN0938-AP51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3490. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Student Loan Repayment Program Calendar Year 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Report to accompany S. Res. 253, An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and October 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015 (Rept. No. 113-116).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1644. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for preliminary hearings on alleged offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BLUNT, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1645. A bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1646. A bill to amend subtitle IV of title 40, United States Code, regarding county additions to the Appalachian region; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 1647. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1648. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Memorial Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1649. A bill to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1650. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaska Native articles from prohibitions against sale

of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1651. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow manufacturing businesses to establish tax-free manufacturing reinvestment accounts to assist them in providing for new equipment and facilities and workforce training; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. COATS):

S. 1652. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1653. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to strengthen requirements related to nutrient information on food labels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1654. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 286. A resolution congratulating Oracle Team USA for winning the 34th America's Cup; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KING, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 287. A resolution congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2013 World Series; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 12

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 12, a bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

S. 231

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 520

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 520, a bill to strengthen Federal consumer protection and product traceability with respect to commercially marketed seafood, and for other purposes.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 795

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 795, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 1115

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1115, a bill to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1208, a bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1595

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a

cosponsor of S. 1595, a bill to establish a renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes.

S. 1599

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1599, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1618

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1618, a bill to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government.

S. 1623

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1623, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MARKEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Housing Finance Reform: Protecting Small Lender Access to the Secondary Mortgage Market."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Online Federal Health Insurance Marketplace: Enrollment Challenges and the Path Forward."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

The Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "The U.S. Aviation Industry and Jobs: Keeping American Manufacturing Competitive."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BANKRUPTCY AND THE COURTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and the Courts, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 5, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Changing the Rules: Will limiting the scope of civil discovery diminish accountability and leave Americans without access to justice?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry, and Natural Resources, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Shortchanging Our Forest: How Tight Budgets and Management Decisions Can Increase the Risk of Wildlife."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Oversight of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Fugitive Methane Emissions from Oil and Gas Operations."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

STREAMLINING CLAIMS PROCESSING FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2747) to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING ORACLE TEAM USA FOR WINNING THE 34TH AMERICA'S CUP

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 286) congratulating Oracle Team USA for winning the 34th America's Cup, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. BOXER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE BOSTON RED SOX ON WINNING THE 2013 WORLD SERIES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 287) congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2013 World Series, submitted today by Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KING, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 815 be agreed to; and that the Senate then proceed to consider the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 815

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, October 31, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 815) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motion was agreed to; and

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. MCCAIN) to strike sections 2 through 6, and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2012).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. MCCAIN) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 6, at the appropriate places, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2013).

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2014).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "3 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "4 days" (being amendment No. 2015).

On motion by Mr. REID to recommit the pending bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2016).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the amendment contained in the pending motion to recommit by striking "5 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "6 days" (being amendment No. 2017).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "6 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "7 days" (being amendment No. 2018).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2018 to amendment No. 2017 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2016) contained in the pending motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3204

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3204) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 815

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 815; that amendment No. 2013 be withdrawn; that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2012; that, upon disposition of said amendment, amendment No. 2013 then be pending to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute); that a second-degree amendment thereto be proposed on behalf of Mr. REID; and that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204.

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 815.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Amendment No. 2013 was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2012 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was agreed to.

In further pursuance of the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

In further pursuance of the order of today,

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for Mr. REID) to amend the pending amendment, at the end

thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2020).

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3204

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID withdrew the pending motion to proceed.

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 815.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2018 to amendment No. 2017 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2016) contained in the pending motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 815:

HARRY REID, T.R. HARKIN, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, PATRICK J. LEAHY, TOM UDALL, MARK BEGICH, BRIAN SCHATZ, AL FRANKEN, BARBARA BOXER, DICK DURBIN, CHRIS COONS, TAMMY BALDWIN, DEBBIE STABENOW, BEN CARDIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, PATTY MURRAY, B.A. MIKULSKI, KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2018 to amendment No. 2017 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2016) contained in the pending motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 11:45 a.m. on tomorrow, the pending motion to recommit with instructions (and amendments thereto), amendment No. 2014 to the language proposed to be stricken by the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, (and amendments thereto), and amendment No. 2020 be withdrawn; that no further amendment, motion to recommit, or point of order be in order; that the Senate then vote in relation to amendment No. 2013; that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be agreed to; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill, as amended; that, if said motion is agreed to, time until 1:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 1:45 p.m., time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Ordered further, That, if said motion to bring to a close debate is not agreed to, the majority leader be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2018 to amendment No. 2017 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2016) contained in the pending motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 7 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3491. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spirotetramat; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9399-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3492. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) providing military compensation and retirement modernization recommendations to the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission and Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3493. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Utilization of Contributions to the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3494. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of References to Credit Ratings in Certain Regulations Governing the Federal Home Loan Banks" (RIN2590-AA40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3495. A communication from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2012 Annual Report of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3496. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3497. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Housing Capital Fund Program" (RIN2577-AC50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3498. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3499. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3500. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, (10) ten reports relative to vacancies in the

Department of Energy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3501. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Quality of Water, Colorado River Basin, Progress Report No. 24"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3502. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualification Tests for Safety-Related Actuators in Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.73, Revision 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3503. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Design of Structures, Components, Equipment, and Systems" (NUREG-0800), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3504. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Radiation Protection" (NUREG-0800), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3505. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances; Removal of Significant New Use Rules" (FRL No. 9902-16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3506. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule" (FRL No. 9901-98-OECA), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3507. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Deadline for Action on the Section 126 Petition from Eliot, Maine" (FRL No. 9902-55-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3508. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio: Bellefontaine; Determination of Attainment for the 2008 Lead Standard" (FRL No. 9902-33-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3509. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of ortho-Nitrotoluene; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting" (FRL No. 9902-12-OEI), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3510. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2013-1711); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3511. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2013-1685); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3512. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT-13-3485); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3513. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "United States Participation in the United Nations in 2012"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3514. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program for 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3515. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of a determination to waive certain restrictions on maintaining a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Office in Washington and on the receipt and expenditure of PLO funds for a period of six months; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3516. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0179- 2013-0184); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 1344. A bill to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-117).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 987. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media (Rept. No. 113-118).

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

S. 1499. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the "Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office".

S. 1512. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second

times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BOOZMAN:

S. 1655. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve waivers under the Medicaid Program under title XIX of the Social Security Act that are related to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1656. A bill to clarify that volunteers at a children's consignment event are not employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 1657. A bill to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1658. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain small business tax provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1659. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1660. A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 288. A resolution supporting enhanced maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea and encouraging increased cooperation between the United States and West and Central African countries to fight armed robbery at sea, piracy, and other maritime threats; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 562, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 795

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 795, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, supra.

S. 928

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1046, a bill to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.

S. 1053

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1053, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs.

S. 1069

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1089

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to provide for a prescription drug take-back program for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to include mental health professionals in

training programs of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1296

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1296, a bill to amend the Wounded Warrior Act to establish a specific timeline for the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to achieve interoperable electronic health records, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 1332

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1505

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1505, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from definition under that Act.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1590, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges.

S. 1600

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1600, a bill to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, research, and international capabilities in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1602

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1602, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for the diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to provide certain services to those descendants, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1610, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1624

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1624, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit for hiring veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1632

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1632, a bill to protect 10th Amendment rights by providing special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations, and for other purposes.

S. 1644

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1644, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for preliminary hearings on alleged offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1647, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin.

SENATE RESOLUTION 128

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 128, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that supporting seniors and individuals with disabilities is an important responsibility of the United States, and that a comprehensive approach to expanding and supporting a strong home care workforce and making long-term services and supports affordable and accessible in communities is necessary to uphold the right of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the United States to a dignified quality of life.

SENATE RESOLUTION 251

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 251, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Preventive Services Task Force should reevaluate its recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer for men in all age groups in consultation with appropriate specialists.

SENATE RESOLUTION 284

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 284, a resolution calling on the Government of Iran to immediately release Saeed Abedini and all other individuals detained on account of their religious beliefs.

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 284, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 287

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 287, a resolution congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2013 World Series.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 6, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "America COMPETES: Science and the U.S. Economy."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 6, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Health Insurance Exchanges: An Update from the Administration."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 6, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 6, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 6, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Bureau of Prisons & Cost-Effective Strategies for Reducing Recidivism."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDCIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 6, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 6, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SR-418, of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 6, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "One Year Later: Examining the Ongoing Recovery from Hurricane Sandy."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 6, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "Transportation: A Challenge to Independence for Seniors."

The Committee will meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2:15 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. UPTON) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2094. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

H.R. 3302. An act to name Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, Florida, as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HIRONO,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 287) to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Ms. HIRONO (for Mr. SANDERS) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2023).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the Committee, so as to read: "A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve assistance to homeless veterans, and for other purposes."

CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN NAIROBI, KENYA, AND REAFFIRMING UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF KENYA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HIRONO,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 268) condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HIRONO,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 815, as pursuant to the order of today; and that Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments until 10:30 a.m., and second-degree amendments until 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HIRONO,

At 6:18 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro

tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3204

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3204) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 815) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2018, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2017, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2016) contained in the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Pending debate,

The hour of 11:45 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The pending motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions with instructions (designated amendment No. 2016), was withdrawn (taking with it amendments Numbered 2017, and 2018 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2015, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2014, proposed by Mr. REID, to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Amendment No. 2014 was withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 2015 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2020, proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for Mr. REID), to amendment No. 2013, proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. TOOMEY), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Amendment No. 2020 was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 230 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 55

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Collins, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the pending bill S. 815.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 64, nays... 34

[Rollcall Vote No. 231 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 34

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

Time for debate on the bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate being considered concluded,

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 64, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 232 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Alexander, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz,

Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Wicker.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3204

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Cornelia T.L. Pillard, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3204

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204:

HARRY REID, T.R. HARKIN, PATRICK J. LEAHY, TOM UDALL, MARK BEGICH, B. SCHATZ, AL FRANKEN, BARBARA BOXER, CHRIS COONS, DEBBIE STABENOW, BEN CARDIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, PATTY MURRAY, B.A. MIKULSKI, KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3517. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report of Payment Recapture Audits; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3518. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Expiration Date for State Disability Examiner Authority to Make Fully Favorable Quick Disability Determinations and Compassionate Allowances" (RIN0960-AH59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3519. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Program Integrity: Exchange, Premium Stabilization Programs, and Market Standards; Amendments to the HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014" (RIN0938-AR82; RIN0938-AR74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3520. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Production from Advanced Nuclear Facilities" (Notice 2013-68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3521. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement of the Results of the 2012-2013 Phase III Allocation Round of the Qualifying Advanced Coal Project Program" (Announcement 2013-43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3522. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3523. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to the Internal Revenue Code Tax Tables and Other Items" (Rev. Proc. 2013-35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3524. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Q and A Tax Credits for Sections 25C and 25D" (Notice 2013-70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3525. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FFI Agreement for Participating FFI and Reporting Model 2 FFI" (Notice 2013-69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3526. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3527. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its audit and investigative activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3528. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-70; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-70), received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3529. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's fiscal year 2014 Budget and Financial Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3530. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3531. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3532. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Edition Electronic Health Record Certification Criteria: Revision to the Definition of 'Common Meaningful Use (MU) Data Set'" (RIN0991-AB91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3533. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act of 2012 (FDASIA); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3534. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, and William D. Ford Federal Loan Program" (RIN1840-AD12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3535. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3536. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2013; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-3537. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9401-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3538. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FD and C Green No.3; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9402-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3539. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prothioconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9400-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3540. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farm Loan Programs; Clarification and Improvement" (RIN0560-AI14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3541. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants; Clerical or Ministerial Employees" (RIN3038-AE00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3542. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3543. A communication from the Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Financial Reporting Requirements for Non-Profit Organizations" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 822. A bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1661. A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards of up to $5,000,000 for information regarding the attacks on the United States diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya that began on September 11, 2012; read the first time.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 1662. A bill to provide for the introduction of pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms into contracts of the Department of Veterans Affairs with community-based outpatient clinics for the provision of health care services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1663. A bill to end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power which was exclusively vested in the Senate and House of Representatives by article I, section 1 of the Constitution of the United States, and to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to issue a report to Congress detailing the extent of the problem of unconstitutional delegation to the end that such delegations can be phased out, thereby restoring the constitutional principle of separation of

powers set forth in the first sections of the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1664. A bill to end the practice of including more than one subject in a single bill by requiring that each bill enacted by Congress be limited to only one subject, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1665. A bill to preserve the constitutional authority of Congress and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 1666. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to improve the patient navigator program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1667. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection maintains on them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1668. A bill to require a Comptroller General of the United States report on the impact of certain mental and physical trauma on the discharge of members of the Armed Forces for misconduct; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1669. A bill to provide for proper reimbursement of the Department of Defense for assistance provided to nongovernmental entertainment-oriented media producers; to the Committee on Armed Services

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. LEE):

S. 1670. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1671. A bill to delay the implementation of the individual health coverage mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1672. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to empower individuals with disabilities to establish their own supplemental needs trusts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1673. A bill to help States develop and improve the qualifications and training of their early childhood educator workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1674. A bill to help establish, enhance, and increase access to early childhood parent education and family engagement programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1675. A bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1676. A bill to exempt certain payments to States from sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 289. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that ambush marketing adversely affects the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams and should be discouraged; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 695

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 825

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 825, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1335

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1525

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1525, a bill to ensure that the personal and private information of Americans enrolling in Exchanges established under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards.

S. 1530

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1530, a bill to realign structures and reallocate resources in the Federal Government, in keeping with the core American belief that families are the best protection for children and the bedrock of any society, to bolster United States diplomacy and assistance targeted at ensuring that every child can grow up in a permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving family, and to strengthen intercountry adoption to the United States and around the world and ensure that it becomes a viable and fully developed option for providing families for children in need, and for other purposes.

S. 1589

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1589, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs has an up-to-date policy on reporting of cases of infectious diseases, to require an independent assessment of the Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1592, a bill to provide for a delay of the individual mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1610, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1642

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1642, a bill to permit the continuation of certain health plans.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1647, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 165

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 165, a resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling.

SENATE RESOLUTION 251

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 251, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Preventive Services Task Force should reevaluate its recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer for men in all age groups in consultation with appropriate specialists.

SENATE RESOLUTION 284

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 284, a resolution calling on the Government of Iran to immediately release Saeed Abedini and all other individuals detained on account of their religious beliefs.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 7, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 7, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Housing Finance Reform: Essential Elements To Provide Affordable Options for Housing."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 7, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 7, 2013, at 11 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, PRODUCT SAFETY, AND INSURANCE

The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 7, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Demand Letters and Consumer Protection: Examining Deceptive Practices by Patent Assertion Entities."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND AGENCY ACTION

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights, and Agency Action, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 7, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Justice Denied: Rules Delayed on Auto Safety and Mental Health."

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES COMBAT TROOPS FROM THE VIETNAM WAR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 280) recognizing the 40th anniversary of the withdrawal of United States combat troops from the Vietnam War and expressing renewed support for United States veterans of that conflict..

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1661) to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards of up to $5,000,000 for information regarding the attacks on the United States diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya that began on September 11, 2012, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. INHOFE), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the majority leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions for today until Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:45 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSION, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11:45 a.m. on tomorrow for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013; that, on Tuesday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, at 4:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Cornelia T.L. Pillard, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; that time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said nomination.

Ordered further, That, if said motion is agreed to, and upon disposition of the nomination, the Senate resume its legislative session; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204.

Ordered further, That, if said motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination is not agreed to, the Senate resume its legislative session; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:16 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11:45 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 11:45:15 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 8, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 11:45:42 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 7, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 7, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3204

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3204) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1661) to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards of up to $5,000,000 for information regarding the attacks on the United States diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya that began on September 11, 2012, introduced on Thursday, November 7, 2013, by Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. INHOFE), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN -- PM 24

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within the 90-day period prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2013.

Because our relations with Iran have not yet returned to normal, and the process of implementing the agreements with Iran, dated January 19, 1981, is still under way, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12170 with respect to Iran.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *November 12, 2013.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Report to accompany S. 1631, A bill to consolidate the congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-119).

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1356. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 1681. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1677. A bill to establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1678. A bill to amend subchapter II of chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to prohibit coverage for annuity purposes for new Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 1679. A bill to require a study on the Russian RD-180 rocket engine; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1680. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1681. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1682. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain clarifications and improvements in the academic and vocational counseling programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 1683. A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 1684. A bill to require a pilot program on the provision of certain information to State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of members of the Armed Forces from military service to civilian life; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 1685. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1686. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1687. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 290. A resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, or the Night of the Broken Glass; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. Res. 291. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on a nationwide moment of remembrance on Memorial Day each year, in order to appropriately honor United States patriots lost in the pursuit of peace and liberty around the world; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 135

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 135, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 137

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 137, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 252

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 252, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 528

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 528, a bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to restrict institutions of higher education from using revenues derived from Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the

innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.

S. 1001

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1001, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Government of Iran.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1171

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1171, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1312

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1312, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to limit the circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1361, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 1505

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1505, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from definition under that Act.

S. 1523

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1523, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to make permanent qualified school construction bonds and qualified zone academy bonds, to treat qualified zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and to modify the private business contribution requirement for qualified zone academy bonds.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1557, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1590, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1592, a bill to provide for a delay of the individual mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1610, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1635

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1635, a bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to extend the period during which supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits are temporarily increased.

S. 1642

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr.

MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1642, a bill to permit the continuation of certain health plans.

S. 1667

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1667, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection maintains on them, and for other purposes.

S. 1670

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1670, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 270

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 270, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 12, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 12, 2013, in room S-216, the President's room, at 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on November 12, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Payroll Fraud: Targeting Bad Actors Hurting Workers and Businesses."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 7, 2013, as modified today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 7, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3204

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 7, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3204) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 7, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 97, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 234 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GME SUPPORT REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1557) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SERGEANT CORY MRACEK MEMORIAL POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1499) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the "Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office".

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SPECIALIST THEODORE MATTHEW GLENDE POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1512) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office".

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF KRISTALLNACHT

On the request of Ms. WARREN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 290) commemorating the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, or the Night of the Broken Glass, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mr. SCHUMER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204; and that time during recess, adjournment, or morning business, be counted against the time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

At 7:05 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Report to accompany S. 1681, An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-120).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1688. A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), collectively, in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1689. A bill to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1690. A bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1691. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1692. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to modify the final rule relating to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations of air carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1693. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to extend the initial open enrollment period; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1694. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1695. A bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CARDIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1696. A bill to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CASEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. COONS,

Mr. KAINE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1697. A bill to support early learning; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1698. A bill to provide for the establishment of clean technology consortia to enhance the economic, environmental, and energy security of the United States by promoting domestic development, manufacture, and deployment of clean technologies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1699. A bill to permit individuals to renew certain health insurance coverage offered in the individual or small group markets and to provide that such individuals would not be subject to the individual mandate penalty; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. Res. 292. A resolution expressing support for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines and the surrounding region; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. THUNE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. Res. 293. A resolution designating the week beginning on November 18, 2013, as "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. KING, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 294. A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Con. Res. 25. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 252

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 252, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 544

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 544, a bill to require the President to develop a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 610

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 610, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, and for other purposes.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 949

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 949, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the

National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1208, a bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1262

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1262, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans conservation corps, and for other purposes.

S. 1291

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1291, a bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children.

S. 1364

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1364, a bill to promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services.

S. 1419

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1419, a bill to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1644

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1644, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for preliminary hearings on alleged offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1661, a bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards of up to $5,000,000 for information regarding the attacks on the United States diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya that began on September 11, 2012.

S. 1675

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1675, a bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1683

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1683, a bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 203, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 284

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 284, a resolution calling on the Government of Iran to immediately release Saeed Abedini and all other individuals detained on account of their religious beliefs.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "The Role of Manufacturing Hubs in a 21st Century Innovation Economy."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2013, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a roundtable entitled "Serving Our Service Members: A Review of Programs for Veteran Entrepreneurs."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVACY, TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the Surveillance Transparency Act of 2013.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2747. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the

House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 330. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 893. An act to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

At 4:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2871. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the southern judicial district of Mississippi to improve judicial efficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2922. An act to extend the authority of the Supreme Court Police to protect court officials away from the Supreme Court grounds.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 252. An act to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 3204

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3204) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:36 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 3204

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that time for debate on the pending motion to proceed be concluded; that the motion be agreed to; that his amendment (Numbered 2024) be the only amendment in order to be proposed; that no second-degree amendment be in order thereto; that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. HARKIN objected.

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that time for debate on the pending motion to proceed be concluded; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. VITTER further asked unanimous consent that the Senate then proceed to consider the bill (S. 1197) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; that an amendment by him be proposed; that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the amendment be in order; that no second-degree amendment be in order thereto; and that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

Mr. HARKIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204.

Pending debate,

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK"

On the request of Mr. BEGICH,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 293) designating the week beginning on November 18, 2013, as "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week", submitted today by Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. THUNE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. HEINRICH), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY AND NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

On the request of Mr. BEGICH,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 294) expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children, submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. KING, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. COCHRAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL

On the request of Mr. BEGICH,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 25) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers, submitted today by Mr. TIM JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. INHOFE), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said motion.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 1 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

At 6:03 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013

Mr. ANGUS S. KING, JR., from the State of Maine, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KING led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 14, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ANGUS S. KING, JR., a Senator from the State of Maine, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KING took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, November 14, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 330. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 893. A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3544. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual Implementation Report on Energy Conservation Standards Activities of the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3545. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Removal of the Regulation for the National Low Emission Vehicle Program" (FRL No. 9902-53-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3546. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead Ambient Air Quality Standards; Correction" (FRL No. 9902-65-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3547. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Procedures for Stringency Determinations and Minor Permit Revisions for Federal Operating Permits" (FRL No. 9902-50-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3548. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to groups designated by the Secretary of State as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (OSS 2013-1728); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3549. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2013-1730); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3550. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative

Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2013-1729); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3551. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-0104); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3552. A communication from the Director of the National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Gallery's Inspector General Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3553. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Big Valley District-Lake County and Kelsey Bench-Lake County Viticultural Areas and Modification of the Red Hills Lake County Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB99), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3554. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Ballard Canyon Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3555. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a delay in the submission of the audit report for the year ending December 31, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3556. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, and the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3557. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Moon Mountain District Sonoma County Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 292. A resolution expressing support for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines and the surrounding region.

S. 657. A bill to eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet primary indicators of health, sanitation, and safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1683. A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1700. A bill to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to extend, enhance, and revise the provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, to establish certain other protections for personal information of children and minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 1701. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to strengthen Fourth and Fifth Amendment Protections and freedoms of citizens of the United States and ensure greater transparency and oversight of the ability of the Federal Government to collect information and conduct surveillance on the private lives of citizens of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1702. A bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1703. A bill to require the provision of information to members of the Armed Forces on availability of mental health services and related privacy rights; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1704. A bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1705. A bill to provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a national network of local digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools for learning skills, developing inventions, creating businesses, and producing personalized products; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1706. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1707. A bill to exclude consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pensions made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1708. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1709. A bill to require the Committee on Technology of the National Science and Technology Council to develop and update a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1710. A bill to require Amtrak to propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain Amtrak trains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1711. A bill to enable States to opt out of certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HELLER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON

of Wisconsin, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1712. A bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 1713. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the dollar limitation on the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1714. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to Syria, to expand existing sanctions with respect to Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HELLER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1715. A bill to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, disposing, and improving the efficiency of Federal buildings and other civilian property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HELLER, Mr. COONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1716. A bill to facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new long-term job creation through the establishment of an Infrastructure Financing Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1717. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve oversight of educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 295. A resolution expressing the support for the designation of October 20, 2013 as the "National Day on Writing"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Res. 296. A resolution designating the week beginning on October 13, 2013, as "National Wildlife Refuge Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 297. A resolution congratulating the Minnesota Lynx women's basketball team on winning the 2013 Women's National Basketball Association Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 644

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prevent the abuse of dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

S. 1032

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1032, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the Uniform Code of Military Justice related to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1318, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1455, a bill to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification that a program to verify household income is operational.

S. 1517

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1517, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1614

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1614, a bill to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes.

S. 1618

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1618, a bill to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government.

S. 1635

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1635, a bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to extend the period during which supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits are temporarily increased.

S. 1642

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1642, a bill to permit the continuation of certain health plans.

S. 1644

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1644, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for preliminary hearings on alleged offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

S. 1670

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1670, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes.

S. 1693

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1693, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to extend the initial open enrollment period.

S. 1696

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1696, a bill to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services.

S. 1699

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1699, a bill to permit individuals to renew certain health insurance coverage offered in the individual or small group markets and to provide that such individuals would not be subject to the individual mandate penalty.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 2, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

SENATE RESOLUTION 284

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 284, a resolution calling on the Government of Iran to immediately release Saeed Abedini and all other individuals detained on account of their religious beliefs.

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 284, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 292

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 292, a resolution expressing support for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines and the surrounding region.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2013, at 11:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Ensuring Access to Higher Education: Simplifying Federal Student Aid for Today's College Student."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Threats to the Homeland."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Contract Support Costs and Sequestration: Fiscal Crisis in Indian Country."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 14, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Committee on the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2013, at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 14, 2013, at 2:45 p.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Cartel Prosecution: Stopping Price Fixers and Protecting Consumers."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to hold an European Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "A Pivotal Moment for the Eastern Partnership: Outlook for Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Belarus, Armenia, and Azerbaijan".

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, ATMOSPHERE, FISHERIES, AND THE COAST GUARD

The Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and the Coast Guard of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Southeast Regional Perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 330. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 893. An act to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 2:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 982. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Postal Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 982. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3204

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 3204.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motion was agreed to;

Whereupon,

DRUG QUALITY AND SECURITY ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3204) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2033).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "1 day" and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2034).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2035).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2035) contained in the pending motion to commit, by striking "3 days" and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 2036).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "4 days" and inserting "5 days" (being amendment No. 2037).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2037 to amendment No. 2036 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2035) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DRUG QUALITY AND SECURITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3204.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2037 to amendment No. 2036 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2035) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 3204:

HARRY REID, T.R. HARKIN, PATRICK J. LEAHY, JACK REED, ANGUS S. KING, JR., MARK BEGICH, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, BEN CARDIN, TIM KAINE, CHRIS COONS, TOM UDALL, S. WHITEHOUSE, JOE MANCHIN, BILL NELSON, MARK R. WARNER, DEBBIE STABENOW, AMY KLOBUCHAR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1197

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1197) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1197:

HARRY REID, CARL LEVIN, JACK REED, ANGUS S. KING, JR., MARK BEGICH, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, BEN CARDIN, TIM KAINE, CHRIS COONS, TOM UDALL, S. WHITEHOUSE, BILL NELSON, JOE MANCHIN, MARK R. WARNER, DEBBIE STABENOW, AMY KLOBUCHAR, DICK DURBIN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

ORDER FOR RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:40 p.m.,

The Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) called the Senate to order.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3204

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3204; that the pending amendments be laid aside; that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2024); that it be in order for the majority to propose a "side-by-side" amendment to the bill; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate on said amendments; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the majority amendment, followed by a vote on amendment No. 2024; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. REID objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 3204 AND BILL S. 1197

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3204; that the pending amendments thereto be withdrawn; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. VITTER further asked unanimous consent that, upon disposition of bill H.R. 3204, the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1197 be agreed to; that he be recognized to propose an amendment thereto; that it be in order for the majority to propose a "side-by-side" amendment to the bill; that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, each amendment remain in order to the bill; and that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

Mr. REID objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1629

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1629) to require the disclosure of determinations with respect to which Congressional staff will be required to obtain health insurance coverage through an Exchange; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass.

Mr. REID objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO BILL S. 252

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. SHAHEEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 252) to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

On motion by Mr. REID,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House of Representatives to the bill.

Resolved further, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the title of the bill.

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF A "NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 295) expressing the support for the designation of October 20, 2013 as the "National Day on Writing", submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. LANDRIEU), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGEE WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 296) designating the week beginning on October 13, 2013, as "National Wildlife Refuge Week", submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SCHATZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE MINNESOTA LYNX WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2013 WNBA CHAMPIONSHIP

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 297) congratulating the Minnesota Lynx women's basketball team on winning the 2013 Women's National Basketball Association Championship, submitted today by Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR TYPHOON VICTIMS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SURROUNDING REGION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 292) expressing support for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines and the surrounding region.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO RELEASE ALL INDIVIDUALS DETAINED FOR THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 284) calling on the Government of Iran to immediately release Saeed Abedini and all other individuals detained on account of their religious beliefs.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2013; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That Senators be permitted to "file" first-degree amendments to bill H.R. 3204 until 3 p.m. on Monday next; and that Senators be permitted to "file" second-degree amendments until 4 p.m. on Monday next.

Ordered further, That, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robert Wilkins to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; that time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination.

Ordered further, That, if said motion is not agreed to, the Senate resume its legislative session and immediately vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 3204; that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on said bill is agreed to, time for debate thereon, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the pending amendments be withdrawn; that the bill read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said bill, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1197.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:35 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2013.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 14, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 14, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1197

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1197) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3204

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the pending motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 3204 be withdrawn; that the pending motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and amendments Numbered 2035, 2036, and 2037 thereto be withdrawn; that amendment No. 2033, and amendment No. 2034 thereto, be withdrawn; that the bill be considered read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

DRUG QUALITY AND SECURITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate was considered to have resumed consideration of the bill (H.R. 3204) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on passage of the bill.

The bill was considered read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1197

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider the bill S. 1197.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 14, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3558. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Early Warning Reporting, Foreign Defect Reporting, and Motor Vehicle and Equipment Recall Regulations" (RIN2127-AK72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3559. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Ejection Mitigation" (RIN2127-AL40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3560. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments To Implement Certain Provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)" (RIN2126-AB60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3561. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Penalty Guidelines" (RIN2137-AF02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3562. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Enhanced Enforcement Procedures - Resumption of Transportation" (RIN2137-AE98), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3563. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Highway-Rail Grade Crossing; Safe Clearance" (RIN2137-AE69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3564. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Corrections and Response to Administrative Appeals (HM-215K, HM-215L, HM-218G and HM-219)" (RIN2137-AF01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3565. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3566. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); Miscellaneous Rules Redelegation of Authority To Determine Appeals Under the FOIA" (16 CFR Part 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3567. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan Regulations" (RIN0648-BD43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3568. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (81); Amdt. No. 3553" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3569. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (4); Amdt. No. 3557" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3570. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (30); Amdt. No. 3552" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3571. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (84); Amdt. No. 3551" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3572. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard

Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (16); Amdt. No. 3554" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3573. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0463)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3574. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0186)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3575. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell ASCa Inc. Emergency Locator Transmitters Installed on Various Transport Category Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0707)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3576. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AgustaWestland S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0350)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3577. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PIAGGIO AERO INDUSTRIES S.p.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0527)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3578. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0270)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3579. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0398)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3580. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0301)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3581. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0119)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3582. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0097)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3583. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopters Textron, Inc. (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0379)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3584. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0535)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3585. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited (Bell)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0400)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3586. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0931)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3587. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0341)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3588. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0887)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3589. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH (ECD) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0020)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3590. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0092)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3591. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1076)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3592. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0335)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3593. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1078)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3594. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0617)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3595. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0615)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3596. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0808)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3597. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0424)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3598. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0422)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3599. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alexander Schleicher GmbH and Co. Segelflugzeugbau Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0450)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3600. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0459)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1254. A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-121).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINE)):

S. 1718. A bill to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1719. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1720. A bill to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1721. A bill to decrease the frequency of sports blackouts, to require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

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

S. Res. 298. A resolution to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in United States v. Allen; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of,

the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 916, a bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1306

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1306, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

S. 1323

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 1351

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1351, a bill to provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports.

S. 1441

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1441, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1610, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1644

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1644, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for preliminary hearings on alleged offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

S. 1687

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1687, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1696

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1696, a bill to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to require the Committee on Technology of the National Science and Technology Council to develop and update a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 269

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 269, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on United States policy regarding possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

SENATE RESOLUTION 270

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 270, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2013, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Beyond Silk Road: Potential Risks, Threats, and Promises of Virtual Currencies."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2655. An act to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3350. An act to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1848) to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SHUSTER, DUNCAN of Tennessee, LOBIONDO, GRAVES of Georgia, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Messrs. HUNTER, BUCSHON, GIBBS, HANNA, WEBSTER of Florida, RICE of South Carolina, MULLIN, RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, RAHALL, DEFAZIO, Mses. BROWN of Florida, EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. HAHN, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, and Mrs. BUSTOS.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 103, 115, 144, 146, and 220 of the House bill, and sections 2017, 2027, 2028, 2033, 2051, 3005, 5002, 5003, 5005, 5007, 5012, 5018, 5020, title XII, and section 13002 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HASTINGS of Washington, BISHOP of Utah, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

The message also announced that the SPEAKER removes the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. GRAVES, as a conferee and appoints the gentleman from Missouri, Mr. GRAVES, to fill the vacancy thereon to the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2655. An act to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CALL FOR THE RELEASE FROM PRISON OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF UKRAINE YULIA TYMOSHENKO

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 165) calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 14, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 14, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1197

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 14, 2013, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 1197) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 14, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---yeas... 91, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 236 Leg.]

YEAS --- 91

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

OBJECTION RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1197

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the first amendments in order to be proposed to bill S. 1197 be the following:

An amendment, intended to be proposed by the minority leader, or his designee, relative to Guantanamo; and

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. GILLIBRAND, or her designee, relative to sexual assault.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that a relevant amendment (in side-by-side fashion) be in order to be proposed in relation to each aforementioned amendment; that an amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE), be proposed (in side-by-side fashion) in relation to the amendment to be proposed by Mrs. GILLIBRAND; that an amendment, intended to be proposed by the majority leader, or his designee, be proposed (in side-by-side fashion) in relation to the amendment to be proposed by the minority leader, or his designee; that no second-degree amendment be in order to be proposed to the aforementioned amendments; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; and that the Senate vote first on the question of agreeing to an amendment (in side-by-side fashion), and then on the amendment in relation to which the amendment (in side-by-side fashion) may be proposed.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that no motion to recommit be in order during the pendency of the bill; and that, upon disposition of the aforementioned amendments, the majority leader be recognized.

Mr. INHOFE objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1197

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the pending motion to proceed, be concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1197) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to amend the pending bill on page 310, line 14, by striking "$4,000,000,000," and inserting "$5,000,000,000" (being amendment No. 2123).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to amend the pending amendment on page 310, line 14, by striking "$5,000,000,000," and inserting "$5,000,000,001" (being amendment No. 2124).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2125).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2125) contained in the pending motion to commit, at the appropriate place, by striking "3 days," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2126).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by striking "2 days," and inserting "1 day" (being amendment No. 2127).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2127 to amendment No. 2126 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2125) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Armed Services.

ALICIA DAWN KOEHL RESPECT FOR NATIONAL CEMETERIES ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1471) to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of the Army to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER (for Mr. SANDERS) to amend the pending bill (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 2, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2146).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PEPFAR STEWARDSHIP AND OVERSIGHT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1545) to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the reported amendments be agreed to and considered original text for purpose of further amendment.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER for Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORKER) to further amend the pending bill, as amended, (in the nature of a substitute) on various

pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2147).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY, DOCUMENTS, AND REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mrs. BOXER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 298) to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in United States v. Allen, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1197; and that time until 12:30 p.m. be for debate only.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

At 7:41 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3601. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3602. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0143)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3603. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0094)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3604. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0239)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3605. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0240)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3606. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0364)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3607. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-20132-0983)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3608. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Aircraft Equipped with Rotax Aircraft Engines 912 A Series Engine" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0738)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3609. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Inc. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0349)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3610. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-28059)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3611. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1454)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3612. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Bryant AAF, Anchorage, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0433)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3613. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Everett, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0434)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3614. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Battle Mountain, NV" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0530)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3615. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Stockton, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0274)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3616. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Oakland, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0457)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3617. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference; North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria; Hazardous Materials Safety Permits" (RIN2126-AB62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3618. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Wasatch, UT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0528)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3619. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Umatilla, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3620. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airspace Designations; Incorporation By Reference" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0709)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3621. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Fort Polk, LA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0267)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3622. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Dayton, TN, Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cleveland, TN, and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Bradley Memorial Hospital, Cleveland, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0073)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3623. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Harlingen, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1140)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3624. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Plattsburgh, NY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0276)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3625. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Wrightstown, NJ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0565)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3626. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Santa Monica, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0611)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3627. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Establishment, Modification and Cancellation of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; Northeast United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0504)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3628. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Washington, DC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0339)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3629. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Creation of Low Power Radio Service, Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations" (FCC 13-134), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3630. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promoting Interoperability in the 700 MHz Commercial Spectrum; Requests for Waiver and Extension of Lower 700 MHz Band Interim Construction Benchmark Deadlines" (FCC 13-136), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

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

S. 1398. A bill to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (Rept. No. 113-122).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1722. A bill to improve the training of child protection professionals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1723. A bill to clarify that the anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, the federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs under title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1724. A bill to provide that the reinsurance fee for the transitional reinsurance program under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1725. A bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1726. A bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1727. A bill to require a Comptroller General of the United States report assessing a study of the Army on the combat vehicle industrial base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1728. A bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1729. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide further options with respect to levels of coverage under qualified health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 1730. A bill to reform the regulatory process to ensure that small businesses are free to compete and to create jobs, to clear unnecessary regulatory burdens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. LEE):

S. 1731. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and intrastate threatened species and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1732. A bill to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1733. A bill to stop exploitation through trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MANCHIN:

S. 1734. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 1735. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1736. A bill to amend titles 5 and 38, United States Code, to clarify the veteran status of an individual based on the attendance of the individual at a preparatory school of a service academy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 1737. A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property; read the first time.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1738. A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 299. A resolution congratulating the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee on the celebration of its 100th anniversary and commending its significant contribution to empower and revitalize developing communities around the world; to the Committee on the Judiciary

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

S. Res. 300. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. Res. 301. A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and implementation of the National Alzheimer's Project Act and the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 160

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 160, a bill to exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled, and for other purposes.

S. 288

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to increase the participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and industry.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 395

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 395, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 405

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 405, a bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1053

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1053, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs.

S. 1307

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1307, a bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1424

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1424, a bill to require the Supreme Court of the United States to promulgate a code of ethics.

S. 1476

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a delay in the implementation schedule of the reductions in disproportionate share hospital payments, and for other purposes.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1610, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms.

KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1642

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1642, a bill to permit the continuation of certain health plans.

S. 1654

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations.

S. 1702

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1702, a bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 294

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 294, a resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., to hold an East Asia and Pacific Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Assessing the Response to Typhoon Yolanda/Haiyan."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE

The Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Strengthening Government Oversight: Examining the Roles and Effectiveness of Oversight Positions Within the Federal Workforce."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance and the Subcommittee on Economic Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Present and Future Impact of Virtual Currency."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 272. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense joint outpatient clinic to be constructed in Marina, California, as the "Major General William H. Gourley VA-DOD Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 2061. An act to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3343. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the rules regarding the determination of the compensation of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia.

H.R. 3487. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act to extend through 2018 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission, to expand such authority to certain other violations, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2061. An act to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1197) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2127, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2126, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2125), contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:48 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1197.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2127 to amendment No. 2126 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2125) contained in the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That Mrs. FEINSTEIN be added as cosponsor of amendment No. 2175.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2127 to amendment No. 2126 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2125) contained in the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the pending motion to recommit be withdrawn; that pending amendment No. 2123 be laid aside; that Ms. AYOTTE, or her designee, be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2255), relative to Guantanamo; that an amendment (Numbered 2175, in side-by-side fashion) be in order to be proposed by Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN); that no second degree amendment be in order to either amendment; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 5 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2255; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2175; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2125), and amendments Numbered 2126 and 2127 thereto, were withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2124, proposed by Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE), to amendment No. 2123, proposed by Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE), to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendment was laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. INHOFE for Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. BARRASSO) to amend the pending bill by striking section 1031, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2255).

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MARK UDALL) to amend the pending bill by striking section 1033, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2175).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2255 to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 43, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 237 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 55

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2175 to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 52, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 238 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Leahy, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sanders, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Warren, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2124 to amendment No. 2123 to the bill.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that pending amendments be laid aside; that Mrs. GILLIBRAND, or her designee, be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2099), relative to sexual assault; that an amendment (Numbered 2170, in side-by-side fashion) be in order to be proposed by Mrs. MCCASKILL and Ms. AYOTTE; that no second-degree amendment be in order to either amendment; and that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes consideration of bill S. 1197 on tomorrow, the time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between proponents and opponents of amendment No. 2099; that, at 5 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2170; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes.

Mr. INHOFE objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2124 to amendment No. 2123 to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to recommit the pending bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2305).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions contained in the pending motion to recommit by striking "3 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "2 days" (being amendment No. 2306).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "2 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "1 day" (being amendment No. 2307).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2307 to amendment No. 2306 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2305) contained in the motion to recommit the pending bill to the Committee on Armed Services.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill S. 1197 on tomorrow, there be 6 hours for only debate relative to sexual assault; and that the following be recognized therein for the times indicated: Mrs. GILLIBRAND, or her designee, three hours; Mrs. MCCASKILL and Ms. AYOTTE, or their designees, 75 minutes each; the ranking member, or his designee, 20 minutes; and the chairman, or his designee, 10 minutes.

AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE "DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAIDERS"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 381) to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. DONNELLY (for Mr. BROWN) to amend the pending bill on various pages and lines by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2344).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3304) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. DONNELLY (for Mr. LEVIN) to amend the pending bill on various pages and lines by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2345).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. DONNELLY (for Mr. LEVIN), so as to read: "An act to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor".

AUTHORIZING PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

On the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 300) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1737) to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property, introduced today by Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. REID), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DONNELLY asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DONNELLY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1197, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

At 7:13 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 20, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1737) to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property, introduced on yesterday by Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. REID), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3631. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3632. A communication from the Chief, Administrative Law Division, Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2013; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3633. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the utilization of a contribution to the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3634. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3635. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Safeguarding Unclassified Controlled Technical Information" ((RIN0750-AG47)(DFARS Case 2011-D039)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3636. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Environmental Programs Annual Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3637. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Requirements Relating to Supply Chain Risk" ((RIN0750-AH96)(DFARS Case 2012-D050)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3638. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Removal of DFARS Coverage on Contractors Performing Private Security" ((RIN0750-AI12)(DFARS Case 2013-D037)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3639. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3640. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 on May 16, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3641. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3642. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to South Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3643. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Bulgaria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3644. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3645. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Australia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3646. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3647. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a biennial report relative to the Food Emergency Response Network; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3648. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Ovine Meat From Uruguay" ((RIN0579-AD17)(Docket No. APHIS-2008-0085)), received during adjournment of the

Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3649. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Blueberry Promotion, Research and Information Order; Assessment Rate Increase" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0062)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3650. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ownership and Control Reports, Forms 102/102S, 40/40S, and 71" (RIN3038-AD31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3651. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Collateral of Counterparties to Uncleared Swaps; Treatment of Securities in a Portfolio Margining Account in a Commodity Broker Bankruptcy" (RIN3038-AD28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3652. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enhancing Protections Afforded Customers and Customer Funds Held by Futures Commission Merchants and Derivatives Clearing Organizations" (RIN3038-AD88), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3653. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the authorization of a noncompetitive extension of five years to the Department of Energy's (DOE) contract with UT-Battelle, LLC (UT-Batelle) for the management and operation of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3654. A communication from the Acting Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3655. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfer of Real Property at Defense Nuclear Facilities for Economic Development" (RIN1901-AA82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3656. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Request for Exclusion of 100 Watt R20 Short Incandescent Reflector Lamp From Energy Conservation Standards" (RIN1904-AC57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3657. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Remaining OMB-approved Forms" (RIN1012-AA09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1739. A bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1740. A bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1741. A bill to direct the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) to carry out a pilot program to develop innovative consumer financial products that encourage savings and wealth-creation among members of the Armed Forces on active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 1742. A bill to temporarily suspend the collection of entrance fees at units of the National Park System and the National Wildlife Refuge System; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1743. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 1744. A bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COONS:

S. 1745. A bill to promote security, stability and good governance in Somalia through a coordinated interagency strategy that supports the consolidation of recent security and political gains in Somalia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1746. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1747. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 1748. A bill to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce to establish public-private partnerships under the Market Development Cooperator Program of the International Trade Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 1749. A bill to improve master plans for major military installations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LEE):

S. 1750. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1751. A bill to improve authorities for performance of medical disabilities examinations by contract physicians for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1752. A bill to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1753. A bill to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 302. A resolution designating December 1, 2013, as "Drive Safer Sunday"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 303. A resolution declaring that achieving the primary goal of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease of the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025 is an urgent national priority; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. Res. 304. A resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the date of the restoration by the Federal Government of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, November 22, 1983; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 305. A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 306. A resolution designating Thursday, November 21, 2013, as "Feed America Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 307. A resolution permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 308. A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 204

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 350

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 350, a bill to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency.

S. 425

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 487

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 487, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under the maximum hours requirements.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1246

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1246, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal defense contract, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

S. 1623

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1623, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

S. 1644

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1644, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for preliminary hearings on alleged offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1647, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin.

S. 1670

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1670, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1726, a bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1728, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 301

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 301, a resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and implementation of the National Alzheimer's Project Act and the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will conduct a hearing entitled, "Soldiers as Consumers: Predatory and Unfair Business Practices Harming the Military Community."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Dying Young: Why Your Social and Economic Status May Be a Death Sentence in America."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct hearing entitled "Carcieri: Bringing Certainty to Trust Land Acquisitions."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 20, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 428A Russell Senate Office building to conduct a hearing entitled "Affordable Care Act Implementation: Examining How to Achieve a Successful Rollout of the Small Business Exchanges."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE

The Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2013, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Safeguarding Our Nation's Secrets: Examining the National Security Workforce."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitle "Testimony on Public Lands Bills."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:11 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1545. An act to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs.

At 5:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 252. An act to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, and for other purposes.

S. 1545. An act to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs.

H.R. 1848. An act to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3204. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1197) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2307, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2306, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2305), contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that pending motion to recommit be withdrawn; that the pending amendments be laid aside; that Mrs. GILLIBRAND, or her designee, be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2099), relative to sexual assault; that an amendment (Numbered 2170, in side-by-side fashion) be in order to be proposed by Mrs. MCCASKILL and Ms. AYOTTE; that no second-degree amendment be in order to either amendment; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between proponents and opponents of amendment No. 2099; that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2170; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; and that no motion to recommit be in order during the pendency of said amendments.

Mr. INHOFE objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2307 to amendment No. 2306 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2305) contained in the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, until 7:30 p.m.

After debate,

Mr. COBURN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2307 to amendment No. 2306 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2305) contained in the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1197:

HARRY REID, CARL LEVIN, DICK DURBIN, TIM KAINE, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, KAY HAGAN, B.A. MIKULSKI, JOE DONNELLY, MARK UDALL, CLAIRE MCCASKILL, CHRIS COONS, JEANNE SHAHEEN, MARK R. WARNER, JACK REED, PATTY MURRAY, BILL NELSON, ANGUS S. KING, JR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2307 to amendment No. 2306 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2305) contained in the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FEDERAL RECOGNITION TO THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 304) recognizing the 30th anniversary of the date of the restoration by the Federal Government of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, November 22, 1983, submitted today by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 305) recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States, submitted today by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "FEED AMERICA DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 306) designating Thursday, November 21, 2013, as "Feed America Day", submitted today by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEE, and Mr. LEAHY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PERMITTING THE COLLECTION OF CHARITABLE ITEMS IN SENATE BUILDINGS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 307) permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings, submitted today by Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BURR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 308) recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month, submitted today by Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1752) to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 1197; and that Senators be authorized to "file" first degree amendments until 1 p.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:36 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1356

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1356) to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1752) to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO RECONSIDER MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON NOMINATION

On motion by Mr. REID to proceed to consider the motion, entered by him on Thursday, October 31, 2013, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 57, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 239 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. HATCH, when their names were called, answered "present."

So the motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving five rollcall Votes, during which the following occurred:)

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1197 AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 28

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate resume its legislative session to resume consideration of bill S. 1197; that time until 4 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. LEVIN and Mr. INHOFE, or their designees; that, at 4 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill; that, if said motion is agreed to, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 28; and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1197 is not agreed to, the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 28.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1197) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2307, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2306, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2305), contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, to bring to a close debate on pending bill S. 1197.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, November 20, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 4 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 245 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 28) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 51, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 246 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Crapo, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Wicker.

So the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. REID called for the regular order with respect to the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Whereupon,

The Senate resumed executive session; and after consideration of executive business (during which the following occurred:)

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S, 1774

Mr. SCHUMER asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (S. 1774) to reauthorize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 1 year, introduced earlier today; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. SESSIONS objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, November 21, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 252. An act to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, and for other purposes.

S. 1545. A bill to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3658. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3659. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Material Control and Accounting Regulations" (RIN3150-AI61), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3660. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Delisting of the Eastern District Population Segment of Steller Sea Lion Under the Endangered Species Act; Amendment to Special Protection Measures for Endangered Marine Mammals" (RIN0648-BB41), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3661. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and Delisting Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Magazine Mountain Shagreen from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AX59), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3662. A communication from the Chief of the Foreign Species Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Five Foreign Bird Species in Colombia and Ecuador, South America, as Endangered Throughout Their Range" (RIN1018-AV75), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3663. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Species Status for the Mount Charleston Blue Butterfly" (RIN1018-AY52), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3664. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Provisions; Revised List of Migratory Birds" (RIN1018-AX48), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; and Environment and Public Works.

EC-3665. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Application for Approval of Copper-Clad Iron Shot and Fluoropolymer Shot Coatings as Nontoxic for Waterfowl Hunting" (RIN1018-AY61, RIN1018-AY66), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3666. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Depredation Order for Migratory Birds in California" (RIN1018-AY65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3667. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Definition of 'Hybrid' Migratory Bird" (RIN1018-AX90), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3668. A communication from the Chief of the Border Securities Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections Relating to the Procedures for the Production or Disclosure of Information in State or Local Criminal Proceedings" (CBP Dec. 13-18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3669. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual reports that appeared in the June 2013 Treasury Bulletin; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3670. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 40(g)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-175); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3671. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-075); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3672. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-144); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3673. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-126); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3674. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-157); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3675. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-153); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3676. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-133); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3677. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0185- 2013-0194); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3678. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) three reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3679. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of the Cancer Prevention and Treatment Demonstration for Ethnic and Racial Minorities: Final Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3680. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority - Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program--Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling" (CFDA No. 84. 129B), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3681. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008; Technical Amendment to External Review for Multi-State Plan Program" (RIN0938-AP65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3682. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008; Technical Amendment to External Review for Multi-State Plan Program" (RIN1210-AB30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3683. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3684. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3685. A communication from the General Counsel, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3686. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program; Expanding Coverage of Children; Federal Flexible Benefits Plan: Pre-Tax Payment of Health Benefits Premiums: Conforming Amendments" (RIN3206-AM55), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3687. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "DHS Privacy Office 2013 Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3688. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Statistical Programs of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3689. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3690. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3691. A communication from the Register of Copyrights and Director, United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Proposed Schedule and Analysis of Copyright Fees To Go into Effect on or about April 1, 2014"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3692. A communication from the Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information, Privacy Act, and Government in the Sunshine Act Procedures" (RIN0311-AA02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3693. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Three Synthetic Phenethylamines Into Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-382), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1754. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for homeless children and youths and foster children and youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 1755. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 1756. A bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1757. A bill to provide for an equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1758. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to Medicare data; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1759. A bill to reauthorize the teaching health center program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1760. A bill to amend the statutory authorities of the Coast Guard to improve the quality of life for current and former Coast Guard personnel and their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1761. A bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009 and establish a private right of action to enforce compliance with such Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1762. A bill to eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1763. A bill to increase the effectiveness of child support enforcement and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISAKSON, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1764. A bill to limit the retirement of A-10 aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CORKER:

S. 1765. A bill to ensure the compliance of Iran with agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 1766. A bill to provide for the equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1767. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1768. A bill to establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1769. A bill to limit the establishment of certain standards of care or duties of care owed by health care providers to patients in any medical malpractice or medical product liability action or claim; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 1770. A bill to provide for Federal civil liability for trade secret misappropriation in certain circumstances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1771. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1772. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1773. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death or disability of the student borrower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1774. A bill to reauthorize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 1 year; read the first time.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1775. A bill to improve the sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1776. A bill to encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available for use by rural and smaller carriers in order to expand wireless coverage; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1777. A bill to support innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COONS, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 309. A resolution expressing support for improvement in the collection, processing, and consumption of recyclable materials throughout the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 310. A resolution designating December 3, 2013, as "National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 311. A resolution calling on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to strongly oppose Russia's discriminatory law against the freedom of expression for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons and to obtain written assurance that host countries of the Olympic Games will uphold all international human rights and civil rights obligations for all persons observing or participating in the Games regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Con. Res. 26. A concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. Con. Res. 27. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and to support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S-300 air defense system; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 28. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Con. Res. 29. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that children trafficked in the United States be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 851

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 851, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, and for other purposes.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 994, a bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

S. 1135

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1149, a bill to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms, and to extend the ban to undetectable firearm receivers and undetectable ammunition magazines.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer.

S. 1262

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1262, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans conservation corps, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1413

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1413, a bill to exempt from sequestration certain fees of the Food and Drug Administration.

S. 1517

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1517, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1570

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1570, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, and for other purposes.

S. 1654

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1712

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1712, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1726, a bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers.

S. 1732

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1732, a bill to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard.

S. 1735

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1735, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans.

S. 1747

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1747, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1750

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1750, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 1753

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1753, a bill to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 27, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of the Treasury relating to liability under section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for the shared responsibility payment for not maintaining minimum essential coverage.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 12

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 12, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that our current tax incentives for retirement savings provide important benefits to Americans to help plan for a financially secure retirement.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 301

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 301, a resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and implementation of the National Alzheimer's Project Act and the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Housing Finance Reform: Powers and Structure of a Strong Regulator."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

The Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2013, at 10:15 a.m. in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Oversight Hearing: NRC's Implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendations and other Actions to Enhance and Maintain Nuclear Safety."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2013, at 2:15 p.m., to hold a Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Political, Economic, And Security Situation in Africa".

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1965. An act to streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2728. An act to recognize States' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1774) to reauthorize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 1 year, introduced today by Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1775) to improve the sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mrs. MCCASKILL, (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. FISCHER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1965) to streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2728) to recognize States' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate until Monday, December 9, 2013, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the minority leader, pursuant to section 2(b) of Public Law 98-183, as amended by Public Law 103-419, had appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on Civil Rights: Gail Heriot, of California.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:15 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11:15 a.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 1 p.m. on Friday, November 29, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013, for a pro forma session that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that the House has agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 28, the Senate adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013.

Ordered further, That, on Monday, December 9, 2013, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, until 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1197; and that the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Armed Services be recognized to speak.

Ordered further, That, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Patricia Millett; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; and that, at 5:30 p.m., time for debate pursuant to S. Res. 15 be concluded; and that the Senate then vote confirmation of the nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate subsequently (on Friday, November 22, 2013) having received a message from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 28,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:32 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MURPHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 9, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 21, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 21, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1356

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1356) to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1774) to reauthorize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 1 year, introduced on Thursday, November 21, 2013 by Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1775) to improve the sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes, introduced on Thursday, November 21, 2013 by Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. FISCHER), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1965) to streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, November 21, 2013, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2728) to recognize States' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, November 21, 2013, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1356

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1356.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 21, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 22, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 28. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 2501, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Mr. BARR of Kentucky.

The message further announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51312(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. KING of New York.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SWISS CONFEDERATION, CONSISTING OF A PRINCIPAL AGREEMENT AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT -- PM 25

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with accompanying reports and papers; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95-216, 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)), I transmit herewith an Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation, signed at Bern on December 3, 2012, (the "U.S.-Swiss Agreement"). The Agreement consists of two instruments: a principal agreement and an administrative arrangement, and upon entry into force, will replace: the Agreement between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation on Social Security with final protocol, signed July 18, 1979; the Administrative Agreement between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security of July 18, 1979, signed December 20, 1979; and the Supplementary Agreement between the two Contracting States, signed June 1, 1988.

The U.S.-Swiss Agreement is similar in objective to the social security agreements already in force with most of the European Union member states, Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Norway, and the Republic of Korea. Such bilateral agreements provide for

limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation and to help prevent the lost benefit protection that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries. The principal updates encompassed in the Agreement include amendments to rules for entitlement to Swiss disability pensions paid to ensure equality of treatments between U.S. and Swiss nationals, updates to personal information confidentiality provisions, and modifications necessary to take into account changes in U.S. and Swiss laws since 1988.

The U.S.-Swiss Agreement contains all provisions mandated by section 233 of the Social Security Act and other provisions that I deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 233, pursuant to section 233(c)(4) of the Social Security Act.

I also transmit, for the information of the Congress, a report prepared by the Social Security Administration explaining the key points of the U.S.-Swiss Agreement, along with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of the provisions of the principal agreement and administrative arrangement. Annexed to this report is the report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act on the number of individuals affected by the Agreement and the effect of the Agreement on the estimated income and expenditures of the U.S. Social Security program. The Department of State and the Social Security Administration have recommended the U.S.-Swiss Agreement and related documents to me.

I commend the U.S.-Swiss Agreement on Social Security and related documents.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *December 9, 2013*.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3694. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ocean Dumping; Sabine-Neches Waterway (SNWW) Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site Designation" (FRL No. 9903-26-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3695. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Octadecanoic Acid, 12-Hydroxy-, Homopolymer, Ester with 2-Methyloxirane Polymer with Oxirane Monobutyl Ether; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9903-18), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3696. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York; Determination of Clean Data for the 1987 PM10 Standard for the New York County Area" (FRL No. 9903-24-Region 2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3697. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida: General Requirements and Gasoline Vapor Control; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 9903-23-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3698. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County Area" (FRL No. 9838-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3699. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9903-17-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3700. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Transportation Conformity and Conformity of General Federal Actions" (FRL No. 9903-21-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3701. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Reporting Under the Toxic Substances Control Act" (FRL No. 9394-6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3702. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9903-08-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3703. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia; Redesignation of the Atlanta 1997 8-Hour Ozone Moderate Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9903-32-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3704. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; North Carolina; Redesignation of the Charlotte; 1997 8-Hour Ozone Moderate Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9903-37-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3705. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Restriction of Emission of Sulfur Compounds and Emissions Banking and Trading" (FRL No. 9903-14-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3706. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rescission of Federal Implementation Plan; Wyoming; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9902-13-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3707. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois" (FRL No. 9902-26-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3708. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Revisions to the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule and Final Confidentiality Determinations for New or Substantially Revised Data Elements" (FRL No. 9902-95-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3709. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida; Approval of Revision to the State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9902-98-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3710. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Mississippi; Transportation Conformity SIP - Memorandum of Agreement" (FRL No. 9902-58-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3711. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Revisions to the Administrative Rules of Montana - Air Quality, Subchapter 7, Subchapter 16 and subchapter 17" (FRL No. 9817-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3712. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Ohio NOx SIP Call Rule Revision" (FRL No. 9901-38-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3713. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification; Permits for Specific Designated Facilities" (FRL No. 9903-00-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3714. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Ohio SO2 Air Quality Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9902-03-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3715. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; Notice of 12-Month Finding on a Petition to List the Sperm Whale (Physeter macrocephalus) as an Endangered or Threatened Distinct Population Segment (DPS) in the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XA983), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3716. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NRC Personnel Security Program" (Management Directive 12.3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3717. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Insurance Provider Fees" (RIN1545-BL20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3718. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Revision of Procedures for Requesting Competent Authority Assistance Under Tax Treaties" (Notice 2013-78), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3719. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Revision of Procedures for Advance Pricing Agreements" (Notice 2013-79), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3720. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting of Mortgage Insurance Premiums" (RIN1545-BL48), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3721. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Relating to Additional Medicare Tax" (RIN1545-BK54), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3722. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authority for Voluntary Withholding on Other Payments" (RIN1545-BL93), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3723. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Section 1274A CPI Adjustments" (Rev. Rul. 2013-23), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3724. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inclusion of Income of Section 9010 Fee Collected from Customers" (Rev. Rul. 2013-27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3725. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified 2- or 3-Wheeled Plug-In Electric Vehicle Credit Under Section 30D(g)" (Notice 2013-67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3726. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modifications of Certain Derivative Contracts" (RIN1545-BK13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3727. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008; Technical Amendment to External Review for Multi-State Plan Program" (RIN1545-BI70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3728. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reduction or Suspension of Safe Harbor Contributions" (RIN1545-BI64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3729. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of "Use-or-Lose" Rule for Health Flexible Spending Arrangements (FSAs) and Clarification Regarding 2013-2014 Non-Calendar Year Salary Reduction Elections under Section 125 Cafeteria Plans" (Notice 2013-71), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3730. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unpaid Losses Discount Factors and Payment Patterns for 2013" (Notice 2013-79), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3731. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Salvage Discount Factors and Payment Patterns for 2013" (Rev. Proc. 2013-37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3732. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Limitations Adjusted as Provided in Section 415(d), etc." (Notice 2013-73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3733. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-75), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3734. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - December 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3735. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments and Institutions for Mental Diseases Disproportionate Share Hospital Limits for Fiscal Year 2012, and Preliminary Fiscal Year 2013 Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments and Limits" (RIN0938-AR91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3736. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, Quality Incentive Program, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies" (RIN0938-AR55), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3737. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs...." (RIN0938-AR54), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3738. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Expiration Date for Mental Disorders Body System Listings" (RIN0960-AH49), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3739. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an evaluation of community-based prevention and wellness programs; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3740. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2014, Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements, and Cost Allocation of Home Health Survey Expenses" (RIN0938-AR52), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3741. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule, Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for Calendar Year 2014" (RIN0938-AR56), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 944. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-123).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 1386. A bill to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BURR:

S. 1778. A bill to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1779. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1780. A bill to clarify that funding for the standard setting body designated pursuant to section 19(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board is not subject to the sequester; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1781. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to clarify the definition of accidental release, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1782. A bill to provide for health care for every American and to control the cost and enhance the quality of the health care system; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1783. A bill to enhance public safety by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1784. A bill to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 312. A resolution calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HATCH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 313. A resolution designating November 30, 2013, as "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small business; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 857

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to permit leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent who has a serious health condition.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 951

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 951, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services replacing ICD-9 with ICD-10 in implementing the HIPAA code set standards.

S. 1085

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1085, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small businesses.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1149, a bill to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms, and to extend the ban to undetectable firearm receivers and undetectable ammunition magazines.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

S. 1618

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1618, a bill to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1706

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1706, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications.

S. 1712

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1712, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1719

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1728, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes.

S. 1735

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1735, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans.

S. 1740

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1740, a bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1749, a bill to improve master plans for major military installations.

S. 1753

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1753, a bill to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches.

S. 1756

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines.

S. 1759

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1759, a bill to reauthorize the teaching health center program.

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At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Nevada [Mr.

HELLER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 299, a resolution congratulating the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee on the celebration of its 100th anniversary and commending its significant contribution to empower and revitalize developing communities around the world.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 255. An act to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1095. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to nonprofit organizations that provide places of rest and recuperation at airports for members of the Armed Forces and their families, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1105. An act to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide a registration exemption for private equity fund advisers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1204. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1241. An act to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1846. An act to amend the Act establishing the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1900. An act to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects.

H.R. 1963. An act to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2388. An act to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2650. An act to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.

H.R. 2719. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3309. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3547. An act to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014.

H.R. 3588. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

H.R. 3626. An act to extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years.

At 6:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3626. An act to extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY).

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1095. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to nonprofit organizations that provide places of rest and recuperation at airports for members of the Armed Forces and their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1105. An act to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide a registration exemption for private equity fund advisers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1204. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1241. An act to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1846. An act to amend the Act establishing the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1900. An act to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1963. An act to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2388. To take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 2650. An act to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 2719. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3309. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ORDER RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the vote of the nomination of Patricia Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, ordered to occur today at 5:30 pm (as pursuant to the order of November 21, 2013), instead occur on tomorrow immediately following leader remarks.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The hour of 4 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 21, 2013, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1197) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2307, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2306, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2305), contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 21, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

FURTHER PERIOD FOR TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. NELSON,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 6:15 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3626

Mr. SCHUMER asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3626) to extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years, received from the House of Representatives on today, and at the desk; that the bill be read the first and second times; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that an amendment be proposed on behalf of Mr. NELSON, and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. GRASSLEY objected.

UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS ACT EXTENSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GRASSLEY,

Ordered, That the chair lay before the Senate the bill H.R. 3626, received from the House of Representatives on today, and at the desk; that the bill be read the first and second times; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Col. Scott C. Long to be Brigadier General of the Air Force; Col. Joseph J. Heck to be Brigadier General of the Army; Richard J. Engler to be member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; Kenneth J. Kopocis to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; Charles P. Rose to be member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation; Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force; Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security; Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board; Mark Thomas Nethery, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation; Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Washington, to be Under Secretary of Energy; Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; James Cole, Jr., of New York, to be General Counsel, Department of Education; Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education; Katherine M. O'Regan, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy; Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense; Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance); Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassador, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs); Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security; Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization; Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador; Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador; Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Peru; Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania; Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Belize; John Hoover, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Sierra Leone; Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Donald Lu, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of

Albania; Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Portuguese Republic; Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Namibia; Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cameroon; Eunice S. Reddick, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Niger; Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Lesotho; Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Morocco; Nanci E. Langley, of Hawaii, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission; Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission; William Ward Nooter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; Terrell McSweeny, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner; Robert Michael Simon, of Maryland, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; Jo Emily Handelsman, of Connecticut, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; Amos Rojas, Jr., of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida; Peter C. Tobin, of Ohio, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio; Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador; Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.; Theodore Strickland, of Ohio, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations; Stephen N. Zack, of Florida, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations; Heather Anne Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources; Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights); Richard Stengel, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy; Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps; Anthony Luzzatto Gardner, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary; Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Palau; Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security; Jon M. Holladay, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture; and Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to any nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. ALEXANDER objected.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Elizabeth A. Wolford, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York; Landya B. McCafferty, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire; Brian Morris, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana; Susan P. Watters, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana; Jeffrey Alker Meyer, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut; Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; Timothy L. Brooks, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas; James Donato, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California;) Beth Labson Freeman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California; Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico; Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; Pamela L. Reeves, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee; Vince Girdhari Chhabria, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California; and James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to any nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. ALEXANDER objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session to consider the nomination; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Elizabeth A. Wolford, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session to consider the nomination; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Landya B. McCafferty, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session to consider the nomination; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session to consider the nomination; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Brian Morris, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session to consider the nomination; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Susan P. Watters, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session to consider the nomination; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session to consider the nomination; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Heather Anne Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session to consider the nomination; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassador, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session to consider the nomination; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session to consider the nomination; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, as pursuant to the order of today.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. ALEXANDER.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:46 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1356

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1356) to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 21, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving nine rollcall Votes).

OBJECTION TO PASSAGE OF BILL S. 1797

Mr. REED, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (S. 1797) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced on today by him, and at the desk; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

Mr. HOEVEN objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3742. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpropathrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3743. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebuconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9392-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3744. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Etofenprox; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-39), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3745. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quinclorac; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3746. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metaldehyde; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9399-8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3747. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Beans, Shelled or in Pods, From Jordan Into the Continental United States" ((RIN0579-AD69)(Docket No. APHIS-2012-0042)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3748. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Derivatives Clearing Organizations and International Standards" (RIN3038-AE06), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3749. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly exception Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) as of September 30, 2013 (DCN OSS 2013-1801); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3750. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert P. Lennox, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3751. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Darrell D. Jones, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3752. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government of Panama requesting the U.S. Government to destroy eight U.S.-origin munitions remaining from testing by the United States on San Jose Island off the coast of Panama; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3753. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense commencing disaster relief operations in the Philippines; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3754. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Proposed Obligations for Cooperative Threat Reduction"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3755. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2012 Report on Department of Defense (DoD) Operation and Financial Support for Military Museums; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3756. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3757. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3758. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands" (RIN2501-AD51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3759. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3760. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3761. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Housing Assistance Due to Structural Damage" ((RIN1660-AA68)-(Docket No. FEMA-2010-0035)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3762. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Sharing Among Federal Home Loan Banks" (RIN2590-AA35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3763. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deposit Insurance Regulations; Definition of Insured Deposit" (RIN3064-AE00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3764. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the 2013 Mortgage Rules Under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X) and the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA37)-(Docket No. CFPB-2013-0031)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3765. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Premerger Notification; Reporting and Waiting Period Requirements" (RIN3084-AA91), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3766. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Homeownership Counseling Organizations Lists Interpretive View" (RIN3170-AA37), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3767. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ability-to-Repay and Qualified Mortgage Standards Under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA37)(Docket No. CFPB-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3768. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" (Docket No. CFPB-2013-0035), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3769. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending Act (Regulation M)" (Docket No. CFPB-2013-0034), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 1785. A bill to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in the States of Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1786. A bill to encourage the placement of children in foster care with siblings; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1787. A bill to require a medical loss ratio of 85 percent for Medicaid managed care plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1788. A bill to make it a negotiating principle of the United States in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements to seek the inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1789. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels, to preserve support of such channels, and for other purposes; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COONS:

S. 1790. A bill to modernize laws, and eliminate discrimination, with respect to people living with HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1791. A bill to provide for the treatment of certain hospitals under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1792. A bill to close out expired, empty grant accounts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1793. A bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 1794. A bill to designate certain Federal land in Chaffee County, Colorado, as a national monument and as wilderness; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1795. A bill to establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1796. A bill to increase the participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in STEM fields, to encourage and support students from all economic backgrounds to pursue STEM career opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1797. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1798. A bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 314. A resolution commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 315. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 316. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 135

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 135, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 236

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and physicians or practitioners to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 415

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level, and for other purposes.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 973, a bill to improve the integrity and safety of interstate horseracing, and for other purposes.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1096, a bill to establish an Office of Rural Education Policy in the Department of Education.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1123, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary

of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1405, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of certain ambulance add-on payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1454

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1454, a bill to authorize the Small Business Administrator to establish a grant program to empower encore entrepreneurs.

S. 1487

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1487, a bill to limit the availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to individuals who receive health insurance coverage pursuant to the provisions of a Taft-Hartley plan.

S. 1507

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1666

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1666, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to improve the patient navigator program.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1719

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1779

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

SENATE RESOLUTION 289

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 289, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that ambush marketing adversely affects the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams and should be discouraged.

SENATE RESOLUTION 299

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 299, a resolution congratulating the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee on the celebration of its 100th anniversary and commending its significant contribution to empower and revitalize developing communities around the world.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Housing Finance Reform: Fundamentals of Transferring Credit Risk in a Future Housing Finance System."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will conduct a hearing entitled "Crafting a Successful Incentive Auction: Stakeholders' Perspectives."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "The Transition in Afghanistan."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3627. An act to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), amended by the division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), the Minority Leader re-appoints the following members to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of Washington, DC and Mr. Jeffery L. Fiedler of Great Falls, Virginia.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3627. An act to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY OF SUPREME COURT POLICE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2922) to extend the authority of the Supreme Court Police to protect court officials away from the Supreme Court grounds, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MODIFYING THE COMPOSITION OF THE SOUTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2871) to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the southern judicial district of Mississippi to improve judicial efficiency, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on

Wednesday, November 13, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 315) to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1797) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REED, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Cornelia T.L. Pillard to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia.

Ordered further, That time during adjournment on today count against time for debate on the nomination, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:20 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013

Mr. MARTIN HEINRICH, from the State of New Mexico, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. HEINRICH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 11, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARTIN HEINRICH, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. HEINRICH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDER

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1797) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REED, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1356

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1356) to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of its executive business (involving 18 rollcall Votes), during which the following occurred:

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1610

Mr. MENENDEZ, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent, that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 1610) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; that a technical amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ, be agreed to; that no other amendment be in order to the bill; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between proponents and opponents of the billd; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage thereof; and that the bill, as amended, receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass.

After debate,

Mr. ROBERTS objected.

(The following occurred after 12 midnight, being Thursday, December 12, 2013)

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 3458

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, if the Senate receives from the House of Representatives, for concurrence the bill (H.R. 3458) to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments, and if the text of said bill is identical to the text of the bill (S. 1689) of identical title, as introduced, bill H.R. 3458 then be considered read the first and second times, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

PRAYER

The hour of 12 noon (Thursday, December 12, 2013) having arrived, and

The Senate having been in continuous session since the previous calendar day,

Pursuant to the order of February 29, 1960,

The PRESIDING OFFICER temporarily suspended the business of the Senate; and the Chaplain offered a prayer.

SPACE LAUNCH LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION EXTENSION ACT

On the request of Mr. NELSON,

As in legislative session,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3547) to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, December 9, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. NELSON to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2544, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. NELSON so as to read: "A bill to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches."

(The following occurred after 12 midnight, being Friday, December 13, 2013)

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1 P.M. ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 15, 2013; that, on Sunday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate convene for legislative business only.

PRAYER

The hour of 12 noon (Friday, December 13, 2013) having arrived, and

The Senate having been in continuous session since the previous calendar day (having also constructively convened at 12 noon on yesterday),

Pursuant to the order of February 29, 1960,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the Chair) temporarily suspended the business of the Senate; and the Chaplain offered a prayer.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following report of committee was submitted on Thursday, December 12, 2013:

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

S. 1360. A bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-124).

The following report of committee was submitted on Friday, December 13, 2013:

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities during the 112th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs" (Rept. No. 113-125).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated, on Wednesday, December 11, 2013:

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SESSIONS, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1799. A bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1800. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1801. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to include in the calculation of normal value the cost of paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. COATS, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1802. A bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. REED):

S. 1803. A bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1804. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 28. A joint resolution providing for the appointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 29. A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated, on Thursday, December 12, 2013:

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1805. A bill to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System in the State of New Mexico, to establish the Organ Mountains--Desert Peaks National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1806. A bill to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act with respect to membership eligibility of certain institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CORKER, Mr. BURR, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1807. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1808. A bill to prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1809. A bill to amend chapter 77 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify certain due process rights of Federal employees serving in sensitive positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1810. A bill to provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1811. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit voice communications through mobile communication devices on commercial passenger flights; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1812. A bill to provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1813. A bill to establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by or on behalf of State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in the financial recovery from earthquakes and earthquake-related events; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1814. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1815. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1816. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the United States, or any State or local government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1817. A bill to require the Secretary to implement standards for short-term custody of individuals held in facilities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1818. A bill to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1819. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. COBURN, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1820. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of official portraits of Members of Congress, heads of executive agencies, and heads of agencies and offices of the legislative branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1821. A bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1822. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the United States and Canada; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated, on Friday, December 13, 2013:

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 1823. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1824. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux that contain brass; read the first time.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1825. A bill to improve the management of the Job Corps program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. NELSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1826. A bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated, on Wednesday, December 11, 2013:

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 317. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the continuing relationship between the United States and Georgia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 318. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated, on Thursday, December 12, 2013:

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 319. A resolution expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovych's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated, on Friday, December 13, 2013:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. Res. 320. A resolution designating December 14, 2013, as "Wreaths Across America Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COONS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 321. A resolution honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and expressing condolences on his passing; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 204

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 636

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 636, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified EHR Technology under the Medicare program.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide video programming to subscribers on an a la carte basis, and for other purposes.

S. 947

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 947, a bill to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

S. 1005

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1005, a bill to establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to, international conservation.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1046, a bill to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.

S. 1069

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1217

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1217, a bill to provide secondary mortgage market reform, and for other purposes.

S. 1235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1271, a bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1417

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1417, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

S. 1419

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1419, a bill to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1476

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1476, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1491

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation, and for other purposes.

S. 1505

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1505, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from definition under that Act.

S. 1510

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1510, a bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added

as cosponsors of S. 1610, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1614

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1614, a bill to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1652

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1652, a bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1708, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1712

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1712, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1725

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1728, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes.

S. 1735

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1735, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 1740

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1740, a bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes.

S. 1747

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1747, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1759

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1759, a bill to reauthorize the teaching health center program.

S. 1761

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1761, a bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009 and establish a private right of action to enforce compliance with such Act.

S. 1765

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1765, a bill to ensure the compliance of Iran with agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program.

S. 1766

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1766, a bill to provide for the equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States.

S. 1779

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

S. 1797

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1797, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1802

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1802, a bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 299

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 299, a resolution congratulating the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee on the celebration of its 100th anniversary and commending its significant contribution to empower and revitalize developing communities around the world.

SENATE RESOLUTION 317

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution

317, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the continuing relationship between the United States and Georgia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 319

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 319, a resolution expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovych's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 11, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Rebuilding American Manufacturing."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 11, 2013, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Continued Oversight of U.S. Government Surveillance Authorities."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 11, 2013, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "A More Efficient and Effective Government: Streamlining Overseas Trade and Development Agencies."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 11, 2013, in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 3:45 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting Seniors From Medication Labeling Mistakes."

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 12, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Assisting the P5+1 Interim Nuclear Agreement with Iran: Administration Perspectives."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 12, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The Committee will conduct a hearing entitled, "Forecasting Success: Achieving U.S. Weather Readiness for the Long Term."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 12, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 12, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Accreditation as Quality Assurance: Meeting the Needs of 21st Century Learning."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 12, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2013, at 11 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on Wednesday, December 11, 2013:

At 4:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1402. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3521. An act to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes.

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on Thursday, December 12, 2013:

At 10:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1471. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of the Army to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1992. An act to amend the requirements relating to assessment of Israel's qualitative military edge over military threats, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2019. An act to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2319. An act to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.

H.R. 3212. An act to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes.

At 3:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1471. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of the Army to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2871. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the southern judicial district of Mississippi to improve judicial efficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2922. An act to extend the authority of the Supreme Court Police to protect court officials away from the Supreme Court grounds.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 8:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3695. An act to provide a temporary extension of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and amendments made by that Act, as previously extended and amended and with certain additional modifications and exceptions, to suspend permanent price support authorities, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 72. Concurrent resolution providing for corrections to the enrollment of H.J. Res. 59.

The message also announced that the House recedes from its amendment to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and agrees to the amendment of the Senate with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on Friday, December 13, 2013:

At 1:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1447. An act to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3458. An act to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.

H.R. 3509. An act to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the status of post-earthquake recovery and development efforts in Haiti.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution providing for corrections to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3304.

The message further announced that the House concurs in the Senate amendment to the title of the bill (H.R. 3304) to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor; concurs in the first three amendments to the text of the bill, without amendment; and concurred in the fourth amendment to the bill, with an amendment.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, for a term expiring on December 31, 2015: Mr. Daniel M. Slane of Ohio.

The message further announced that effective December 16, 2013, pursuant to section 2 of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 1975 note), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2019: Mr. Peter N. Kirsanow of Cleveland, Ohio.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred on Thursday, December 12, 2013:

H.R. 1992. An act to amend the requirements relating to assessment of Israel's qualitative military edge over military threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3695. An act to provide a temporary extension of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and amendments made by that Act, as previously extended and amended and with certain additional modifications and exceptions, to suspend permanent price support authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred on Friday, December 13, 2013:

H.R. 1447. An act to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3509. An act to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the status of post-earthquake recovery and development efforts in Haiti; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

CONGRATULATING THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 299) congratulating the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee on the celebration of its 100th anniversary and commending its significant contribution to empower and revitalize developing communities around the world.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 263) designating the week of September 23 through September 29 as "National Estuaries Week."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. WHITEHOUSE) to amend the preamble, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2546).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

DESIGNATING "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 320) designating December 14, 2013, as "Wreaths Across America Day", submitted today by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND LEGACY OF NELSON ROLIHLAHLA MANDELA

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 321) honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and expressing condolences on his passing, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COONS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr.

ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1824) to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux that contain brass, introduced today by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. THUNE), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS ASSISTANCE TAX CLARIFICATION ACT

The bill (H.R. 3458) to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments, having been received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and being identical to bill S. 1689, was deemed read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 2:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, as pursuant to its order of today, until 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 15, 2013.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013

Mr. MARK R. WARNER, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 1 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WARNER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 15, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 13, 2013,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 13, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing that the House had receded from its amendment to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution with amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The question being on agreeing to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to joint resolution H.J. Res. 59:

HARRY REID, PATTY MURRAY, MAX BAUCUS, MARK BEGICH, BARBARA BOXER, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, TOM UDALL, DEBBIE STABENOW, S. WHITEHOUSE, CLAIRE MCCASKILL, MAZIE HIRONO, CHRIS COONS, JON TESTER, BRIAN SCHATZ, MARTIN HEINRICH, JOE DONNELLY, HEIDI HEITKAMP, K.E. GILLIBRAND.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution, with an amendment (Numbered 2547).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the amendment contained in the pending motion to concur, by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2548).

On motion by Mr. REID to refer the pending House message to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2549).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2549) contained in the pending motion to refer by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 2550).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "4 days," and inserting "5 days" (being amendment No. 2551).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2551 to amendment No. 2550 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2549) contained in the pending motion to refer the House message to the Committee on the Budget.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 3304

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing that the House had concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill (H.R. 3304) to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor; that it had concurred in the first three amendments of the Senate to the text of the bill; and that it had concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment bill H.R. 3304:

HARRY REID, CARL LEVIN, PATTY MURRAY, JOE DONNELLY, CHRIS MURPHY, CHRIS COONS, JON TESTER, TOM UDALL, JAY ROCKEFELLER, TOM CARPER, DEBBIE STABENOW, JOE MANCHIN, ANGUS S. KING, JR., MAZIE HIRONO, MARTIN HEINRICH, BILL NELSON, MAX BAUCUS.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment (Numbered 2552).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the amendment contained in the pending motion to concur by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2553).

On motion by Mr. REID to refer the pending House message to the Committee on the Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2554).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2554) contained in the pending motion to refer by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 2555).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "4 days," and inserting "5 days" (being amendment No. 2556).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2556 to amendment No. 2555 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2554) contained in the pending motion to refer the House message to the Committee on the Armed Services.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1827. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1824) to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux that contain brass, introduced on Friday, December 13, 2013, by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. THUNE), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m.; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments to the motions to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to joint resolution H.J. Res. 59 and to bill H.R. 3304 until 4 p.m. on tomorrow.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Anne W. Patterson, as pursuant to the order of Friday, December 13, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 1:20 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on tomorrow.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro

tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3770. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Loan Program" (RIN0572-AC19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3771. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Importation of Bovines and Bovine Products" ((RIN0579-AC68)(Docket No. APHIS-2008-0010)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3772. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Funding and Fiscal Affairs; Farmer Mac Capital Planning" (RIN3052-AC80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3773. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program" (RIN0575-AC18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3774. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard C. Harding, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3775. A communication from the Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Terry A. Wolff, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3776. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Allen G. Myers, IV, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3777. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government of Panama requesting the U.S. Government to destroy eight U.S.-origin munitions remaining from testing by the United States on San Jose Island off the coast of Panama; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3778. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Unallowable Fringe Benefit Costs" ((RIN0750-AH76)(DFARS Case 2012-D038)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3779. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Preparation of Letter of Offer and Acceptance" ((RIN0750-AH84)-(DFARS Case 2012-D048)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3780. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3781. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3782. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the 2013 Mortgage Rules Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B), Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X), and the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA37)(Docket No. CFPB-2013-0018)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3783. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions of Transmittal of Funds and Funds Transfer" (RIN1506-AB20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3784. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3785. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List; Amendment of Entity List Entries; and Removal of One Person from the Entity List Based on a Removal Request" (RIN0694-AF96), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013;

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3786. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3787. A communication from the Acting Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3788. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System; New River Gorge National River, Bicycling" (RIN1024-AD95), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3789. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System; Curecanti National Recreation Area, Snowmobiles and Off-Road Motor Vehicles" (RIN1024-AD76), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3790. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transmission Planning Reliability Standards" (Docket Nos. RM12-1-000 and RM13-9-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3791. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Communication of Operational Information between Natural Gas Pipelines and Electric Transmission Operators" (RIN1902-AE72), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3792. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Version 5 Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards" (Docket No. RM13-5-000), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3793. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the updated Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana, hurricane and storm damage risk reduction project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3794. A communication from the Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual financial audit and management report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3795. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Voluntary Withholding on Dividends and Other Distributions by Alaska Native Corporations" (Notice 2013-77), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3796. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Base Period T-Bill Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2013-24), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3797. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of CC:INTL No-Rule Revenue Procedure, Rev. Proc. 2013-7" (Rev. Proc. 2014-7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3798. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tier 2 Tax Rates for 2014" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3799. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees for Processing Installment Agreements and Offers in Compromise" ((RIN1545-BL37)-(TD 9647)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3800. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dividend Equivalents from Sources within the United States" ((RIN1545-BK53)(TD 9648)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3801. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Net Investment Income Tax" ((RIN1545-BK44)(TD 9644)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3802. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to groups designated by the Secretary of State as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (OSS 2013-1799); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3803. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States strategy to countering the threat posed by Boko Haram (OSS 2013-1826); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3804. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Guantanamo (OSS 2013-1846); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3805. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Guantanamo (OSS 2013-1800); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3806. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report responding to a GAO report entitled "Global Food Security: USAID Is Improving Coordination but Needs to Require

Systematic Assessments of Country-Level Risks"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3807. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the elimination of the danger pay allowance for Haiti; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3808. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-154); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3809. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-159); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3810. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-140); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3811. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-150); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3812. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-151); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3813. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-156); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3814. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-105); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3815. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-172); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3816. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-145); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3817. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-165); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3818. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-163); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3819. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-146); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3820. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-128); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3821. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 42(g)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-177); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3822. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0195- 2013-0199); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3823. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Food and Drug Administration's annual report on the performance evaluation of FDA-approved mammography quality standards accreditation bodies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3824. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on Food Facilities, Food Imports, and FDA Foreign Offices Provisions of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3825. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration on Aging (AoA) Report to Congress for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3826. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Acacia (Gum Arabic)" (Docket No. FDA-2011-F-0765), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3827. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Turtles Intrastate and Interstate Requirements; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0639), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3828. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to General Regulations of the Food and Drug Administration" (Docket No. FDA-2010-N-0560), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3829. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Ophthalmic Devices; Classification of the Scleral Plug" (Docket No. FDA-2012-N-1238), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3830. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Spirulina Extract; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2011-C-0878), received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3831. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3832. A communication from the Acting Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Record Requirements in the Mechanical Power Presses Standard" (RIN1218-AC80), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3833. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Certification Process for Logging Employment and Non-H-2A Agricultural Employment" (RIN1205-AB65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3834. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Attestation Process for Facilities Using H-1A Registered Nurses" (RIN1205-AB67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3835. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Attestation Process for Employers Using F-1 Students in Off-Campus Work" (RIN1205-AB66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3836. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority; Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program--Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling" (CFDA No. 84.129B), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3837. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Program Integrity Issues" (RIN1840-AD02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3838. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program" (RIN1840-AD12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3839. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3840. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Corporation for National and Community Service's Report on Final Action for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3841. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General, the Chairman's Semiannual Report on Final Action Resulting from Audit Reports, Inspection Reports, and Evaluation Reports for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3842. A communication from the Administrator of the Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3843. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3844. A communication from the Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3845. A communication from the President, African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3846. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer/Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3847. A communication from the Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3848. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3849. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 and the Semi-Annual Report of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3850. A communication from the Acting Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3851. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of

Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-221, "Extension of Time to Dispose of the Strand Theater Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3852. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-219, "Cottage Food Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3853. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-211, "Driver's Safety Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3854. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-220, "Trauma Technologists Licensure Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3855. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Retirement Processing" (RIN3206-AM45), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3856. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-71), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3857. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-71), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3858. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors" (RIN9000-AM37), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3859. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; New Designated Country - Croatia" (RIM9000-AM66), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3860. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Introduction" (FAC 2005-71), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3861. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3862. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "Federal Register Modernization Act" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3863. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tribal Background Investigations and Licensing" (RIN3141-AA15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3864. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tribal Background Investigations and Licensing" (RIN3141-A15A), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3865. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compliance and Enforcement" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3866. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeal Proceedings Before the Commission" (RIN3141-AA47), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3867. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Technical Standards for Class II Gaming Systems and Equipment" (RIN3141-AA27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3868. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Self-Regulation of Class II Gaming" (RIN3141-AA44), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3869. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees" (RIN3141-AA40), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3870. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Internal Control Standards" (RIN3141-AA27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3871. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Acquisitions: Appeals of Land Acquisition Decisions" (RIN1076-AF15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3872. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Perampanel into Schedule III"

(Docket No. DEA-374), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3873. A communication from the Acting Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of Records Systems Under the Privacy Act" (CPCLO Order No. 006-2013), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3874. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3875. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authorization for Non-VA Medical Services" (RIN2900-AO46), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3876. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants to States for Construction or Acquisition of State Homes" (RIN2900-AO60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3877. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criteria for a Catastrophically Disabled Determination for Purposes of Enrollment" (RIN2900-AO21), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3878. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Specially Adapted Housing Eligibility for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" (RIN2900-AO84), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3879. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayment for Extended Care Services" (RIN2900-AO59), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3880. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Committee; Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee; Termination" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-1380), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3881. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "A Bill to Provide for the Transfer of Naval Vessels to Certain Foreign Recipients"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3882. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, and Changes to National Endorsements" ((RIN1625-AA16)(Docket No. USCG-2004-17914)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1828. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 1829. A bill to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1830. A bill to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relating to the prices of products and services sold online, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN:

S. 1831. A bill to establish a national Yellow Dot Program to alert law enforcement and emergency services personnel to the medical conditions, prescriptions, and other vital information necessary to treat drivers and passengers in motor vehicles in emergency circumstances; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1832. A bill for the relief of Esther Karinge; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 322. A resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 520

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 520, a bill to strengthen Federal consumer protection and product traceability with respect to commercially marketed seafood, and for other purposes.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to establish a fund to make payments to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:08-CV-00487 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 820

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 1357

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1357, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1510

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1510, a bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 1666

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1666, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to improve the patient navigator program.

S. 1719

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1756

At the request of Mr. MORAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines.

S. 1779

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

S. 1797

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1797, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1798, a bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1802

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1802, a bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes.

S. 1808

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1808, a bill to prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage.

S. 1810

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1810, a bill to provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1811

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1811, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit voice communications through mobile communication devices on commercial passenger flights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 319

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 319, a resolution expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovych's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 16, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 13, 2013,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate resume its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 53, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 277 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Alexander, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate resume its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 55, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 278 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 37

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Wicker

So the motion was agreed to; and

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights).

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Richard J. Engler, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF A COLLECTION OF THE RULES OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 322) to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate, submitted today by Mr. SCHUMER, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Finance, had appointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Mr. William A. Reinsch, of Maryland, and Mr. Carte P. Goodwin, of West Virginia.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; and that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SESSIONS.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 8:16 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1356

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1356) to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

HOUSE MESSAGE ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Sunday, December 15, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making

continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the quorum, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, prior to the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, be waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 67, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 279 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Alexander, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 33

Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Johanns, Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the message received from the House of Representatives announcing that it had receded from its amendment to the amendment of the Senate to joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, and had concurred in said amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution with an amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The pending motion to refer the House message to the Committee on the Budget with instructions (designated amendment No. 2549), and amendments Numbered 2550 and 2551 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2548, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2547, contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. on today; and that the time during said recess be counted against the time for debate on the pending motion, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:33 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2548 to amendment No. 2547 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that the pending motions to the House message on joint resolution H.J. Res. 59 be laid aside; and that he be recognized to make a motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment, with an amendment (Numbered 2573).

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2548 to amendment No. 2547 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution, with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS to lay the pending motion to concur with an amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 280 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2548 to amendment No. 2547 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that Mr. GRASSLEY be recognized to speak for 20 minutes; and that all time therein be counted against time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3883. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohydrojasmon; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9398-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3884. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flutriafol; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3885. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flonicamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3886. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) continuing to expand the role of women in the Navy and Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3887. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to assign women to the following previously closed positions: Riverine Patrol Boat, Riverine Small Craft, and Maritime Interdiction Operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3888. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "High-Performance Green Building Initiative Activities"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3889. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures" (Docket No. RM13-2-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3890. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to groups designated by the Secretary of State as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (OSS 2013-1888); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3891. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Attainment Plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington, Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Delaware Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9904-14-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3892. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Plantwide Applicability Limit Permitting Revisions" (FRL No. 9903-98-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3893. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan" (FRL No. 9904-11-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3894. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Philadelphia County Reasonably Available Control Technology under the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9904-12-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3895. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Petroleum Refineries for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After May 14, 2007" (FRL No. 9904-06-Region OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3896. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 57 " (FRL No. 9903-89-OSWER), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3897. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-174); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3898. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-131); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3899. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the tenth annual report for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3900. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3901. A joint communication from the Chairman and the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3902. A communication from the Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Clean Record Settlement Agreements and the Law"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3903. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3904. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations; Pacific Ocean at San Nicolas Island, CA; Restricted Anchorage Areas" ((RIN1625-AA01)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0967)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3905. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Lake Havasu City Christmas Boat Parade of Lights; Colorado River; Lake Havasu, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0917)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3906. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reorganization of Sector Baltimore and Hampton Roads; Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-ZA32)(Docket No.

USCG-2013-0251)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3907. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Piscataqua River, Portsmouth, NH" ((RIN1625-AA11)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0956)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3908. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Upper Mississippi River between mile 0.0 and 109.9; Cairo, IL to Chester, IL" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0907)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3909. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TWIC Not Evidence of Resident Alien Status" ((RIN1625-AC09)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0916)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3910. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Pacific Northwest Grain Handlers Association Facilities; Columbia and Willamette Rivers" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0011)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3911. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Vessel Removal from the Oakland Estuary, Alameda, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0914)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3912. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Recurring Events in Captain of the Port Boston Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0060)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3913. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; HITS Triathlon Series; Colorado River; Lake Havasu, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0855)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3914. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Sea World Fireworks; Mission Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0887)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3915. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Google's Night at Sea Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, Alameda, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0902)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3916. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Genessee River, Rochester, NY" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0921)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3917. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Umpqua River, Reedsport, OR" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0526)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3918. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Hackensack River, Kearney and Jersey City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0639)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3919. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Passaic River, Kearney and Newark, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0638)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3920. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW), Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, Chesapeake, VA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0900)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3921. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Albemarle Sound to Sunset Beach, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW), Wrightsville Beach, NC" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-00857)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3922. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Back Bay of Biloxi, between Biloxi and D'Iberville, MS" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0852)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3923. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2014 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Seasons" (RIN0648-XC611), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3924. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; 2013 Bigeye Tuna Longline Fishery Closure in the Eastern Pacific Ocean" (RIN0648-XC922), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3925. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Vessel Monitoring Systems" (RIN0648-BD24), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3926. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Halibut and Crab Prohibited Species Catch Allowances in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC985), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3927. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC971), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3928. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XC932), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3929. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gag" (RIN0648-XC966), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3930. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3931. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Protective Regulations for the Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment of Atlantic Sturgeon" (RIN0648-AY96), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3932. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT and T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Service" ((RIN3060-AJ80)(DA 13-1909)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3933. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services" ((WC Docket No. 12-375)(FCC 13-113)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3934. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund" ((RIN3060-AF85)-(DA 13-2115)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3935. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorizations in the People's Republic of China" (RIN0694-AF99), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3936. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Commercial, Limited Entry Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Program Improvement and Enhancement" (RIN0648-BD31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3937. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC918), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3938. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC919), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3939. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Sub-Annual Catch Limit (ACL) Harvested for Management in Area 1 A" (RIN0648-XC903), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3940. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; 2012-2013 Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf King Mackerel in Northern Florida West Coast Subzone" (RIN0648-XC902), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19,

2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3941. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Resources of the South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XC870), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3942. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Closure of the 2013 South Atlantic Commercial Sector for Red Snapper" (RIN0648-XC899), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3943. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2013 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for Gray Triggerfish in the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XC669), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3944. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish Fishery; Emergency Action Extension" (RIN0648-XC79), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3945. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Framework Adjustment 2 and Specifications" (RIN0648-BD17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 134. A bill to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (Rept. No. 113-126).

S. 269. A bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-127).

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

H.R. 1162. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office (Rept. No. 113-128).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1833. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1834. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1835. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. COATS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1836. A bill to merge the Department of Labor, the Department of Commerce, and the Small Business Administration to establish a Department of Commerce and the Workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1837. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1838. A bill to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1839. A bill to make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1840. A bill to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1841. A bill to mitigate the reduction in the readiness of our Armed Forces by reducing the defense sequestration cuts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 but implementing the cuts, in their entirety, over the duration of sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1842. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 1843. A bill to eliminate duplication and waste in Federal information technology acquisition and management; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WARNER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. KAINE,

Mr. KING, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1844. A bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1845. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1846. A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1847. A bill to provide for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies; considered and passed.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require criminal background checks for child care providers.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 864

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 870

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 870, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students.

S. 895

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 895, a bill to improve the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to study the use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level, and for other purposes.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1007, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1291

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1291, a bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1361, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1364

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1364, a bill to promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services.

S. 1422

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1422, a bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1459, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

S. 1570

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1570, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service

by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, and for other purposes.

S. 1613

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1613, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify Federal law with respect to reporting full-file alternative data, including positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards of up to $5,000,000 for information regarding the attacks on the United States diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya that began on September 11, 2012.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1711

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1711, a bill to enable States to opt out of certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1719

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1725

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1728, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes.

S. 1747

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1747, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1765

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1765, a bill to ensure the compliance of Iran with agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program.

S. 1767

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1767, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 1768

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1768, a bill to establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines.

S. 1779

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

S. 1797

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1797, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1798, a bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 252

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 252, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on steps the Government of Iran must take before President Obama meets with the President of Iran.

SENATE RESOLUTION 317

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 317, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the continuing relationship between the United States and Georgia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 318

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 318, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 319

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 319, a resolution expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovych's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 17, 2013, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 17, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on Department of the Interior and Department of Energy nominations.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 17, 2013,

at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 17, 2013, at 4 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 17, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Navy Yard Tragedy: Examining Physical Security for Federal Facilities."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 17, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting Small Businesses and Promoting Innovation by Limiting Patent Troll Abuse."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 17, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Federal Arbitration Act and Access to Justice: Will Recent Supreme Court Decisions Undermine the Rights of Consumers, Workers, and Small Businesses?"

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 17, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on the Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 17, 2013, at 2 p.m., to hold a African Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Responding to the Humanitarian, Security and Governance Crisis in the Central Africa Republic."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3458. An act to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3212. An act to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY ACT

On the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3588) to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, December 9, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

Pending debate,

SAFE ACT CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVILEGE ENHANCEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 947) to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE DANIEL K. INOUYE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1847) to provide for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, introduced on today by Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. SCHATZ), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. HELLER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1846) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WICKER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

DESIGNATING THE "EDWARD J. DEVITT UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE AND FEDERAL BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2251) to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the "Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse and Federal Building."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "PAUL BROWN UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 185) to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the "Paul Brown United States Courthouse", received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, October 28, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of the House message on joint resolution H.J. Res. 59; and that time during adjournment count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to concur.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:29 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 18, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1356

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1356) to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. HELLER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1846) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WICKER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz,

the message received from the House of Representatives announcing it had receded from its amendment to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and had concurred in said amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution with an amendment (in the nature of a substitute); and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2548, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2547 contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate with an amendment.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1797

Mr. REED asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 1797) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2548 to amendment No. 2547 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate with an amendment.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 944

Mr. SANDERS asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 944) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; and that the reported amendment to the title be agreed to.

Mr. COBURN objected.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 59

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on joint resolution H.J. Res. 59.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2548 to amendment No. 2547 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate with an amendment.

Pending debate,

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent, that the pending motions to the House message on joint resolution H.J. Res. 59 be laid aside; and that he be recognized to make a motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment, with an amendment (Numbered 2573).

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2548 to amendment No. 2547 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate with an amendment.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the pending motion to concur with amendment No. 2547 be withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 2548 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 64, nays... 36

[Rollcall Vote No. 281 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 36

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Johanns, Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3304

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Sunday, December 15, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3304) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SESSIONS,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 71, nays... 29

[Rollcall Vote No. 282 Leg.]

YEAS --- 71

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 29

Barrasso, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 3304; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message.

The motion to bring to a close debate having been agreed to,

The motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2554), and amendments Nos. 2555 and 2556 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2553, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2552 contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

VA EXPIRING AUTHORITIES EXTENSION ACT

On the request of Mr. LEVIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1402) to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that all time therein be counted against time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3946. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. Coast Guard Antidificiency Act Violation No. BHS-10-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3947. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. Coast Guard Antidificiency Act Violation No. BHS-11-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3948. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z)" (12 CFR Part 1026), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3949. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Electric Motors" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3950. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Mandated Evaluation of Express Lane Eligibility: Final Findings"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3951. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Members of a Family for Purpose of Filing CBP Family Declaration" (RIN1515-AD76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3952. A joint communication from the Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission, and the Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress The Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act Usage of the Act's Antitrust Laws Exemption; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3953. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Maximizing January 1, 2014 Coverage Opportunities" (RIN0938-AS17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3954. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-138); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3955. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-139); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3956. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) Agency Financial Report (AFR) for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3957. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3958. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance and Accountability Report for the Office of Government Ethics for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3959. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 Agency Financial Report for the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3960. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the Patent Law Treaty; Correction" (RIN0651-AC85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3961. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary Service Connection for Diagnosable Illnesses Associated With Traumatic Brain Injury" (RIN2900-AN89), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 75. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 288. A resolution supporting enhanced maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea and encouraging increased cooperation between the United States and West and Central African countries to fight armed robbery at sea, piracy, and other maritime threats.

S. Res. 312. A resolution calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history.

S. Res. 314. A resolution commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and an amendment to the title and with a preamble:

S. Res. 318. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 319. A resolution expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovych's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 653. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 1857. An original bill to reform assistance to Egypt, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COATS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. LEE, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1848. A bill to amend section 1303(b)(3) of Public Law 111-148 concerning the notice requirements regarding the extent of health plan coverage of abortion and abortion premium surcharges; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1849. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KING):

S. 1850. A bill to reform and modernize domestic refugee resettlement programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1851. A bill to provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 1852. A bill to provide for the establishment of free market enterprise zones in order to help facilitate the creation of new jobs, entrepreneurial opportunities, enhanced and renewed educational opportunities, and increased community involvement in bankrupt or economically distressed areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1853. A bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1854. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate System in Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1855. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 1856. A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1857. An original bill to reform assistance to Egypt, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1858. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to suspend and revise portions of the Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that revised Universal Service Fund distribution to rural carriers, to encourage renewed investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. Res. 323. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on maintaining the current annual adjustment in retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 324. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the tragic shooting at Los Angeles International Airport on November 1, 2013, of employees of the Transportation Security Administration; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 401

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of

amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 775

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive for the installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 929

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 929, a bill to impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses committed against nationals of Vietnam or their family members, and for other purposes.

S. 1108

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1108, a bill to reauthorize the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1254

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1254, a bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1341

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1341, a bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1352

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1352, a bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 1391

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1391, a bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1417

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1417, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, supra.

S. 1614

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1614, a bill to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes.

S. 1642

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1642, a bill to permit the continuation of certain health plans.

S. 1649

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1649, a bill to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

S. 1677

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes.

S. 1719

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1719, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, supra.

S. 1765

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1765, a bill to ensure the compliance of Iran with agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1798, a bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1824

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1824, a bill to

amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux that contain brass.

S. 1837

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1837, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions.

S. 1844

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1844, a bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes.

S. 1845

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1845, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1847

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1847, a bill to provide for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

SENATE RESOLUTION 314

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 314, a resolution commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 318

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 318, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 319

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 319, a resolution expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovych's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "What Information Do Data Brokers Have On Consumers, and How Do They Use It?"

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2013, in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2013, at 2 p.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a roundtable entitled "SBIR/STTR: Measuring the Effectiveness of the Reauthorization Act and Maximizing Research Dollars to America's Small Businesses."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold an East Asia and Pacific subcommittee hearing entitled "Rebalance to Asia IV: Economic Engagement in the Asia-Pacific Region."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, PENSIONS, AND FAMILY POLICY

The Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Role of Social Security, Defined Benefits, and Private Retirement Accounts in the face of the Retirement Crisis."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "the Future of Long-Term Care Policy: Continuing the Conversation."

The Committee will meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building at 2:15 pm.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 316) supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE WITH RESPECT TO THE TRAGIC SHOOTING AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 324) expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the tragic shooting at Los Angeles International Airport on November 1, 2013, of employees of the Transportation Security Administration, submitted today by Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, pursuant to Title 46, Section 1295 b(h), of the U.S. Code, had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. ROCKEFELLER, ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101-595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Mr. ROCKEFELLER, ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: Mr. BENNET, designee of the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, and Mr. TOM UDALL, from the Committee on Appropriations.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Mrs. GILLIBRAND, designee of the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, and Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Appropriations.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy: Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, and Mr. CARDIN, At Large.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-79, had appointed the following Senator to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Mr. MANCHIN.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3304; and that time during adjournment count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to concur.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 7:50 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 19, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1356

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1356) to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3304

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3304) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2553, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2552 contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1859

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (S. 1859)

to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. Reid, and at the desk; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3304

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3304.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2553 to amendment No. 2552 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR RECESS ON TODAY AND FOR DEBATE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 12:45 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. on today; that the time therein be counted against time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate; that the time for debate from 2:15 p.m. until 2:35 p.m. be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee; and that the time for debate from 2:35 p.m. until 3:15 p.m. be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3304

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3304.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2553 to amendment No. 2552 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 12:45 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3304

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3304.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2553 to amendment No. 2552 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1845

Mr. REED asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. CORNYN objected.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3304

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3304.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2553 to amendment No. 2552 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the pending motion to the House message on bill H.R. 3304 be laid aside; and that he be recognized to make a motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment, with an amendment (Numbered 2602).

Mr. LEVIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2553 to amendment No. 2552 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to lay the pending motion to concur with an amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 45, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 283 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

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Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2553 to amendment No. 2552 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security is agreed to, all but one hour of time for debate, pursuant to S. Res. 15 (113th Congress) be considered concluded; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate convenes on tomorrow, there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. Carper and Mr. Coburn, or their designees, on the question of confirmation of the nomination of Alejandro Mayorkas; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of said nomination; that, upon disposition thereof, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue; that, if said motion is

agreed to, time for debate pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 15 be considered concluded; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of said nomination; that, upon disposition thereof, the Senate then vote on the question of bring to a close debate on the nomination of Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 15 be considered concluded; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of said nomination; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

Ordered further, That the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; and that, on Monday, January 6, 2014, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of said nomination.

Ordered further, That the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights), Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and Richard J. Engler, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, be withdrawn.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-3962. A communication from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Label Approval System: Generic Label Approval" (RIN0583-AC59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3963. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additive Regulations; Incorporation by Reference of the Food Chemicals Codex, 7th Edition" (Docket No. FDA-2010-F-0320), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3964. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9904-04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3965. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endothall; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3966. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tall Oil, Polymer with Polyethylene Glycol and Succinic Anhydride Monopolyisobutylene derivs.; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9903-19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3967. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandipropamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9903-57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3968. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9903-92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3969. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3970. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3971. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Risk Management Initiatives: New Manual Underwriting Requirements" (RIN2502-AJ07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3972. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Mortgage Definition for HUD Insured and Guaranteed Single Family Mortgages" (RIN2502-AJ18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3973. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards" (RIN2502-AI71), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3974. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electric Reliability Organization Proposal to Retire Requirements in Reliability Standards" (Docket No. RM13-8-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3975. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-2-Contingency Reserve" (Docket No. RM13-13-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3976. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Oregon; Revised Format of 40 CFR Part 52 for Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9900-70-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3977. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval, Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Wyoming" (FRL No. 9903-58-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3978. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration for Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Micrometers - Significant Impact Levels and Significant Monitoring Concentration: Removal of Vacated Elements" (FRL No. 9903-84-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3979. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; State Boards Requirements" (FRL No. 9903-78-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3980. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Final Approval of Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerator Negative Declaration for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Michigan and Wisconsin" (FRL No. 9903-33-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3981. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Volatile Organic Compound Emission Control Measures for Industrial Solvent Cleaning for Northwest Indiana" (FRL No. 9904-35-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3982. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Transportation Conformity Memorandum of Agreement Update" (FRL No. 9904-43-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3983. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Indiana State Board Requirements" (FRL No. 9904-36-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3984. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Public Participation for Air Quality Permit Applications" (FRL No. 9904-03-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3985. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Standard Mileage Rates" (Notice 2013-80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3986. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 3504 Agent Employment Tax Liability" (RIN1545-BI21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3987. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Medicare Competitive Acquisition Ombudsman's 2011 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3988. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-132); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3989. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-141); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3990. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-129); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3991. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-168); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3992. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Australia Group; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3993. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Continued Implementation of Export Control Reform; Correction" (RIN1400-AD40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3994. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0200- 2013-0201); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3995. A communication from the General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chairperson, National Endowment for Humanities, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18,

2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3996. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Use of Mandatory Recall Authority Submitted Pursuant to Section 206 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3997. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicaid Incentives for Prevention of Chronic Diseases Evaluation"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3998. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3999. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4000. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-up for the period of April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4001. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4002. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer/Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4003. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the District Department of Transportation's H Street Shuttle Grant Awards Issued in Fiscal Years 2008 and 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4004. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 Agency Financial Report for the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4005. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4006. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4007. A communication from the General Attorney, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Hand-Held Infant Carriers" (CPSC Docket No. CPSC-2012-0068), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4008. A communication from the Chairperson, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4009. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4010. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4011. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Refugee Resettlement Program for Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4012. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) address for the Department of Veterans Affairs 2013 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4013. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of certain U.S. forces to South Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-160. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida supporting the efforts of the Florida U.S. Congressional delegation to delay the effective date of the 2012 Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-161. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission entitled "Recognition of State Regulation of Hydraulic Fracturing"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-162. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission supporting the reporting of chemicals intentionally used for hydraulic fracturing; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-163. A resolution adopted by the American St. Regis Indian Republic Men's Counsel memorializing the exercising of the Counsel's sovereign will and protecting all aspects of its future; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-164. A resolution adopted by the Caddo Bossier Port Commission, Shreveport, Louisiana relative to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintaining the J. Bennett Johnston/Red River Waterway at a 9 ft. channel and 24/7/365 lock and dam operations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-165. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission supporting the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, of South Dakota, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1376. A bill to improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-129).

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

S. Res. 157. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (Rept. No. 113-130).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 975. A bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009.

From the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1417. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1491. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1719. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1870. An original bill to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, to increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes.

S. 1871. An original bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate formula and to improve beneficiary access under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REID:

S. 1859. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1860. A bill to reform the medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, enhance access to affordable prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1861. A bill to save taxpayer money and end bailouts of financial institutions by providing for a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1862. A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1863. A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a continuing medical education program for licensed medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of medical conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1864. A bill to require a demonstration program on the accession as Air Force officers of candidates with auditory impairments; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1865. A bill to amend the prices set for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1866. A bill to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1867. A bill to provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1868. A bill to provide for the conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1869. A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1870. An original bill to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, to increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1871. An original bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate formula and to improve beneficiary access under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1872. A bill to provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1873. A bill to provide for institutional risk-sharing in the Federal student loan programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1874. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen Federal-State partnerships in postsecondary education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1875. A bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1876. A bill to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1877. A bill to increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1878. A bill to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1879. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the

Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to provide for coverage of oral anticancer drugs on terms no less favorable than the coverage provided for anticancer medications administered by a health care provider; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1880. A bill to provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CORKER, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1881. A bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 192

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes.

S. 250

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 250, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 468

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 468, a bill to protect the health care and pension benefits of our nation's miners.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require the inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 733

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 733, a bill to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 975

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 975, a bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to make it unlawful to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile device.

S. 1091

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp.

S. 1171

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1171, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr.

WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 1291

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1291, a bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1322

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1322, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 1357

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1357, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program.

S. 1417

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1417, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1614

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1614, a bill to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes.

S. 1633

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1633, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain footwear, and for other purposes.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1688, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), collectively, in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II.

S. 1692

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1692, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to modify the final rule relating to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations of air carriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to exclude consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pensions made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1740

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1740, a bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes.

S. 1756

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines.

S. 1759

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1759, a bill to reauthorize the teaching health center program.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 1798, a bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1827, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 1837

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1837, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions.

S. 1839

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1839, a bill to make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

S. 1844

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1844, a bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes.

S. 1845

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr.

ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1845, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to amend section 1303(b)(3) of Public Law 111-148 concerning the notice requirements regarding the extent of health plan coverage of abortion and abortion premium surcharges.

SENATE RESOLUTION 318

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 318, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 319

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 319, a resolution expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovych's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

SENATE RESOLUTION 324

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 324, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the tragic shooting at Los Angeles International Airport on November 1, 2013, of employees of the Transportation Security Administration.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 19, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ANDY HARRIS of Maryland) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 185. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the "Paul Brown United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2251. An act to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the "Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse and Federal Building".

H.R. 3588. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 4:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 1402. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 59. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3304

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3304.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2553 to amendment No. 2552 contained in the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the pending motion to concur with amendment No. 2552 be withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 2553 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 84, nays... 15

[Rollcall Vote No. 284 Leg.]

YEAS --- 84

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 15

Barrasso, Coburn, Corker, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Flake, Lee, Merkley, Paul, Risch, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

ORDER RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the quorum, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, prior to the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, be waived.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate was considered to have resumed its legislative session.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 3304

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, a motion to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 3304, be considered made and laid on the table.

Pending debate,

(The following occurred after 12 midnight, being Friday, December 20, 2013)

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF BILL H.R. 3304

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) providing for corrections to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3304, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Friday, December 13, 2013, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS' MEMORIAL AMENDMENTS ACT

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2319) to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, December 12, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM LAND TRANSFER ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 623) to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO MODIFYING CERTAIN FEDERAL PERMIT STREAMLINING PILOT PROJECT OFFICES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 767) to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ACCURACY FOR ADOPTEES ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1614) to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1859) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REID, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. PRYOR asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. PRYOR objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1881) to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CORKER, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. BOOKER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. PRYOR asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. PRYOR objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES – CHINA ECONOMIC SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, and upon the recommendation of the minority leader, in consultation with the ranking members of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Finance, had appointed the following individual to the United States – China Economic Security Review Commission: James M. Talent, of Missouri.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TODAY, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on today; that, on today, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

At 12:21 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on today.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2013

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the President pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving six rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1845

On motion by Mr. DURBIN that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. DURBIN presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845:

JACK REED, DICK DURBIN, MARTIN HEINRICH, TOM CARPER, CHUCK SCHUMER, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, PATTY MURRAY, BERNARD SANDERS, ANGUS S. KING, JR., AL FRANKEN, T.R. HARKIN, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, ELIZABETH WARREN, S. WHITEHOUSE, BARBARA BOXER, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, SHERROD BROWN.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4014. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Emergency Rule Extension, Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder and White Hake Catch Limits and GOM Cod Carryover Revisions" (RIN0648-BC97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4015. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of New Jersey" (RIN0648-XC998), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4016. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Kwajalein Island, Marshall Islands, RMI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0817)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4017. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Removal of 2,000-lb (907.2-kg) Herring Trip Limit in Atlantic Herring Management Area 2" (RIN0648-XC894), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4018. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC926), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4019. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XC921), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4020. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC929), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4021. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; Reopening of the Commercial Harvest of Gray Triggerfish in the South Atlantic" (RIN0648-XC900), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4022. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustments for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XC897), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4023. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish Fisheries Management Plan; Reallocation of 2013 Monkfish Research Set-Aside Days-at-Sea" (RIN0648-XC884), received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4024. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of New York" (RIN0648-XC878), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4025. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Sub-Annual Catch Limit (ACL) Harvested for Management Area 3" (RIN0648-XC906), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4026. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Blue Runner" (RIN0648-XC871), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4027. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole for Vessels Participating in the BSAI Trawl Limited Access Fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC977), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4028. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; 2013 Bigeye Tuna Longline Fishery Closure in the Eastern Pacific Ocean" (RIN0648-XC922), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4029. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Tilefish Fishery; 2014 Tilefish Fishing Quota Specification" (RIN0648-XC887), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4030. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC944), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4031. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC943), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4032. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC945), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4033. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC946), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4034. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus; Accessible Emergency Information, and Apparatus Requirements for Emergency Information and Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010" (FCC 13-138), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4035. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (42); Amdt. No. 3558" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4036. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (130); Amdt. No. 3556" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4037. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (66); Amdt. No. 3555" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4038. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (20); Amdt. No. 3560" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4039. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (12); Amdt. No. 3561" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4040. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (30); Amdt. No. 3559" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4041. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Minor Editorial Corrections and Clarifications" (RIN2137-AF03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4042. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Curtis, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0608)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4043. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Ennis, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0280)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4044. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cut Bank, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0664)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4045. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Glasgow, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0529)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4046. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Prineville, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0576)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4047. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Salmon, ID" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0531)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4048. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Rome, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0533)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4049. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cut Bank, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0532)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4050. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Carlsbad, NM" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0173)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4051. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Kankakee, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0176)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4052. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Wadena, MN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0172)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4053. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Washington, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0584)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4054. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; St. George, UT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0600)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4055. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Mandan, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0275)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4056. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; White Mountain, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-2012-1185)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4057. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cody, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0517)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4058. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Glasgow, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0529)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4059. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Akutan, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0516)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4060. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Comanche, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0775)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4061. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XC885), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4062. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Mesquite, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0580)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4063. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D and E Airspace; Kenai, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1174)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4064. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Area R 2515; Muroc Lake, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0802)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4065. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Using Agency for Restricted Areas R-2309 and R-2312, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0816)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4066. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Using Agency for Restricted Areas R 2916, FL and R-7105, PR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0580)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4067. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Using Agency for Restricted Areas R-5115, NM, and R-6316, R6317, and R-6318, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0771)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4068. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Restricted Areas R-6901A and R 6901B; Fort McCoy, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0838)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4069. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0328)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4070. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0546)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4071. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0666)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4072. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0667)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4073. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0625)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4074. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0155)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4075. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-20132-0985)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4076. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0723)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4077. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0303)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4078. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0863)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4079. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1320)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4080. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-20132-0998)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4081. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0680)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4082. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1041)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4083. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0090)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4084. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0425)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4085. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0211)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4086. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. (Type certificate currently held by AgustaWestland S.p.A.)-(Agusta) Helicopeters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0518)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4087. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0543)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4088. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0052)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4089. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0029)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4090. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0562)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4091. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation-Manufactured (Sikorsky) Model Helicopters (type certificate currently held by Erickson Air Crane Incorporated)" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0454)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4092. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0514)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4093. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0352)), received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4094. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0334)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4095. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0461)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4096. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0693)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4097. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0976)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4098. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0420)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4099. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1229)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4100. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0499)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4101. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0475)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4102. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-1313)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4103. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0812)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4104. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1311)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4105. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0594)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4106. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0332)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4107. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0833)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4108. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0526)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4109. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4110. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0490)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4111. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0491)), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4112. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0488)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4113. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0288)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4114. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0500)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4115. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0446)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4116. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0479)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4117. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH (ECD) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0519)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4118. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France (Eurocopter) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0480)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4119. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France (Eurocopter) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0807)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4120. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France (Eurocopter) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0878)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4121. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AgustaWestland S.p.A. (Agusta) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0640)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4122. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AgustaWestland S.p.A. (Agusta) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0881)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4123. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0665)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4124. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0360)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4125. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0832)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4126. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0465)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4127. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0539)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4128. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hamilton Standard Division and Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0262)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4129. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company (Robinson)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No.

FAA-2013-0380)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4130. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0481)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4131. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0936)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4132. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0597)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4133. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lycoming Engines and Continental Motors, Inc. Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1245)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4134. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS Aircraft Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0928)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4135. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0927)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4136. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. (Type Certificate currently held by AgustaWestland" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0529)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4137. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4138. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0929)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4139. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters, Inc., Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0401)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4140. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters, Inc., (MDHI) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0486)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4141. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE SYSTEMS (OPERATIONS LIMITED Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0631)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4142. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR--GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0624)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4143. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guides for Private Vocational and Distance Education Schools" (16 CFR Part 254), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4144. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Fundamental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts - III"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4145. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; U.S. Navy Training and Testing Activities in the Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing Study Area" (RIN0648-BC53), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4146. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's ninth annual report on ethanol market concentration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4147. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualification, Service, and Use of Crewmembers and Aircraft Dispatchers" ((RIN2120-AJ00)-(Docket No. FAA-2008-0677)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4148. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0487)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1271. A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-131).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1882. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend parity for exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 1883. A bill to extend duty-free treatment for certain trousers, breeches, or shorts imported from Nicaragua, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1884. A bill to establish a Pay It Forward model for funding postsecondary education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1885. A bill to place conditions on assistance to the Government of Burma; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. KING, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1886. A bill to ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an Exchange have continuity of coverage and to require Exchanges to make coverage under qualified health plans retroactive to January 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 1887. A bill to clarify terms of cooperation between the Consumer Product Safety Commission and foreign government agencies in order to improve safety of imported products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1888. A bill to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System land in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1889. A bill to direct the United States Sentencing Commission with respect to penalties for the unlawful production of a controlled substance on Federal property or intentional trespass on the property of another that causes environmental damage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1890. A bill to ensure that decisions by the Secretary of Education to award grants or other assistance to States or local educational agencies are not contingent upon the adoption of specific educational curricula; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. JOHANNS):

S. 1891. A bill to require a study and report by the Comptroller General regarding the restart provision of the Hours of Service Rules for Commercial Truck Drivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 1892. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 1893. A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1894. A bill to provide for the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act if it is determined that the Act has resulted in increasing the number of uninsured individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. Res. 325. A resolution designating the week of December 22 through December 28, 2013, as "National Toy Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 326. A resolution congratulating the 2013 Southern New Hampshire University men's soccer team on winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Men's Soccer Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 327. A resolution congratulating Sporting Kansas City for an outstanding 2013 season in Major League Soccer and for winning the Major League Soccer Cup 2013; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. Con. Res. 30. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish an award program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in prekindergarten through higher education.

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, supra.

S. 876

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 876, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers.

S. 896

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 913

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to amend the National Oilheat Research

Alliance Act of 2000 to reauthorize and improve that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1269

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1269, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to support community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes.

S. 1291

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1291, a bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children.

S. 1391

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1391, a bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1491

At the request of Mr. COONS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation, and for other purposes.

S. 1523

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1523, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to make permanent qualified school construction bonds and qualified zone academy bonds, to treat qualified zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and to modify the private business contribution requirement for qualified zone academy bonds.

S. 1599

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1599, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1645, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 1710

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1710, a bill to require Amtrak to propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain Amtrak trains, and for other purposes.

S. 1723

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1723, a bill to clarify that the anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, the federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs under title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1827, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

S. 1837

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1837, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions.

S. 1844

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1844, a bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes.

S. 1845

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1845, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1848, a bill to amend section 1303(b)(3) of Public Law 111-148 concerning the notice requirements regarding the extent of health plan coverage of abortion and abortion premium surcharges.

S. 1867

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1867, a bill to provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards, and for other purposes.

S. 1880

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1880, a bill to provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities.

S. 1881

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1881, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 75, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills, previously received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, and remaining undisposed of, were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1961. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3102. An act to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 3174. An act to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events in 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3350. An act to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3521. An act to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills, previously received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, and remaining undisposed of, were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 180. An act to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

H.R. 520. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes.

H.R. 723. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1882

Mr. SCHUMER asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (S. 1882) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend parity for exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits, introduced on today by him, and at the desk; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. HATCH objected.

OBJECTION TO NOMINATIONS REMAINING IN STATUS QUO

Mr. DURBIN, as if in executive session, asked unanimous consent that the nominations received by the Senate during the first session of this Congress remain in status quo.

After debate,

Mr. GRAHAM objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CLARIFYING THE DETERMINATION OF THE COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3343) to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the rules regarding the determination of the compensation of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXTENDING FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE CERTAIN CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3487) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act to extend through 2018 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission, to expand such authority to certain other violations, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN FOR PERSECUTION OF ITS BAHA'I MINORITY AND CONTINUED VIOLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 75) condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the resolution.

The reported amendment to the resolution was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL TOY WEEK"

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 325) designating the week of December 22 through December 28, 2013, as "National Toy Week", submitted today by Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 326) congratulating the 2013 Southern New Hampshire University men's soccer team on winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Men's Soccer Championship, submitted today by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING SPORTING KANSAS CITY FOR WINNING THE MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CUP

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 327) congratulating Sporting Kansas City for an outstanding 2013 season in Major League Soccer and for winning the Major League Soccer Cup 2013, submitted today by Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 30) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives, submitted today by Mr. DURBIN, and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1859) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REID, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1881) to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. SCHUMER, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2019) to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, December 12, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

LEGISLATION INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following be indefinitely postponed:

H. Con. Res. 72. Providing for corrections to the enrollment of H.J. Res. 59.

H.R. 219. To improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until Monday, January 6, 2014, the majority leader, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL DECEMBER 24, 2013, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on Tuesday, December 24, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Friday, December 27, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Tuesday, December 31, 2013, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 11:45 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014, for a pro forma session.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that the House has agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 30, the Senate adjourn until 11:45 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014, for a pro forma session; and that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2014.

Ordered further, That, on Monday, January 6, 2014, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845; and that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each thereon.

Ordered further, That, at 3 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Janet

Yellen, to be Chairman of the Federal Reserve System; that time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of said nomination.

Ordered further, That, following said vote, the Senate resume its legislative session to vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 2:10 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, 12 noon on Tuesday, December 24, 2013.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2013

Mr. CARL LEVIN, from the State of Michigan, called the Senate to order at 12:00:01 p.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 24, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CARL LEVIN, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. LEVIN took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate subsequently (on Thursday, December 26, 2013) having received a message from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 30,

Under the authority of the order of Friday, December 20, 2013,

At 12:00:46 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Friday, December 20, 2013, until 11:45 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2014

Mr. HARRY REID, from the State of Nevada, called the Senate to order at 11:46:32 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. REID took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

The first session of the 113th Congress was concluded at 12 noon, when by operation of law, the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that the second session had commenced.

APPENDIX

SENATORS OF THE UNITED STATES WHOSE SEATS WILL BECOME VACANT IN—

2015 Class 2	2017 Class 3	2019 Class 1
Mr. ALEXANDER of Tennessee	Ms. AYOTTE of New Hampshire	Ms. BALDWIN of Wisconsin
BAUCUS of Montana	Mr. BENNET of Colorado	Mr. BARRASSO of Wyoming[1]
BEGICH of Alaska	BLUMENTHAL of Connecticut	BROWN of Ohio
BOOKER of New Jersey[1]	BLUNT of Missouri	Ms. CANTWELL of Washington
CHAMBLISS of Georgia	BOOZMAN of Arkansas	Mr. CARDIN of Maryland
COCHRAN of Mississippi	Mrs. BOXER of California	CARPER of Delaware
Ms. COLLINS of Maine	Mr. BURR of North Carolina	CASEY of Pennsylvania
Mr. COONS of Delaware[1]	COATS of Indiana	CORKER of Tennessee
CORNYN of Texas	COBURN of Oklahoma	CRUZ of Texas
DURBIN of Illinois	CRAPO of Idaho	DONNELLY of Indiana
ENZI of Wyoming	GRASSLEY of Iowa	Mrs. FEINSTEIN of California
FRANKEN of Minnesota	HOEVEN of North Dakota	FISCHER of Nebraska
GRAHAM of South Carolina	ISAKSON of Georgia	Mr. FLAKE of Arizona
Mrs. HAGAN of North Carolina	JOHNSON of Wisconsin	Mrs. GILLIBRAND of New York[1]
Mr. HARKIN of Iowa	KIRK of Illinois[4]	Mr. HATCH of Utah
INHOFE of Oklahoma	LEAHY of Vermont	HEINRICH of New Mexico
JOHANNS of Nebraska	LEE of Utah	Ms. HEITKAMP of North Dakota
JOHNSON of South Dakota	MCCAIN of Arizona	Mr. HELLER of Nevada[3]
Ms. LANDRIEU of Louisiana	Ms. MIKULSKI of Maryland	Ms. HIRONO of Hawaii
Mr. LEVIN of Michigan	Mr. MORAN of Kansas	Mr. KAINE of Virginia
MARKEY of Massachusetts[1]	Ms. MURKOWSKI of Alaska	KING of Maine
MCCONNELL of Kentucky	Mrs. MURRAY of Washington	Ms. KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota
MERKLEY of Oregon	Mr. PAUL of Kentucky	Mr. MANCHIN of West Virginia
PRYOR of Arkansas	PORTMAN of Ohio	Mrs. MCCASKILL of Missouri
REED of Rhode Island	REID of Nevada	Mr. MENENDEZ of New Jersey
RISCH of Idaho	RUBIO of Florida	MURPHY of Connecticut
ROBERTS of Kansas	SCHATZ of Hawaii[2]	NELSON of Florida
ROCKEFELLER of West Virginia	SCHUMER of New York	SANDERS of Vermont
SESSIONS of Alabama	SCOTT of South Carolina[2]	Ms. STABENOW of Michigan
Mrs. SHAHEEN of New Hampshire	SHELBY of Alabama	Mr. TESTER of Montana
Mr. UDALL of Colorado	THUNE of South Dakota	Ms. WARREN of Massachusetts
UDALL of New Mexico	TOOMEY of Pennsylvania	Mr. WHITEHOUSE of Rhode Island
WARNER of Virginia	VITTER of Louisiana	WICKER of Mississippi[1]
	WYDEN of Oregon	

[1]Elected to fill an unexpired term until January 3, 2015.
[2]Appointed to fill an unexpired term until such vacancy is filled as provided by law.

HISTORY OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

SENATE BILLS

S. 1—A bill to reform America's broken immigration system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Coons, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Levin, and Mr. Heinrich), [22JA]

S. 2—A bill to reduce violence and protect the citizens of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Brown, Mr. Coons, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Levin, and Mr. Rockefeller), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA]

S. 3—A bill to improve education and provide all students in the United States with the opportunity to succeed; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Coons, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Levin), [22JA]

S. 4—A bill to create jobs and strengthen our economy by rebuilding our Nation's infrastructure; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Levin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Harkin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Lautenberg, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Coons), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA], [24JA]

S. 5—A bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Warner, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tester, Mr. Coons, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Baucus, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Begich, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Casey, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lautenberg, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Levin, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Heinrich), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA], [29JA]

S. 6—A bill to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the Uniformed Services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Brown, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Tester, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Warner, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Begich, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Coons, Mr. Levin, and Mr. Heinrich), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA], [24JA], [29JA], [25FE]

S. 7—A bill to improve the resilience of the United States to extreme weather events and to prevent the worsening of extreme weather conditions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Carper, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Levin, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Coons, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Begich), [22JA]

S. 8—A bill expressing the sense of the Senate on the need to enact legislation to eliminate wasteful tax loopholes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Brown, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Levin), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA]

S. 9—A bill to strengthen our Nation's electoral system by ensuring clean and fair elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Coons, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Levin, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Heinrich), [22JA]

S. 10—A bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tester, Mr. Casey, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Coons, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Levin, and Mr. Franken), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA]

S. 11—A bill to provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. Alexander), [26FE]

S. 12—A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COATS, [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [5NO]

S. 13—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants on a competitive basis to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Coats), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [15MY]

S. 14—A bill to provide for the partial settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Begich), [26FE]

S. 15—A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Moran, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Portman, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Flake, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Inhofe), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [1AU], [11SE], [28OC]

S. 16—A bill to provide for a sequester replacement.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [27FE]
Placed on the calendar, [27FE]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [27FE], [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [28FE]
Cloture motion not invoked on motion, [28FE]
Motion to proceed withdrawn, [28FE]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [23AP]

S. 17—A bill to stimulate the economy, produce domestic energy, and create jobs at no cost to the taxpayers, and without borrowing money from foreign governments for which our children and grandchildren will be responsible, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Risch, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Johanns), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [20MR]

S. 18—A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to replace the sequester established by the Budget Control Act of 2011; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Inhofe), [27FE]

S. 19—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Lee, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Flake, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Hatch, and Mrs. Fischer), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [28FE], [13MR], [18MR], [22AP]

S. 20—A bill to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Paul, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Flake, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Heller, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Lee, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Isakson), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [19MR], [24JY]

S. 21—A bill to secure the United States against cyber attack, to improve communication and collaboration between the private sector and the Federal Government, to enhance American competitiveness and create jobs in the information technology industry, and to protect the identities and sensitive information of American citizens and businesses; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Carper, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Levin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Coons), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA]

S. 22—A bill to establish background check procedures for gun shows; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Carper, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Coons, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr.

Levin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Wyden), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JA], [12FE], [16AP], [15MY]

S. 23—A bill to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [22JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–14), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]

S. 24—A bill to lower health premiums and increase choice for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [22JA]

S. 25—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Lee), [22JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–15), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]

S. 26—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Lee), [22JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–16), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]

S. 27—A bill to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled ''An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes''; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Lee), [22JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–49), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 28—A bill to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Flake), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–92), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 29—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Burr, Mr. Isakson, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Grassley), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA], [24JA], [28JA], [30JA], [4FE], [28OC], [29OC]
Removal of cosponsors, [31JA]

S. 30—A bill to prevent the 2013 pay adjustment of persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government from being made and to prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year there is a budget deficit; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [22JA]

S. 31—A bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JA]

S. 32—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA], [24JA], [30JA]

S. 33—A bill to prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Carper, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Coons, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Levin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Franken, Mr. Murphy, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JA], [31JA], [12FE], [5MR], [16AP], [7MY]

S. 34—A bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Levin, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [5MR], [16AP]

S. 35—A bill to require face to face purchases of ammunition, to require licensing of ammunition dealers, and to require reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Boxer, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [22JA]

S. 36—A bill for the relief of Alemseghed Mussie Tesfamical; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [22JA]

S. 37—A bill to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. TESTER, [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [13FE]

S. 38—A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Whitehouse, and Ms. Collins), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [11DE]

S. 39—A bill to improve the health of Americans and reduce health care costs by reorienting the Nation's health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HARKIN, [22JA]

S. 40—A bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Portman, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Burr, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Risch, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Coats, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Roberts), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA], [24JA], [31JA], [7FE], [18JY]

S. 41—A bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Nelson), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA]

S. 42—A bill to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [22JA]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [31OC]
Placed on the calendar, [31OC]
Passed Senate amended, [4NO]

S. 43—A bill to require that any debt limit increase be balanced by equal spending cuts of the next decade; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Chambliss, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Flake, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Corker, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Thune, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA], [24JA], [30JA], [31JA], [4FE]

S. 44—A bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Inhofe), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [5MR]

S. 45—A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Wyden), [22JA]

S. 46—A bill to protect Social Security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Heller, Mr. Flake, Mr. Risch, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Cruz), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JA], [28JA], [29JA], [30JA], [7FE]

S. 47—A bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Coons, Ms. Collins, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Casey), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA], [24JA], [28JA], [29JA], [30JA], [31JA], [4FE], [7FE]
Read the first time, [22JA]
Read the second time, [28JA]
Placed on the calendar, [28JA]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [31JA], [4FE]
Considered, [7FE], [11FE], [12FE]
Passed Senate amended, [12FE]
Passed House, [28FE]
Presented to the President (March 4, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–4] (signed March 7, 2013)

S. 48—A bill for the relief of Genesio Januario Oliveira; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KERRY, [22JA]

S. 49—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [22JA]

S. 50—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Crapo), [22JA]

S. 51—A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Tester, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Roberts), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA], [29JA], [30JA], [17SE]

S. 52—A bill to improve the energy and water efficiency of Federal buildings; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER, [22JA]

S. 53—A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants to individuals that may be affected by a reported disease cluster; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Crapo), [22JA]

S. 54—A bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [7FE], [11MR], [12MR], [13MR], [11AP], [9SE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–9), [11MR]

S. 55—A bill to prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Casey), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [30SE], [3OC], [8OC]

S. 56—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the credit for employers establishing workplace child care facilities, to increase the child care credit to encourage greater use of quality child care services, to provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities, and to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. BOXER, [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE]

S. 57—A bill to establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt limit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. BOXER, [22JA]

S. 58—A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mrs. BOXER, [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [12FE]

S. 59—A bill to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Nelson, and Mrs. Feinstein), [22JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–50), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 60—A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Western States Trail for potential designation as a national historic trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [22JA]

S. 61—A bill to include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [22JA]

S. 62—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions and to make additional contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Begich, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Coons, Ms. Landrieu, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Merkley), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [7MY]

S. 63—A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor to establish the Made In America Incentive Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Coons), [22JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [30JA]

S. 64—A bill to prohibit authorized committees and leadership PAC's from employing the spouse or immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 65—A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [23JA]

S. 66—A bill to establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and project delivery efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for authorized civil works flood control and navigation construction projects of the Corps of Engineers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JA]

S. 67—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG, [23JA]

S. 68—A bill to enhance the security of chemical facilities and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG, [23JA]

S. 69—A bill for the relief of Anton Dodaj, Gjyljana Dodaj, Franc Dodaj, Kristjan Dodaj, and Kanto Macotaj; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEVIN, [23JA]

S. 70—A bill for the relief of Marcos Antonio Sanchez-Diaz; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEVIN, [23JA]

S. 71—A bill for the relief of Josephina Valera Lopez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEVIN, [23JA]

S. 72—A bill for the relief of Luay Hadad; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEVIN, [23JA]

S. 73—A bill for the relief of Miguel Santillan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEVIN, [23JA]

S. 74—A bill for the relief of Momo Krcic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEVIN, [23JA]

S. 75—A bill for the relief of Ibrahim Parlak; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEVIN, [23JA]

S. 76—A bill for the relief of Guy Yang, Genevieve Chong Foung, Caroline Yang, and Melanie Vang; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEVIN, [23JA]

S. 77—A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate for lower prices for Medicare prescription drugs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [5MR]

S. 78—A bill for the relief of Hussein Bazzi; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEVIN, [23JA]

S. 79—A bill for the relief of Al-Housseynou Ba; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEVIN, [23JA]

S. 80—A bill to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and to establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Kirk), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [7FE], [29OC]

S. 81—A bill to provide guidance and priorities for Federal Government obligations in the event that the debt limit is reached.
By Mr. PAUL, [23JA]
Read the first time, [23JA]
Read the second time, [28JA]
Placed on the calendar, [28JA]

S. 82—A bill to provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes.
By Mr. PAUL, [23JA]
Read the first time, [23JA]
Read the second time, [28JA]
Placed on the calendar, [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [14FE]

S. 83—A bill to provide for continuing operations of Government in a fiscally responsible manner.
By Mr. PAUL, [23JA]
Read the first time, [23JA]
Read the second time, [28JA]
Placed on the calendar, [28JA]

S. 84—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Levin, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Begich), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JA], [29JA], [30JA], [31JA], [4FE], [7FE], [12FE], [7MR], [14MR], [10AP], [11AP], [15AP], [15JY], [11SE], [17SE], [7NO]

S. 85—A bill to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [6MY]

S. 86—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home school education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 87—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax deduction for itemizers and nonitemizers for expenses relating to home schooling; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 88—A bill to amend the public charter school provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 89—A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to authorize hunting under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 90—A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to allow workers who attain age 65 after 1981 and before 1992 to choose either lump sum payments over four years totaling $5,000 or an improved benefit computation formula under a new 10-year rule governing the transition to the changes in benefit computation rules enacted in the Social Security Amendments of 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 91—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [7FE], [12FE]

S. 92—A bill to require that the Government give priority to payment of all obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt limit is reached; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 93—A bill to provide tax relief with respect to the Hurricane Isaac disaster area; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 94—A bill to terminate the $1 presidential coin program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 95—A bill to withhold United States contributions to the United Nations until the United Nations formally retracts the final report of the ''United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict''; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 96—A bill to authorize the use of certain offshore oil and gas platforms in the Gulf of Mexico for artificial reefs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 97—A bill to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 98—A bill to ensure efficiency and fairness in the awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 99—A bill to provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 100—A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to repeal certain designation authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, to repeal the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 101—A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to State and local governments for payment of obligations, to prohibit the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from financially assisting State and local governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JY]

S. 102—A bill to reduce the amount of financial assistance provided to the Government of Mexico in response to the illegal border crossings from Mexico into the United States, which serve to dissipate the political discontent with the higher unemployment rate within Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 103—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [23JA]

S. 104—A bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restricts on the use of national monuments; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [13JN]

S. 105—A bill to direct the General Accountability Office to conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 106—A bill to provide for the establishment, ongoing validation, and use of an official set of data on the historical temperature record, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 107—A bill to prohibit the regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the United States until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 108—A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 109—A bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Burr, Mr. Coburn, Ms. Collins, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Wicker), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [31JA], [4FE], [19MR], [13JN], [17JN], [20JN], [16JY]

S. 110—A bill to establish a procedure to safeguard the Social Security Trust Funds; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 111—A bill to require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. 112—A bill to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. Cantwell), [23JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–17), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]

S. 113—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Franken), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [28FE], [22MR], [7JN], [13JN]

S. 114—A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Reed, and Ms. Warren), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [4FE], [22MR], [7JN], [24JN], [23SE]

S. 115—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for increasing payroll; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY, [23JA]

S. 116—A bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Collins, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Coons, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Begich), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JA], [7FE], [11FE], [7MR], [20MY], [10JY], [15JY], [31JY], [3OC], [10OC], [28OC]

S. 117—A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Franken, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Shaheen), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JA], [4MR], [13JN]

S. 118—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [23JA]

S. 119—A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. BOXER, [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [13FE], [25FE], [28FE], [6MR], [20MY], [23JY], [9SE], [10SE], [12SE], [24SE]

S. 120—A bill to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Ms. Landrieu), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [17SE], [18SE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [10OC]
Placed on the calendar, [10OC]

S. 121—A bill to establish the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking to review Federal Government policy on human trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. BOXER, [23JA]

S. 122—A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Cruz), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JA], [9SE]

S. 123—A bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Coons), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [4FE], [11MR], [10AP], [25AP], [7MY], [9SE]

S. 124—A bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Burr, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Corker, Mr. Flake, and Mr. Vitter), [23JA]
Read the first time, [23JA]
Read the second time, [28JA]
Placed on the calendar, [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA]

S. 125—A bill to direct the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, and the United States Geological Survey, to lead

a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Franken, Mr. Casey, and Ms. Klobuchar), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA]

S. 126—A bill to prohibit earmarks; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Portman, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Flake, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [7FE]

S. 127—A bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [24JA]

S. 128—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Lautenberg, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Begich), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [4FE]

S. 129—A bill to save money and reduce tragedies through prevention grants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [24JA]

S. 130—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Barrasso), [24JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–18), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]
Passed House, [10SE]
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S. 131—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Tester), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [18SE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–106), [17SE]
Placed on the calendar, [17SE]

S. 132—A bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. Boxer), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [17AP], [18JN], [19JN], [1AU]

S. 133—A bill to protect all patients by prohibiting the use of data obtained from comparative effectiveness research to deny or delay coverage of items or services under Federal health care programs and to ensure that comparative effectiveness research accounts for advancements in personalized medicine and differences in patient treatment response; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Portman, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Vitter), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA]

S. 134—A bill to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Johanns, and Mr. Heller), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [7FE], [24JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–126), [17DE]
Placed on the calendar, [17DE]

S. 135—A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Coats, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Johanns), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [6MR], [15AP], [12NO], [10DE]

S. 136—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [24JA]

S. 137—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Coats, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Johanns), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [30JA], [12NO]
Removal of cosponsors, [30JA]

S. 138—A bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Coats, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Johanns), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [6MR], [9AP], [17AP], [25AP], [6MY], [31OC]

S. 139—A bill to impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [24JA]

S. 140—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans, to improve the coordination of veteran job training services between the Department of Labor, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense, to require transparency for Executive departments in meeting the Government-wide goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Tester), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [7FE]

S. 141—A bill to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Blunt), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [30JA], [11MR], [8AP], [17AP], [9MY]

S. 142—A bill to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [24JA]

S. 143—A bill to prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, provide coverage for, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [24JA]

S. 144—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to authorize additional funding for the pregnancy assistance fund; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [24JA]

S. 145—A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to authorize National Guard support for State and local efforts to keep schools safe from violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. BOXER, [24JA]

S. 146—A bill to enhance the safety of America's schools; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. BOXER, [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [7FE], [27FE], [12MR], [8AP], [17AP]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [12MR]
Placed on the calendar, [12MR]

S. 147—A bill to establish minimum standards for States that allow the carrying of concealed firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. BOXER, [24JA]

S. 148—A bill to safeguard America's schools by using community policing strategies to prevent school violence and improve student and school safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. BOXER, [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [12FE]

S. 149—A bill to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Sessions), [24JA]

S. 150—A bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Levin, Mr. Rockefeller, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Reed, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Carper), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [12FE], [8AP], [16AP], [10SE]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [14MR]
Placed on the calendar, [14MR]

S. 151—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the maximum rate on the income of corporations to 20 percent; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. JOHANNS, [24JA]

S. 152—A bill to require the Secretary of the Air Force to retain the current leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson Air Force Base and to require reports on proposed activities at such installation; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA]

S. 153—A bill to amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Reed, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Coons), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [13FE], [8AP], [17JN], [31JY], [19SE], [24SE], [8OC]

S. 154—A bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that the coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in Exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Paul, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Risch, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Roberts), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [6MR], [25AP], [30JY]

S. 155—A bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Denali; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [10AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–93), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 156—A bill to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–51), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 157—A bill to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]
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S. 158—A bill for the relief of Dr. Shakil Afridi; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL, [28JA]

S. 159—A bill to designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances in Lyon County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Reid), [28JA]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–94), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 160—A bill to exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Schumer), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [19NO]

S. 161—A bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Baucus), [28JA]

S. 162—A bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Graham, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Coons, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Collins, Mr. Portman, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Brown, Ms. Warren, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, and Mrs. Boxer), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [31JA], [4FE], [7FE], [25FE], [16AP], [22AP], [16MY], [3JN], [11JN], [13JN]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [20JN]
Placed on the calendar, [26JN]
Motion to proceed considered, [14MY], [15MY], [20MY], [21MY]

S. 163—A bill to prohibit any regulation regarding carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gas emissions reduction in the United States until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Inhofe), [28JA]

S. 164—A bill to prohibit the United States from providing financial assistance to Pakistan until Dr. Shakil Afridi is freed.
By Mr. PAUL, [28JA]
Read the first time, [28JA]
Read the second time, [29JA]
Placed on the calendar, [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [7FE]

S. 165—A bill to provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [28JA]

S. 166—A bill to designate the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri and southwestern Illinois as the ''Stan Musial Memorial Bridge''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Kirk), [28JA]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [11MR]

S. 167—A bill to suspend sales of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until certain conditions are met; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Thune), [29JA]

S. 168—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Brown, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [5MR], [10SE]

S. 169—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coons, Mr. Flake, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Heller, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Warner, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Schatz), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [31JA], [7FE], [13FE], [25FE], [7MR], [14MR], [18MR], [20MR], [22MR], [8AP], [9AP], [13MY]

S. 170—A bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Manchin), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [25FE], [27FE], [12MR], [22AP], [15MY], [20MY], [17JN], [27JN]

S. 171—A bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a Governmentwide shutdown occurs; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [31JA]

S. 172—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to address certain issues related to the extension of consumer credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Blumenthal), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [4MR]

S. 173—A bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and fairness for all Americans; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SHELBY, [29JA]

S. 174—A bill to appropriately restrict sales of ammunition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Lautenberg), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [11FE], [12FE]

S. 175—A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve the use of certain registered pesticides; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Moran, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Boozman), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [14FE], [25FE], [26FE]

S. 176—A bill to reject the final 5-year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for fiscal years 2013 through 2018 of the Administration and replace the plan with a 5-year plan that is more in line with the energy and economic needs of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Sessions), [29JA]

S. 177—A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Portman, Mr. Paul, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Flake, Mr. Coats, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Collins, Mr. Scott, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hatch, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Sessions), [29JA]
Read the first time, [29JA]
Read the second time, [30JA]
Placed on the calendar, [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [4FE], [27FE], [12MR], [19SE], [28OC]

S. 178—A bill to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN, [30JA]

S. 179—A bill to prevent gun trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Kirk), [30JA]

S. 180—A bill to delay the enforcement of any rulings of the National Labor Relations Board until there is a final resolution in pending lawsuits; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [31JA]

S. 181—A bill to authorize the establishment of the Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridors in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Begich), [30JA]

S. 182—A bill to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Begich), [30JA]

S. 183—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Coburn), [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [31JA], [4FE], [7FE], [11FE], [13FE], [14FE], [25FE], [26FE], [5MR], [7MR], [11MR], [12MR], [22MR], [11AP], [23MY], [19JN], [26JN], [1AU], [30SE]

S. 184—A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, and Mr. Rubio), [30JA]

S. 185—A bill to eliminate the automatic inflation increases for discretionary programs built into the baseline projections and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Portman), [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [12MR]

S. 186—A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where the 4 little Black girls lost their lives, which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. Sessions), [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [17AP], [9MY], [13MY], [3JN]

S. 187—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to prohibit the distribution of any check or other negotiable instrument as part of a solicitation by a creditor for an extension of credit, to limit the liability of consumers in conjunction with such solicitations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Whitehouse), [30JA]

S. 188—A bill to prevent certain individuals purportedly appointed to the National Labor Relations Board from receiving salaries, and to prevent an unconstitutional quorum of the Board from taking agency actions, until there is a final decision in pending lawsuits regarding the constitutionality of certain alleged recess appointments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Lee, Mr. Scott, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Cornyn), [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [31JA]

S. 189—A bill to establish an employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish a business in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Flake, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Warner), [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [31JA], [9AP]

S. 190—A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for certain activities of the National Labor Relations Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Burr, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Chambliss), [31JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [7FE], [25FE]

S. 191—A bill to codify and modify regulatory requirements of Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Coats, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Paul, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Graham, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Moran, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Burr, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Risch, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Thune, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Corker, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Flake), [31JA]
Cosponsors added, [7FE]

S. 192—A bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Lee, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Begich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Hoeven), [31JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [11FE], [5MR], [19MR], [19DE]

S. 193—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Moran), [31JA]
Cosponsors added, [12MR]

S. 194—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Blumenthal), [31JA]
Cosponsors added, [8JY]

S. 195—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Brown, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Sanders), [31JA]
Cosponsors added, [7FE], [14FE], [25FE], [11MR], [13MR], [21MR], [15AP], [11JN], [20JN], [31JY], [17SE]

S. 196—A bill to assure equity in contracting between the Federal Government and small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [31JA]

S. 197—A bill to authorize improvements to flood damage reduction facilities adjacent to the American and Sacramento Rivers near Sacramento, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [31JA]

S. 198—A bill to require a report on the designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Burr, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Moran, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Coats), [31JA]

S. 199—A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported by pipeline to onshore facilities and to provide for the sharing of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BEGICH, [31JA]

S. 200—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the interment in national cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration of individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [31JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [18AP]

S. 201—A bill to prohibit the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt.
By Mr. PAUL, [31JA]
Read the first time, [31JA]
Read the second time, [4FE]
Placed on the calendar, [4FE]

S. 202—A bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Corker, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Lee, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Enzi), [31JA]

S. 203—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Moran, Mr. Corker, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Boozman), [31JA]
Cosponsors added, [14FE], [7MR], [6JN], [12JN], [31JY], [1AU], [24SE], [30SE], [29OC]

S. 204—A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Burr, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Heller, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Risch), [31JA]
Read the first time, [31JA]
Read the second time, [4FE]
Placed on the calendar, [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [8AP], [16MY], [30JY], [20NO], [12DE]

S. 205—A bill to replace the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with a 5-person Commission, to bring the Bureau into the regular appropriations process, to provide for a safety and soundness check, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN, [31JA]

S. 206—A bill to expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by base realignment and closure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. King), [31JA]

S. 207—A bill to restrict the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Johanns, and Mr. Coburn), [31JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE]

S. 208—A bill to require the Federal Aviation Administration to prescribe regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas in Los Angeles County, California; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [4FE]

S. 209—A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Begich, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Heller, Mr. Lee, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Toomey), [4FE]
Read the first time, [4FE]
Read the second time, [7FE]
Placed on the calendar, [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [7FE], [11FE], [25FE], [4MR], [10SE], [29OC], [31OC], [11DE]

S. 210—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Tester), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [7FE], [13FE], [26FE], [27FE], [28FE], [5MR], [6MR], [7MR], [11MR], [12MR], [18MR], [22MY]

S. 211—A bill to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Lee), [4FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–52), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 212—A bill to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [4FE]

S. 213—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER, [4FE]

S. 214—A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [14MR], [14MY]

S. 215—A bill to ensure that the Federal Reserve conducts its policies to ensure long-term price stability and a low rate of inflation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [4FE]

S. 216—A bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to

the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Wyden), [4FE]

S. 217—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Wyden), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [25FE], [4MR], [7MR], [18MR], [11AP], [14MY], [12JN], [17JY]

S. 218—A bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Chambliss, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Portman, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Coons, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Warner, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Franken, Mr. Graham, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Casey, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Begich, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Collins, and Mrs. Boxer), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [7FE], [14FE], [4MR], [12MR], [13MR], [22MR], [17AP]

S. 219—A bill to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CASEY, [4FE]

S. 220—A bill to create a Citrus Disease Research and Developing Trust Fund to support research on diseases impacting the citrus industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mrs. Boxer), [4FE]

S. 221—A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [4FE]

S. 222—A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Udall of Colorado, and Mr. Bennet), [4FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–20), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]

S. 223—A bill to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. Kirk), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [7FE], [12FE]

S. 224—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [4FE]

S. 225—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [4FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–53), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 226—A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Begich, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Blumenthal), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [28FE], [5MR], [12MR], [18AP], [25AP], [24SE], [9DE], [10DE]

S. 227—A bill to authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at United States embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide, and for other purposes.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Casey, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Reed, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Paul), [4FE]
Passed Senate, [4FE]

S. 228—A bill to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [4FE]

S. 229—A bill to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the ''Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center''; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Casey), [7FE]

S. 230—A bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [4MR], [13MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–21), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]

S. 231—A bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [10AP], [25JN], [23JY], [23SE], [5NO]

S. 232—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Burr, Mr. Franken, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Casey, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Ms. Collins, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Moran, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Wicker), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [19MR], [22MR], [15AP], [17AP], [6MY], [18JY], [23SE], [10OC], [16DE]

S. 233—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the ''Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [7FE]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]

S. 234—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. REID, [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [12FE], [13FE], [14FE], [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [11MR], [18MR], [10AP], [17JN], [9JY], [16JY], [23JY]

S. 235—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Begich), [7FE]

S. 236—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and physicians or practitioners to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Paul, and Mr. Barrasso), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [10DE]

S. 237—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, and Mr. Begich), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]

S. 238—A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to improve the functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Market Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Rubio), [7FE]

S. 239—A bill to extend the frontier extended stay clinic demonstration; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Begich), [7FE]

S. 240—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Baucus), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [28FE], [6JN], [16JY], [30JY]

S. 241—A bill to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [7FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–54), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 242—A bill to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Casey, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Chambliss), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE]

S. 243—A bill to provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [7FE]

S. 244—A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [7FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–22), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]

S. 245—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize a bipartisan majority of Commis-

sioners of the Federal Communications Commission to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Heller), [7FE]

S. 246—A bill to prevent the escapement of genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [7FE]

S. 247—A bill to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Mikulski, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [7FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]

S. 248—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling of genetically engineered fish; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [22MR]

S. 249—A bill to provide for the expansion of affordable refinancing of mortgages held by the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Franken, Mr. Begich, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Levin, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Feinstein), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE]

S. 250—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [19DE]

S. 251—A bill to amend the renewable fuel program under section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Vitter), [7FE]

S. 252—A bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Reed, Mr. Menendez, and Ms. Landrieu), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [25FE], [26SE], [12NO], [13NO]
Reported (no written report), [14FE]
Placed on the calendar, [14FE]
Passed Senate amended, [24SE]
Passed House amended, [12NO]
Title amended, [12NO]
Senate agreed to House amendments, [14NO]
Presented to the President (November 21, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–55] (signed November 27, 2013)

S. 253—A bill establishing the Committee to Reduce Government Waste; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Enzi), [7FE]

S. 254—A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize and support the creation of cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources by the Secretary of Health and Human Services through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the dissemination of such materials and resources by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Lautenberg), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [28FE], [17SE]

S. 255—A bill to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Tester), [7FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 256—A bill to amend Public Law 93–435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. Murkowski) (by request), [7FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–55), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]
Passed Senate amended, [1AU]
Passed House, [10SE]
Presented to the President (September 12, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–34] (signed September 18, 2013)

S. 257—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Durbin), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [25AP]

S. 258—A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heller, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Risch), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [6MR], [23AP]

S. 259—A bill to assure equity in contracting between the Federal Government and small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [7FE]

S. 260—A bill to require the collection of data by officers enforcing immigration law and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [7FE]

S. 261—A bill to establish and clarify that Congress does not authorize persons convicted of dangerous crimes in foreign courts to freely possess firearms in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Lautenberg), [7FE]

S. 262—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs who are pursuing programs of education at institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN, [7FE]

S. 263—A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to modify the discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. McCain, Mr. Graham, Mr. Thune, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, and Mr. Roberts), [7FE]
Removal of cosponsors, [12FE]

S. 264—A bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Reed, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Tester, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Leahy), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [13FE], [14FE], [22MR], [10AP], [11AP], [16AP], [17AP], [11JY], [9SE], [24SE], [29OC], [4NO], [9DE]

S. 265—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [7FE]

S. 266—A bill to provide for the inclusion of Israel in the visa waiver program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [7FE]

S. 267—A bill to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing through port State measures; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Begich, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Nelson), [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [4JN]

S. 268—A bill to reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [11FE]

S. 269—A bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Begich, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Nelson), [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [7MR], [4JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–127), [17DE]
Placed on the calendar, [17DE]

S. 270—A bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to establish a United States Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. BEGICH, [11FE]

S. 271—A bill to improve Arctic health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BEGICH, [11FE]

S. 272—A bill to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH, [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [17JN]

S. 273—A bill to modify the definition of fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Blunt), [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [8MY], [10JY], [28OC]

S. 274—A bill to strengthen nutrition education for elementary school and secondary school students to promote healthy eating choices through developmentally appropriate lessons and activities integrated into the school day; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE]

S. 275—A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric

project involving the Little Wood River Ranch; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [11FE]

S. 276—A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [11FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–24), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]

S. 277—A bill to replace the Budget Control Act sequester by eliminating tax loopholes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Levin), [11FE]

S. 278—A bill to replace the Budget Control Act sequester for fiscal year 2013 by eliminating tax loopholes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Levin, and Mr. Merkley), [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [14FE], [25FE], [6MY]

S. 279—A bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Risch, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. Bennet), [11FE]

S. 280—A bill to ensure effective control over the congressional budget process; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Vitter), [12FE]

S. 281—A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Brown), [12FE]

S. 282—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a new counseling program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BEGICH, [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]

S. 283—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to invest in innovation for education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]

S. 284—A bill to transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [12FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–56), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 285—A bill to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [12FE]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–96), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 286—A bill to enhance civil penalties under the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Leahy), [12FE]

S. 287—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Boozman), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [21MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–110), [23SE]
Placed on the calendar, [23SE]
Passed Senate amended, [6NO]
Title amended, [6NO]

S. 288—A bill to increase the participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and industry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. Pryor), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [20MR], [29OC], [19NO]

S. 289—A bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mrs. Shaheen), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [12MR], [14MR], [18MR], [8AP], [13MY], [6JN], [29OC]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–89), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 290—A bill to reduce housing-related health hazards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Johanns, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Franken), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [14FE], [12MR]

S. 291—A bill to establish the Council on Healthy Housing and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Johanns, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Franken), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [14FE]

S. 292—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a special rule for the period of admission of S. 292. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a special rule for the period of admission of H. 092. nonimmigrants employed as sheepherders, goat herders, or dairy farmers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE, [13FE]

S. 293—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE, [13FE]

S. 294—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mrs. Shaheen), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [26FE], [28FE], [4MR], [5MR], [7MR], [11MR], [20MR], [22MR], [17AP], [18AP], [8MY], [14MY], [15MY], [20MY], [6JN], [10JN], [19JN]

S. 295—A bill to allow certain Indonesian citizens to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG, [13FE]

S. 296—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Blumenthal, and Ms. Baldwin), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [28FE], [4MR], [6MR], [11MR], [13MR], [19MR], [15AP], [22AP], [25AP], [8MY], [11SE]

S. 297—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. RUBIO, [13FE]

S. 298—A bill to prevent nuclear proliferation in North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Donnelly), [13FE]
Reported (no written report), [14FE]
Placed on the calendar, [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE]
Passed Senate amended, [25FE]

S. 299—A bill to prohibit appropriated funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Sessions), [13FE]

S. 300—A bill to prohibit the implementation of any program that grants temporary legal status to, or adjusts the status of, any individual who is unlawfully present in the United States until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies that the US–VISIT system has been fully implemented at every land, sea, and air port of entry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Lee), [13FE]

S. 301—A bill to amend section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify those classes of individuals born in the United States who are nationals and citizens of the United States at birth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Boozman), [13FE]

S. 302—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [13FE]

S. 303—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [13FE]

S. 304—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [13FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–25), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]
Passed House, [10SE]
Presented to the President (September 12, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–35] (signed September 18, 2013)

S. 305—A bill to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [13FE]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–57), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 306—A bill to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Crapo), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [16AP]
Reported with amendment, [13MY]
Placed on the calendar, [13MY]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–35), [3JN]

S. 307—A bill to reduce the Federal budget deficit by closing big oil tax loopholes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. McCaskill, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Franken, Mr. Reed, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Brown, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Merkley), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [11AP]

S. 308—A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, to provide for cash relief for years for which annual COLAs do not take effect under certain cash benefit programs, and to provide for Social Security benefit protection; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BEGICH, [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [8AP], [23JY]

S. 309—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Wyden), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [28FE], [4MR], [6MR], [12MR], [18MR], [20MR], [9AP], [11AP], [15AP], [8MY], [9MY], [14MY], [15MY], [16MY], [21MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [20MY]

S. 310—A bill to jump-start economic recovery through the formation and growth of new businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Blunt), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [11MR], [30OC]

S. 311—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [13FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–26), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]

S. 312—A bill to adjust the boundary of the Carson National Forest, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [13FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–58), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 313—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Franken, Mr. Moran, Mr. Reed, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Coons, Mr. Johanns, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [14FE], [26FE], [7MR], [11MR], [13MR], [18MR], [22MR], [15AP], [25AP], [7MY], [8MY], [15MY], [17JN], [18JN], [18JY], [10SE], [23SE], [26SE], [12NO], [18NO], [20NO], [9DE], [12DE], [16DE], [17DE], [19DE], [20DE]

S. 314—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG, [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [6JN], [29JY], [30JY], [31JY], [9SE], [24SE], [31OC]

S. 315—A bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Collins, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Nelson), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [28FE], [11MR], [22AP], [17JN], [31JY], [23SE]

S. 316—A bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Franken, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Brown), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [14FE], [28FE], [4MR], [5MR], [20MR], [8AP], [9AP], [10AP], [22AP], [7MY], [9MY], [14MY], [20MY], [22MY], [4JN], [18JN], [23JY], [1AU]

S. 317—A bill to require the Inspector General of the Environmental Protection Agency to include certain assessments in reports; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [13FE]

S. 318—A bill to rescind funds made available to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency if the Administrator fails to meet certain deadlines; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. JOHANNS, [13FE]

S. 319—A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide adequate data, modeling, and support in the development of a State implementation plan under the Clean Air Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. JOHANNS, [13FE]

S. 320—A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Paul, Ms. Collins, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Coats, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, and Mrs. Fischer), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [28FE]

S. 321—A bill to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Reed, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Levin, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Franken), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [14FE], [8AP]

S. 322—A bill to set the United States on track to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Begich, and Ms. Hirono), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [10SE]

S. 323—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Cochran), [13FE]
Cosponsors added, [7MR], [12MR], [9AP], [24AP], [7MY], [9MY], [22MY], [27JN], [9JY], [17JY], [1AU]

S. 324—A bill to amend part B of the title XVIII of the Social Security Act to apply deemed enrollment to residents of Puerto Rico and to provide a special enrollment period and a reduction in the late enrollment penalties for certain residents of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [14FE]

S. 325—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Rockefeller), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [11JN], [9JY], [10JY], [10SE]

S. 326—A bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Manchin), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [8AP], [16JY], [17SE], [21NO]

S. 327—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Lee, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [26JN], [9JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–97), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 328—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow certain critical access hospitals and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy requirements with respect to having a physician available to stabilize an individual with an emergency medical condition under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Bennet), [14FE]

S. 329—A bill to eliminate certain fuel subsidies and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain energy tax incentives; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [14FE]

S. 330—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Coburn, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Paul), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [7MR], [13MR], [19MR], [20MR], [8AP], [9MY], [22MY], [13JN], [12NO]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [21MY]
Passed Senate amended, [17JN]
Passed House, [12NO]
Presented to the President (November 14, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–51] (signed November 21, 2013)

S. 331—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [14FE]

S. 332—A bill to address climate disruptions, reduce carbon pollution, enhance the use of clean energy, and promote resilience in the infrastructure of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mrs. Boxer), [14FE]

S. 333—A bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Franken, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Menendez, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [14FE]

Cosponsors added, [5MR], [22MR]

S. 334—A bill to terminate agricultural direct payments beginning with the 2013 crop year; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Flake), [14FE]

S. 335—A bill to provide financing assistance for qualified water infrastructure projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Lautenberg), [14FE]

S. 336—A bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Corker, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Rockefeller, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Levin, and Mr. Harkin), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [14MR], [18MR], [19MR], [9AP]

S. 337—A bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Rockefeller, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Blumenthal), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [22MR], [22AP], [17JN], [25JY]

S. 338—A bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Graham, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [27FE], [28FE], [4MR], [5MR], [7MR], [12MR], [18MR], [22MR], [8AP], [10AP], [25AP], [23JY], [29JY], [31JY], [26SE], [9OC], [15OC], [28OC], [18NO], [16DE]

S. 339—A bill to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Flake), [14FE]

S. 340—A bill to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Begich), [14FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–98), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 341—A bill to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [14FE]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–99), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 342—A bill to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Heller), [14FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–59), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 343—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Heller), [14FE]

S. 344—A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from approving the introduction into commerce of gasoline that contains greater than 10-volume-percent ethanol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [13MR], [19MR], [12SE]

S. 345—A bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Portman, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Corker, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Alexander), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [28FE], [18MR], [18AP], [23AP], [6MY], [13MY]

S. 346—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Heller, and Mr. Baucus), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [26FE], [27FE], [5MR], [6MR], [7MR], [13MR], [14MR], [8AP], [23MY], [3JN], [8JY], [9JY], [16JY], [9SE]

S. 347—A bill to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Coons), [14FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–27), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]

S. 348—A bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Manchin, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [26SE]

S. 349—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Murphy), [14FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–60), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 350—A bill to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [20MR], [20NO]

S. 351—A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Coats, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Risch, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Portman, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Flake, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Thune, Mr. Graham, Mr. Moran, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Ms. Collins, Mr. Paul, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Enzi), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [15MY], [21MY], [10JN], [31JY]

S. 352—A bill to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [14FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–28), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]

S. 353—A bill to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [14FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 354—A bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [14FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]

S. 355—A bill to require the United States Trade Representative to notify the World Trade Organization if any member of the World Trade Organization fails during 2 consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Barrasso), [14FE]

S. 356—A bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Thune, Mr. Risch, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Cochran), [14FE]

S. 357—A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Graham, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Durbin), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [7MR], [19MR], [16MY], [10SE], [11SE], [17SE], [19SE], [24SE], [26SE]
Reported (no written report), [19SE]
Placed on the calendar, [19SE]

S. 358—A bill to establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Cardin, and Ms. Warren), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE]

S. 359—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Merkley), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]

S. 360—A bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Begich, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Coons), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [16MY], [4JN], [19JN], [11JY], [29JY]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 361—A bill to require the lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether

to allow the sale; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Merkley), [14FE]

S. 362—A bill to promote the mapping and development of United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Begich), [14FE]

S. 363—A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Begich, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Merkley), [14FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–72), [15JY]
Placed on the calendar, [15JY]

S. 364—A bill to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Tester), [14FE]

S. 365—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to carry out activities to manage the threat of Asian carp travelling up the Mississippi River in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [14FE]

S. 366—A bill to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [14FE]

S. 367—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Collins), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [4MR], [5MR], [12MR], [13MR], [9AP], [11AP], [15AP], [17AP], [18AP], [25AP], [8MY], [13MY], [15MY], [23MY], [12JN], [18JN], [24JN], [25JY], [1AU], [9SE], [18SE], [24SE], [7NO], [12NO], [10DE], [16DE]

S. 368—A bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Wyden), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [20MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–61), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 369—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Paul, Mr. Risch, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Burr, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Corker, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Moran, Mr. Graham, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Cornyn), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [26FE], [4MR], [14MR], [23AP], [9MY]

S. 370—A bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [28FE], [5MR], [7MR], [11MR], [14MR], [18MR], [19MR], [9MY], [25JY]

S. 371—A bill to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Cowan), [14FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–62), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 372—A bill to provide for the reduction of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and the promotion of healthy relationships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Blumenthal), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [29OC]

S. 373—A bill to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [26JN], [8JY], [9SE]

S. 374—A bill to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [25FE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [12MR]
Placed on the calendar, [12MR]

S. 375—A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Levin, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Begich, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Leahy, Mr. King, Ms. Warren, Mr. Franken, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Graham, Mr. Reed, Mr. Baucus, and Mrs. Shaheen), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [4MR], [5MR], [11MR], [22MR], [16AP], [17AP], [24AP], [25AP], [6MY], [9SE], [12SE]
Reported (no written report), [24JY]
Placed on the calendar, [24JY]

S. 376—A bill to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Thune, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [25FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–114), [28OC]
Placed on the calendar, [28OC]

S. 377—A bill to add the 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs to the list of exempt programs under PAYGO; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [8AP]

S. 378—A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to provide travel and transportation allowances for members of the reserve components for long distance and certain other travel to inactive duty training; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Wyden), [25FE]

S. 379—A bill to rescind $45 billion of unobligated discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, Mr. Risch, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Vitter), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]

S. 380—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and update the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative for grants to address the problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [21MR], [9AP], [21JN]

S. 381—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the ''Doolittle Tokyo Raiders'', for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Tester, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Schatz, and Mrs. Murray), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [21MR], [10AP], [17AP], [25AP], [6MY], [8MY], [13MY], [16MY], [20MY], [23MY], [4JN], [27JN], [25JY], [30JY], [31JY], [9SE], [10SE], [11SE], [17SE], [26SE], [31OC], [4NO], [7NO], [12NO], [13NO], [14NO], [18NO], [19NO]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [19NO]

S. 382—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [12MR], [13MR], [16AP], [7MY], [14MY], [22MY], [11JN]

S. 383—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. Cantwell), [26FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–30), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]

S. 384—A bill to exempt National Forest System land in the State of Alaska from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [26FE]

S. 385—A bill to deem the submission of certain claims to an Indian Health Service contracting officer as timely; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Baucus), [26FE]

S. 386—A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide and improve housing in the rural areas for educators, public safety officers, and medical providers, and their households, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BEGICH, [26FE]

S. 387—A bill to establish the American Infrastructure Investment Fund and other activities to facilitate investments in infrastructure projects that significantly enhance the economic competitiveness of the United States by improving economic output, productivity, or competitive commercial advantage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Lautenberg), [26FE]

S. 388—A bill to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes, and for other purposes.
By Mr. REID (for Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Reid)), [26FE]

Placed on the calendar, [26FE]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [26FE], [28FE]

S. 389—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize long-term contracts for the procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels for the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Tester), [26FE]

S. 390—A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to authorize a national toll-free referral line and website, to develop and disseminate child care consumer education information for parents and to help parents access child care in their community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Begich, and Ms. Hirono), [27FE]

S. 391—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [27FE]

S. 392—A bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [11MR], [20MR], [17SE]

S. 393—A bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Carper), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [9AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–31), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]

S. 394—A bill to prohibit and deter the theft of metal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Graham, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Hoeven), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [12JN]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [17JN]
Placed on the calendar, [17JN]

S. 395—A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Udall of Colorado, and Mr. Wyden), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [16AP], [17JN], [9JY], [18JY], [24SE], [12OC], [29OC], [19NO]

S. 396—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [27FE]

S. 397—A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Schumer), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [8JY]

S. 398—A bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Landrieu, Mrs. Boxer, and Mrs. Feinstein), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [15JY], [18JY], [9SE], [9OC], [18DE]

S. 399—A bill to protect American job creation by striking the Federal mandate on employers to offer health insurance; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Burr, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Wicker), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [5MR], [10JY], [18JY]

S. 400—A bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to include the Corps of Engineers as a Federal land management agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [28FE]

S. 401—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Brown, Mr. Reed, Mr. King, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Cardin, and Ms. Warren), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [19JN], [18DE]

S. 402—A bill to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [28FE]

S. 403—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [11AP], [23AP], [7MY], [8MY], [9MY], [13MY], [15MY], [20MY], [21MY], [22MY], [3JN], [4JN], [7JN], [18JN], [26JN], [27JN], [9JY], [23JY], [25JY], [10SE], [11SE], [17SE], [24SE], [28OC]

S. 404—A bill to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. Cantwell), [28FE]

S. 405—A bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Blumenthal), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [19NO]

S. 406—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for new program review requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Durbin), [28FE]

S. 407—A bill to provide funding for construction and major rehabilitation for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, and Ms. Klobuchar), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [12MR], [18MR], [9AP], [9MY]

S. 408—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Whitehouse), [28FE]

S. 409—A bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. Boxer), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [8AP], [8MY], [13JN], [27JN], [24JY], [30JY], [17SE]

S. 410—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on certain trading transactions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Sanders), [28FE]

S. 411—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Moran), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [12MR], [18MR], [19MR], [21MR], [11AP], [25AP], [10JN], [13JN], [19JN], [27JN], [10JY], [11JY], [17JY], [23JY], [24JY], [29JY], [9SE], [11SE], [12SE], [16SE], [23SE], [9OC], [28OC], [31OC], [12NO], [9DE], [10DE], [12DE], [16DE], [19DE]

S. 412—A bill to authorize certain major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Lautenberg, Ms. Warren, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Cowan), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [9SE]

S. 413—A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include human trafficking as a part 1 violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Portman, and Ms. Klobuchar), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [14MR], [21MR], [7MY]

S. 414—A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to provide for expedited project implementation relating to the comprehensive Everglades restoration plan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. NELSON, [28FE]

S. 415—A bill to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Pryor), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [14MR], [23MY], [9JY], [10DE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–84), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]

S. 416—A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [28FE]

S. 417—A bill to reduce the number of nonessential vehicles purchased and leased by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [28FE]

S. 418—A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations regarding the collection and use of personal information obtained by tracking the online activity of an individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [28FE]

S. 419—A bill to limit the use of cluster munitions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wyden), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [19MR]

S. 420—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to long-standing regulatory rule; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Tester), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [20MY], [21MY], [23MY], [3JN], [12JN], [24JN], [23JY], [1AU]

S. 421—A bill to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking any action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Corker, and Mr. Paul), [28FE]

S. 422—A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Brown, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Whitehouse), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [22MR], [9MY], [24JN], [8JY], [31JY]

S. 423—A bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care for their children; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [9AP], [6MY], [19JN], [17SE]

S. 424—A bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Collins, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Whitehouse), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [21MR], [8AP], [9JY], [1AU], [24SE]

S. 425—A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Menendez), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [8AP], [22AP], [14MY], [26JN], [27JN], [18JY], [24JY], [29JY], [20NO]

S. 426—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of particular specialists determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to be directly related to the health needs stemming from environmental health hazards that have led to its declaration as a Public Health Emergency to be eligible under the National Health Service Corps in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Baucus), [28FE]

S. 427—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Moran, Mr. Coats, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Inhofe), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [7MR], [19MR], [17AP], [8MY], [12JN]

S. 428—A bill to expedite the development of Arctic deepwater ports and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BEGICH, [28FE]

S. 429—A bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Manchin, and Mrs. McCaskill), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [8AP], [19JN], [10JY], [18JY], [29JY], [12SE], [17SE], [23SE], [30SE], [16OC]

S. 430—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [26JN]

S. 431—A bill to authorize preferential treatment for certain imports from Nepal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [28FE]

S. 432—A bill to extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [28FE]

S. 433—A bill to establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [28FE]

S. 434—A bill to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and the State of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Tester), [4MR]

S. 435—A bill to ban the exportation of crude oil or refined petroleum products derived from Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [4MR]

S. 436—A bill to require that the salaries of Members of Congress be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [4MR]

S. 437—A bill to authorize the Department of Housing and Urban Development to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities, by revitalizing severely distressed housing, and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, education opportunities, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [4MR]
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged, [22AP]
Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [22AP]

S. 438—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for professional school personnel in early childhood education, to expand the deduction for certain expenses of teachers to teachers in early childhood education, and to modify the credit for dependent care services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH), [4MR]

S. 439—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 by establishing a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]

S. 440—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for loan forgiveness for early childhood educators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH), [4MR]

S. 441—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 by establishing a program to provide professional development activities for educators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]

S. 442—A bill to establish a program to provide child care through public-private partnerships; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH), [4MR]

S. 443—A bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. King), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [6MR]

S. 444—A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. King), [4MR]

S. 445—A bill to improve security at State and local courthouses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Coons, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Boozman), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MR], [11MR], [22AP], [24AP]

S. 446—A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to reduce Federal crop insurance subsidies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. FLAKE, [5MR]

S. 447—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [5MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 448—A bill to allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040SR; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Carper), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MR], [15AP], [9MY]

S. 449—A bill for the relief of Anton Dodaj, Gjyljana Dodaj, Franc Dodaj, and Kristjan Dodaj; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEVIN, [5MR]

S. 450—A bill to require enhanced economic analysis and justification of regulations proposed by certain Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Johanns), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [10AP], [15AP], [21MY]

S. 451—A bill to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SHELBY, [5MR]

S. 452—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Rockefeller, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Brown, Mr. Wyden,

Ms. Warren, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MR], [8AP], [20MY], [17SE]

S. 453—A bill to require that certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that lead to an industry-recognized and nationally portable credential; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. Heller, and Mr. Donnelly), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [15AP], [21MY]

S. 454—A bill to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate use of assistance under sections 8 and 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 with public and private resources, to enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [5MR]

S. 455—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Moran), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [27JN]

S. 456—A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish an award program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in prekindergarten through higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Grassley), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [17SE], [20DE]

S. 457—A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Lautenberg, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Boxer, and Ms. Stabenow), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [10AP], [17AP]

S. 458—A bill to improve and extend certain nutrition programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Johanns), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [15AP]

S. 459—A bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. Thune), [5MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–32), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Passed Senate, [19JN]
Passed House, [10SE]
Presented to the President (September 12, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–36] (signed September 18, 2013)

S. 460—A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Casey, Mr. Franken, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Warren, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Levin, Mr. Rockefeller, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Brown, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Cowan), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [6MY], [15MY], [20MY], [3JN], [11SE], [5NO]

S. 461—A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Begich), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [12MR]

S. 462—A bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cardin, and Ms. Collins), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [6MR], [11MR], [12MR], [18MR], [8AP], [9AP], [10AP], [15AP], [16AP], [17AP], [23AP], [25AP], [6MY], [7MY], [9MY], [20MY], [21MY], [23MY], [4JN], [7JN], [10JN], [25JN], [26JN], [8JY], [9JY], [18JY], [23JY], [24JY], [25JY], [1AU], [11SE], [1OC]

S. 463—A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term ''biobased product''; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. King, Ms. Collins, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Chambliss), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MR], [11MR], [9AP], [16AP], [14MY], [17JN], [12SE]

S. 464—A bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Chambliss), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [12MR], [18MR], [15AP]

S. 465—A bill to permit flexibility in the application of the budget sequester by Federal agencies; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [5MR]

S. 466—A bill to assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [16MY], [20MY], [18SE]

S. 467—A bill to allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN, [5MR]

S. 468—A bill to protect the health care and pension benefits of our nation's miners; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Brown), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [18AP], [12SE], [2OC], [19DE]

S. 469—A bill to assist the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR]

S. 470—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Baucus), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MR], [11MR], [12MR], [13MR], [18MR], [19MR], [22MR], [8AP], [15AP], [3JN]

S. 471—A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require the inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Lautenberg), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [15AP], [23AP], [19DE]

S. 472—A bill to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in the State of Nevada except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER, [6MR]

S. 473—A bill to ensure that Federal Register notices submitted to the Bureau of Land Management are reviewed in a timely manner; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER, [6MR]

S. 474—A bill to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Johanns), [6MR]

S. 475—A bill to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [21MR], [16AP], [18AP], [21MY]

S. 476—A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [6MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–64), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 477—A bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to modify a provision relating to gaming on land acquired after October 17, 1988; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [21MR]

S. 478—A bill to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Roberts), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR]

S. 479—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by a professional employer organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Pryor), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [30SE]

S. 480—A bill to improve the effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Flake, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Heller), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [10AP], [15AP]
Removal of cosponsors, [8AP]

S. 481—A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to direct that wireless providers permit the unlocking of mobile devices; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Blumenthal), [6MR]

S. 482—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Tester), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [14MR], [8AP]

S. 483—A bill to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER, [6MR]

S. 484—A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and

remodeling activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Grassley), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MR], [20MR], [8AP], [10JY]

S. 485—A bill to exempt certain class A CDL drivers from the requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement while operating a service vehicle with a fuel tank containing 3,785 liters (1,000 gallons) or less of diesel fuel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Johanns), [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR]

S. 486—A bill to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. Hagan), [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [23AP]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–102), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 487—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under the maximum hours requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [20NO]

S. 488—A bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. STABENOW, [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [29JY]

S. 489—A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [29JY], [31JY], [1AU], [3OC], [30OC], [11DE]

S. 490—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR]

S. 491—A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Crapo), [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [24JY], [29JY], [27SE]

S. 492—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [7MR]
Removal of cosponsors, [11MR]

S. 493—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish dairy farm savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [7MR]

S. 494—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the types of livestock for which bonus depreciation is available; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [7MR]

S. 495—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to hire veterans, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Heller, and Mr. Boozman), [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [8AP]

S. 496—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Johanns), [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [20MR], [21MR], [22MR], [6MY], [7MY], [31JY]

S. 497—A bill to establish the San Juan Islands National Conservation Area in the San Juan Islands, Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. Murray), [7MR]

S. 498—A bill to repeal the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. INHOFE, [7MR]

S. 499—A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [7MR]

S. 500—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply payroll taxes to remuneration and earnings from self-employment up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of $250,000; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Blumenthal), [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [18MR], [11AP], [4JN]

S. 501—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Ms. Collins), [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [8MY], [21MY], [3JN], [10JN], [16JY], [1AU], [10SE]

S. 502—A bill to assist States in providing voluntary high-quality universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [9AP], [25AP], [18SE]

S. 503—A bill to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado, [7MR]

S. 504—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure that valid generic drugs may enter the market; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Sanders), [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [20MR]

S. 505—A bill to prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within the United States.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Paul), [7MR]
Read the first time, [7MR]
Read the second time, [11MR]
Placed on the calendar, [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [18MR], [15AP]

S. 506—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [3JN]

S. 507—A bill to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [7MR]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–65), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 508—A bill to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve the enforcement, collection, and administration of child support payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [7MR]

S. 509—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH, [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [15AP]

S. 510—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH, [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [15AP]

S. 511—A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [14MR], [17JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–90), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 512—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering the Nation's teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Casey), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [15MY]

S. 513—A bill to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma regarding the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in the State of Oklahoma; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. INHOFE, [11MR]

S. 514—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or an area that leads to employment in a high-demand occupation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN, [11MR]

S. 515—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN, [11MR]

S. 516—A bill to reduce disparities and improve access to effective and cost efficient diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer through advances in testing, research, and education, including through telehealth, comparative effectiveness research, and identification of best practices in patient education and outreach particularly with respect to underserved racial, ethnic and rural populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer, to establish a directive on what constitutes clinically appropriate prostate cancer imaging, and to create a prostate cancer scientific advisory board for the Office of the Chief Scientist at the Food and Drug Administration to accelerate real-time sharing of the latest research and accelerate movement of new medicines to patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [21MR], [15AP]

S. 517—A bill to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Franken, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Lee, and Ms. Klobuchar), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [15AP]

S. 518—A bill to authorize the issuance of S. 518. A bill to authorize the issuance of H–2. nonimmigrant visas for aliens temporarily performing labor in the seafood processing industry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BEGICH, [11MR]

S. 519—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve early education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Lautenberg, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Wyden), [11MR]

S. 520—A bill to strengthen Federal consumer protection and product traceability with respect to commercially marketed seafood, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mrs. Boxer), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [17JN], [5NO], [16DE]

S. 521—A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Harkin), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [7JN]

S. 522—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Harkin), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [7JN], [13JN], [11JY]

S. 523—A bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Isakson), [12MR]

S. 524—A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [17SE]

S. 525—A bill proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the rights of the American people that were taken away by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case and related decisions, to protect the integrity of our elections, and to limit the corrosive influence of money in our democratic process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SANDERS, [12MR]

S. 526—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [8AP], [9AP], [16AP], [17AP], [9MY], [7JN], [11JY], [24SE], [4NO], [12DE], [16DE]

S. 527—A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Cowan), [12MR]

S. 528—A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to restrict institutions of higher education from using revenues derived from Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. Harkin), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [22MR], [18JN], [12NO]

S. 529—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Rubio), [12MR]

S. 530—A bill to make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Johanns), [12MR]

S. 531—A bill to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity guidelines for Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [12MR]

S. 532—A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Tester), [12MR]

S. 533—A bill to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06, Topsail, North Carolina; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. HAGAN, [12MR]

S. 534—A bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Warner, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Carper, Mr. Moran, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Heller), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [8AP], [17AP], [25AP], [8MY], [20MY], [3JN], [12JN], [29JY], [12SE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–82), [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]

S. 535—A bill to require a study and report by the Small Business Administration regarding the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Paul, and Mr. Scott), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [21MR], [11AP], [26JN], [9JY], [11SE], [24SE]

S. 536—A bill to require a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the costs of Federal regulations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. RUBIO, [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [21MR], [11AP]

S. 537—A bill to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [12MR]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–91), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 538—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. McCASKILL, [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [9MY], [13MY], [14MY]

S. 539—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with prediabetes and diabetes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mrs. Hagan), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [9JY], [7OC]

S. 540—A bill to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the ''Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center''; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [12MR]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [21MR]

S. 541—A bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. Graham), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [21MR], [9AP], [17AP], [25AP], [6MY], [14MY], [16MY], [20MY], [23MY], [20JN], [27JN], [8JY], [9JY], [10JY], [23JY], [10SE], [17SE], [8OC], [11OC], [16OC], [29OC]

S. 542—A bill to provide limitations on maritime liens on fishing licenses and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Begich), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [8AP]

S. 543—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Coburn), [13MR]

S. 544—A bill to require the President to develop a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HARKIN, [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [13NO]

S. 545—A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Risch, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Begich), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [14MR], [15AP], [23AP], [7MY], [8MY], [16MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [13MY]
Placed on the calendar, [13MY]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–36), [3JN]

S. 546—A bill to amend entrance counseling and exit counseling for borrowers under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Franken, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Murphy), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [24JN]

S. 547—A bill to prevent a fiscal crisis by enacting legislation to balance the Federal budget through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Isakson), [13MR]

S. 548—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve and enhance the capabilities of the Armed Forces to prevent and respond to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Murkowski), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [9AP], [8MY], [10JN], [24JN]

S. 549—A bill to establish an advisory committee to issue nonbinding governmentwide guidelines on making public information available on the Internet,

to require publicly available Government information held by the executive branch to be made available on the Internet, to express the sense of Congress that publicly available information held by the legislative and judicial branches should be available on the Internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER, [13MR]

S. 550—A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. RISCH, [13MR]

S. 551—A bill to provide an election to terminate certain capital construction funds without penalties; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Begich, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Merkley), [13MR]

S. 552—A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Begich, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Coons, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Wyden), [13MR]

S. 553—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Moran, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Risch), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [23JY]

S. 554—A bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. King), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [21MR], [9AP], [7MY], [18JN], [25JY], [30JY], [8OC], [9OC], [29OC]

S. 555—A bill to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to require captioning and video description at certain movie theaters; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN, [13MR]

S. 556—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the accessibility of entertainment programming provided by air carriers on passenger flights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HARKIN, [13MR]

S. 557—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, and Mr. Brown), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [9AP], [10AP], [11AP], [16AP], [9MY], [15MY], [16MY], [22MY], [23MY], [4JN], [11JN], [18JN], [9JY], [11JY], [23JY], [29JY], [1AU], [11SE], [18SE], [26SE], [30SE], [28OC]

S. 558—A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other financial assistance under section 103 of the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity outside the United States.
By Mr. PAUL, [13MR]
Read the first time, [13MR]
Read the second time, [14MR]
Placed on the calendar, [14MR]

S. 559—A bill to establish a fund to make payments to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:08–CV–00487 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [16MY], [11JN], [13JN], [27JN], [23JY], [23SE], [16DE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–104), [12SE]
Placed on the calendar, [12SE]

S. 560—A bill to provide that the individual mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act shall not be construed as a tax; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEE, [14MR]

S. 561—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Levin, and Mrs. Boxer), [14MR]

S. 562—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Merkley), [14MR]
Cosponsors added, [9AP], [20MY], [22MY], [18JN], [31JY], [6NO]

S. 563—A bill to provide certainty that Congress and the Administration will undertake substantive and structural housing finance reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Vitter, and Ms. Warren), [14MR]

S. 564—A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the authority of the Federal Energy Commission to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [14MR]

S. 565—A bill to provide for the safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. DURBIN, [14MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR]

S. 566—A bill to establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [14MR]

S. 567—A bill to improve the retirement of American families by strengthening Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HARKIN, [14MR]
Cosponsors added, [15JY], [23JY], [4NO]

S. 568—A bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Heller, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Udall of Colorado, and Mrs. Feinstein), [14MR]
Cosponsors added, [20JN]

S. 569—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN, [14MR]
Cosponsors added, [21MR], [16MY], [22MY], [3JN], [11JN], [13JN], [18JN], [9JY], [10JY], [11JY], [15JY], [16JY], [23JY], [9SE], [12SE], [16SE], [23SE], [27SE], [30SE], [28OC]

S. 570—A bill to establish a competitive grant program in the Department of Energy to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures, to close big oil company tax loopholes to pay for the competitive grant program and reduce the deficit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BENNET, [14MR]

S. 571—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [14MR]
Cosponsors added, [23AP]

S. 572—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Risch, Mr. Moran, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Thune, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Inhofe), [14MR]
Cosponsors added, [9AP], [16AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]

S. 573—A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Carper), [14MR]
Cosponsors added, [22AP], [25JY], [31JY]

S. 574—A bill to modify the project for navigation, Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf of Mexico to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [14MR]

S. 575—A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY, [14MR]

S. 576—A bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself and Mr. Tester), [14MR]
Cosponsors added, [11AP], [20MY]

S. 577—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Schumer), [14MR]
Cosponsors added, [21MR], [10AP], [25AP], [7MY], [21MY], [13JN], [18JY], [11SE], [10DE]

S. 578—A bill to improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools, to create a culture of recognizing, rewarding, and replicating educational excellence, to authorize school turnaround grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. HAGAN, [14MR]

S. 579—A bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Coats), [14MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [21MR], [9AP], [15AP], [17AP], [25AP], [8MY], [13MY], [14MY], [21MY], [22MY], [18JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–42), [13JN]

Placed on the calendar, [13JN]
Passed Senate, [19JN]

S. 580—A bill for the relief of Maha Dakar; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BROWN, [14MR]

S. 581—A bill to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [14MR]

S. 582—A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Begich, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Risch, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Tester, Mr. Donnelly, and Mr. Portman), [14MR]
Read the first time, [14MR]
Read the second time, [18MR]
Placed on the calendar, [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MR], [21MR], [23JY], [18SE], [30OC]

S. 583—A bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Moran, Mr. Risch, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Johanns), [14MR]
Read the first time, [14MR]
Read the second time, [18MR]
Placed on the calendar, [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [10OC], [14NO], [19NO], [12DE], [18DE]

S. 584—A bill for the relief of Jorge Rojas Gutierrez, Olivia Gonzalez Gonzalez, and Jorge Rojas Gonzalez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 585—A bill for the relief of Jose Alberto Martinez Moreno, Micaela Lopez Martinez, and Adilene Martinez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 586—A bill for the relief of Alfredo Plascencia Lopez and Maria Del Refugio Plascencia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 587—A bill for the relief of Ruben Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian, and Arthur Mkoyan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 588—A bill for the relief of Robert Liang and Alice Liang; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 589—A bill for the relief of Joseph Gabra and Sharon Kamel; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 590—A bill for the relief of Claudia Marquez Rico; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 591—A bill for the relief of Esidronio Arreola-Saucedo, Maria Elna Cobian Arreola, Nayely Arreola Carlos, and Cindy Jael Arreola; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 592—A bill for the relief of Alicia Aranda De Buendia and Ana Laura Buendia Aranda; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 593—A bill for the relief of Guy Privat Tape and Lou Nazie Raymonde Toto; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 594—A bill for the relief of Javier Lopez-Urenda and Maria Leticia Arenas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 595—A bill for the relief of Shirley Constantino Tan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18MR]

S. 596—A bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures under such program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Franken), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [21MR], [22MY], [23MY], [4JN], [17JN], [17SE]

S. 597—A bill to ensure the effective administration of criminal justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY, [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [19MR]

S. 598—A bill to prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Nelson), [18MR]

S. 599—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mrs. Feinstein), [18MR]

S. 600—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Brown), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [3JN]

S. 601—A bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Vitter), [18MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]
Placed on the calendar, [22AP]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [25AP]
Considered, [7MY], [8MY], [9MY], [14MY]
Passed Senate amended, [15MY]

S. 602—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [3JN], [11JN], [17JN], [8JY], [10SE]

S. 603—A bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Burr, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Coats, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Wicker), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [20MR], [21MR], [8AP], [9AP], [15AP], [18AP], [23AP], [15MY], [16MY], [12JN], [19JN], [18JY], [17SE], [7NO]

S. 604—A bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Cornyn), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [23MY]

S. 605—A bill to improve Federal dairy programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [19MR]

S. 606—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to loans made from a qualified employer plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [19MR]

S. 607—A bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Lee), [19MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–34), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [6JN], [11JY]

S. 608—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to improve coverage for colorectal screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN, [19MR]

S. 609—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [19MR]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–66), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 610—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Portman, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Collins, Mr. Burr, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Barrasso), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [20MR], [17AP],[11OC], [13NO]

S. 611—A bill to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [19MR]

S. 612—A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to remove Social Security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to Medicare beneficiaries in order to protect Medicare beneficiaries from identity theft; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [16AP]

S. 613—A bill to increase the mileage reimbursement rate for members of the armed services during permanent change of station and to authorize the transportation of additional motor vehicles of members on change of permanent station to or from nonforeign areas outside the continental United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [19MR]

S. 614—A bill to require the continuation of tuition assistance programs for members of the Armed Forces for the remainder of fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Coons, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Collins, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Roberts), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [20MR]

S. 615—A bill to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [20MR]

S. 616—A bill to provide incentives to physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Moran, and Ms. Collins), [19MR]

S. 617—A bill to provide humanitarian assistance and support a democratic transition in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [19MR]
Cosponsors added, [22MR], [8AP], [9AP], [15AP], [6MY], [7MY], [13MY]

S. 618—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain special resource studies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SCHATZ, [20MR]

S. 619—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [20MR]
Cosponsors added, [22AP], [20MY], [17SE], [28OC]

S. 620—A bill to withhold the salary of the Director of OMB upon failure to submit the President's budget to Congress as required by section 1105 of title 31, United States Code; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN, [20MR]

S. 621—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Rockefeller, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Schumer), [20MR]
Cosponsors added, [18AP], [29JY], [16OC]

S. 622—An original bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN, [20MR]
Reported (no written report), [20MR]
Placed on the calendar, [20MR]
Passed Senate, [8MY]
Passed House, [3JN]
Presented to the President (June 6, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–14] (signed June 13, 2013)

S. 623—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [20MR]
Cosponsors added, [25AP], [6MY], [8MY], [20MY], [7JN], [18JN], [19JN], [8JY], [1AU], [9SE], [10SE], [28OC], [6NO]

S. 624—A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require criminal background checks for child care providers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Hatch, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Bennet), [20MR]
Cosponsors added, [24AP], [17DE]

S. 625—A bill to provide for a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Carper), [20MR]

S. 626—A bill to de-link research and development incentives from drug prices for new medicines to treat HIV/AIDS and to stimulate greater sharing of scientific knowledge; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS, [20MR]

S. 627—A bill to provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines, to enhance access to new medicines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS, [20MR]

S. 628—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend the duration of the Physical Disability Board of Review and to the expand the authority of such Board to review of the separation of members of the Armed Forces on the basis of mental condition not amounting to disability, including separation on the basis of a personality or adjustment disorder; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, and Ms. Klobuchar), [20MR]
Cosponsors added, [15AP], [27JN]

S. 629—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Tester, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Begich, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Wyden), [20MR]
Cosponsors added, [8AP], [15AP], [16AP], [6MY], [19JN], [27JN], [9JY], [16JY], [23JY], [30JY], [1AU], [11SE], [28OC]

S. 630—A bill to establish a partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore for our country with the Federal Government; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Begich, and Ms. Heitkamp), [20MR]

S. 631—A bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Casey, Mr. Franken, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Warren, Mr. Levin, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Brown, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Cowan), [20MR]
Cosponsors added, [8AP], [13MY], [11SE]

S. 632—A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Warner, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Risch), [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [18AP], [22AP]

S. 633—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Blumenthal), [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [19JN]

S. 634—A bill to allow members of the Armed Forces and National Guard to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with receipt of orders for mobilization for war or national emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Baucus), [21MR]

S. 635—A bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Tester, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Warner, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Blunt), [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [15AP], [23AP], [25AP], [14MY], [18JN], [8JY], [17JY], [1AU], [10SE], [18SE], [23SE], [26SE], [27SE],[11OC], [28OC], [29OC], [31OC], [4NO], [19NO], [21NO], [11DE]

S. 636—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified EHR Technology under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [11DE]

S. 637—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [21MR]

S. 638—A bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Franken, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Tester), [21MR]

S. 639—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify the circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [21MR]

S. 640—A bill to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Schatz), [21MR]

S. 641—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Reed), [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [9AP], [6JN], [9SE], [12SE], [19SE], [26SE], [29OC], [14NO], [12DE], [17DE], [19DE]

S. 642—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ENZI, [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [22MR], [9AP], [17AP], [9JY], [1AU]

S. 643—A bill to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Chambliss), [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [13MY]

S. 644—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prevent the abuse of dextromethorphan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [30SE], [14NO]

S. 645—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Levin, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Blumenthal), [21MR]

S. 646—A bill to create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Nelson), [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [11AP], [16AP]

S. 647—A bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Burr), [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [11JN], [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [31JY], [12SE]

S. 648—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Collins), [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [17SE]

S. 649—A bill to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes.
By Mr. REID, [21MR]
Read the first time, [21MR]
Read the second time, [22MR]
Placed on the calendar, [22MR]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [8AP], [9AP], [10AP], [11AP]
Cosponsors added, [10AP]
Senate invoked cloture, [11AP]
Motion to proceed to consideration agreed to, [11AP]
Considered, [11AP], [16AP], [17AP], [18AP]

S. 650—A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [21MR]
Cosponsors added, [22MR], [7MY], [16MY], [21MY], [23MY], [4JN], [11JN], [18JN], [24JN]

S. 651—A bill to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BENNET, [22MR]
Cosponsors added, [31OC]

S. 652—A bill to protect investors by fostering transparency and accountability of attorneys in private securities litigation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN, [22MR]

S. 653—A bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Levin, and Mr. Blumenthal), [22MR]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [14MY], [15MY], [22MY], [6JN], [25JY], [1AU], [9SE], [12SE], [27SE], [1OC], [15OC], [29OC], [6NO], [19DE]
Reported (no written report), [18DE]
Placed on the calendar, [18DE]

S. 654—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Carper, and Mr. Roberts), [22MR]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [15MY], [10JN], [1AU]

S. 655—A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Labor to provide grants for Urban Jobs Programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Lautenberg, and Ms. Warren), [22MR]
Cosponsors added, [10AP], [15MY]

S. 656—A bill to promote the domestic development and deployment of natural gas and clean energy technologies; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY, [22MR]

S. 657—A bill to eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet primary indicators of health, sanitation, and safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Inhofe), [22MR]
Reported (no written report), [14NO]
Placed on the calendar, [14NO]

S. 658—A bill to amend titles 10 and 32, United States Code, to enhance capabilities to prepare for and respond to cyber emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Coons, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Warner, and Mrs. Murray), [22MR]
Cosponsors added, [25JN], [4NO]

S. 659—A bill to reauthorize the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN, [22MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–73), [15JY]
Placed on the calendar, [15JY]

S. 660—A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish the position of Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative to ensure the protection of United States innovation and intellectual property interests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [22MR]

S. 661—A bill to amend the Health Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to promote timely emergency rehabilitation and restoration of Federal forest land impacted by catastrophic events, to redirect for a 5-year-period funding normally made available for land acquisition to mechanical forest treatment and salvage operations due to catastrophic events, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. THUNE, [22MR]

S. 662—A bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [22MR]

S. 663—A bill to provide for the inclusion of the State of California as a separate Federal milk marketing order upon the petition and approval of California dairy producers of such inclusion; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [22MR]

S. 664—A bill to require reports by Federal Government entities regarding responses to Inspector General recommendations on potential cost-saving measures or on reimbursement for poor contractor performance, cost overruns, or other reasons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [22MR]
Cosponsors added, [22AP]

S. 665—A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for high gravity violations, to adjust penalties for inflation, to provide rights for victims or their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Franken, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Rockefeller, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Casey, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Cardin), [22MR]

S. 666—A bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Thune, Mr. Wyden, and Mrs. Feinstein), [8AP]
Cosponsors added, [17SE], [24SE], [27SE], [30SE], [11OC], [15OC], [28OC], [5NO], [17DE], [18DE]

S. 667—A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to allow the rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures that are located in areas having special flood hazards and are substantially damaged by fire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [8AP]

S. 668—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the ''Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [8AP]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]

S. 669—A bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Portman), [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [16MY], [4JN], [19JN], [8JY], [15JY], [16JY], [10SE], [12SE], [17SE], [10OC], [29OC], [19NO]

S. 670—A bill to improve Federal dairy programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Ms. Collins), [9AP]

S. 671—A bill for the relief of Deniss Nikanorov; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TESTER, [9AP]

S. 672—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage, as supplies associated with the injection of insulin, of containment, removal, decontamination and disposal of home-generated needles, syringes, and other sharps through a sharps container, decontamination/destruction device, or sharps-by-mail program or similar program under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Coons), [9AP]

S. 673—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Whitehouse), [9AP]

S. 674—A bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER, [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [22AP], [9MY], [13MY], [14MY], [21MY], [22MY], [23MY], [3JN], [20JN]

S. 675—A bill to prohibit contracting with the enemy; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. Blumenthal), [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [11AP], [16AP], [22AP], [25AP], [13MY], [30JY]

S. 676—A bill to prevent tax-related identity theft and tax fraud; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Cardin), [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [18JN], [28OC]

S. 677—A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to extend and improve the crop insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [9AP]

S. 678—A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition, reduce energy consumption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Harkin), [9AP]

S. 679—A bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cowan, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Tester, Mr. Wyden, and Mrs. Shaheen), [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [11AP], [15AP], [16AP], [18AP], [6MY], [7MY], [13MY], [20MY]

S. 680—A bill to rescind amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense for the Medium Extended Air Defense System, and for other purposes.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. Begich), [9AP]
Read the first time, [9AP]
Read the second time, [10AP]
Placed on the calendar, [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [11AP], [16AP]

S. 681—A bill to extend the seaward boundaries of certain States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. VITTER, [9AP]

S. 682—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Alexander), [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [3JN], [6JN]

S. 683—A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN, [9AP]

S. 684—A bill to amend the Mni Wiconi Project Act of 1988 to facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, [9AP]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–74), [15JY]
Placed on the calendar, [15JY]

S. 685—A bill to address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' with respect to certain financial entities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [9AP]

S. 686—A bill to extend the right of appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board to certain employees of the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PRYOR, [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [1AU]

S. 687—A bill to prohibit the closing of air traffic control towers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Nelson), [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [10AP], [11AP], [15AP], [16AP], [18AP], [23AP]

S. 688—A bill to permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. Crapo), [9AP]

S. 689—A bill to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Franken, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Hagan, and Mr. Isakson), [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [10AP], [15AP], [17AP], [24AP], [6MY], [12JN], [19JN], [1AU], [28OC]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [11AP]
Placed on the calendar, [11AP]

S. 690—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [24AP], [6MY]

S. 691—A bill to regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for Mr. Lautenberg (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cowan, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Rockefeller)), [9AP]
Read the first time, [9AP]
Read the second time, [11AP]
Placed on the calendar, [11AP]
Cosponsors added, [16AP]

S. 692—A bill to rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use the funds to reduce the Federal debt; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Paul, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Vitter), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [31JY]

S. 693—A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN, [10AP]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]
Placed on the calendar, [15JY]

S. 694—A bill to remove the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Service to inspect apples; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [10AP]

S. 695—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Begich), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [11AP], [17AP], [23AP], [16MY], [13JN], [17JY], [1AU], [7NO]

S. 696—A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Baucus, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, Mr. Tester, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Warren, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. King)), [10AP]

S. 697—A bill to reform and improve the oversight of the performance of passenger and baggage security screening at domestic commercial airports by private screening companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BROWN, [10AP]

S. 698—A bill to protect prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and their families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN, [10AP]

S. 699—A bill to reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Graham, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Flake), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [23MY], [4JN], [11JN], [18SE], [24SE], [4OC], [11OC], [28OC], [29OC], [30OC], [31OC], [6NO], [19NO]

S. 700—A bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Baucus), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [11AP], [15AP], [16AP], [6MY], [14MY], [15MY], [23MY], [3JN], [10JN], [24JN], [29OC], [6NO], [7NO]

S. 701—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS, [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [16MY], [7JN]

S. 702—A bill to designate the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor as ''The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor''; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Cowan), [10AP]

S. 703—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the eligibility of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region for designation for participation in the visa waiver program for certain visitors to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Hatch), [11AP]
Cosponsors added, [16AP]

S. 704—A bill to designate the Rachel Carson Nature Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CASEY, [11AP]

S. 705—A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Boozman), [11AP]

S. 706—A bill to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Wyden), [11AP]

S. 707—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Franken, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Brown), [11AP]
Cosponsors added, [16AP], [17AP], [18AP], [22AP], [9MY]

S. 708—A bill to provide grants to States to ensure that all students in the middle grades are taught an academically rigorous curriculum with effective supports so that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in secondary school and postsecondary endeavors, to improve State and district policies and programs relating to the academic achievement of students in the middle grades, to develop and implement effective middle grades models for struggling students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Reed, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Franken), [11AP]

S. 709—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Begich, Mr. Brown, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Menendez), [11AP]
Cosponsors added, [18AP], [22AP], [6MY], [8MY], [13MY], [21MY], [7JN], [11JN], [21JN], [15JY], [18JY], [31JY], [9SE], [29OC], [7NO]

S. 710—A bill to provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Carper, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Johanns), [11AP]
Cosponsors added, [15AP], [22AP], [24AP], [8MY], [19JN], [21JN], [27JN], [1AU]

S. 711—A bill to designate the Federal building located at 118 South Mill Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [11AP]

S. 712—A bill to allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferrable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Coons), [11AP]

S. 713—A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [11AP]

S. 714—A bill to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Paul), [11AP]

S. 715—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Harkin), [11AP]

S. 716—A bill to modify the requirements under the STOCK Act regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms.
By Mr. REID, [11AP]
Passed Senate, [11AP]
Passed House, [12AP]
Presented to the President (April 12, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–7] (signed April 15, 2013)

S. 717—A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Hoeven), [11AP]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [12JN], [18JN], [26JN]

S. 718—A bill to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Coons, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Cardin), [11AP]
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [17JN], [19JN], [27JN], [31JY], [28OC], [7NO]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–103), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]

S. 719—A bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Reed, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Schumer), [11AP]
Cosponsors added, [16AP], [1AU]

S. 720—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for taxpayers making donations with their returns of income tax to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Portman, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Barrasso), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [16AP], [18AP]

S. 721—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require a provider of a commercial mobile service or an IP-enabled voice service to provide call location information concerning the user of such a service to law enforcement agencies in order to respond to a call for emergency services or in an emergency situation that involves risk of death or serious physical harm; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. Moran), [15AP]

S. 722—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to study the feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional pre-prepared tax return, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [15AP]

S. 723—A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Blumenthal), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [23MY], [6JN], [13JN], [17JN], [23JY], [1AU], [30OC]

S. 724—A bill to provide flexibility to agencies on determining what employees are essential personnel in implementing the sequester; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Collins, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Boozman), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [24AP], [6MY]

S. 725—A bill to provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN, [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [24AP]

S. 726—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care, including both physical and mental care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [15AP]

S. 727—A bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [27JN], [30JY], [10SE], [11SE], [19SE], [1OC]

S. 728—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Cardin), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [24AP], [25AP], [7MY], [4JN]

S. 729—A bill to protect law abiding citizens by preventing criminals from obtaining firearms.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mr. Lee, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Scott, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Risch, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Rubio), [15AP]
Read the first time, [15AP]
Read the second time, [16AP]
Placed on the calendar, [16AP]

S. 730—A bill to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking.
By Mr. CRUZ, [15AP]
Read the first time, [15AP]
Read the second time, [16AP]
Placed on the calendar, [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [16AP]

S. 731—A bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. Heller), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [18AP], [23AP], [7MY], [8MY], [9MY], [15MY], [16MY], [22MY], [23MY], [7JN], [17JN], [24JN], [27JN], [8JY], [18JY], [17SE], [29OC]

S. 732—A bill to modify the criteria used by the Corps of Engineers to dredge small ports; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PAUL, [16AP]

S. 733—A bill to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Coons, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Kirk), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [18AP], [22AP], [24AP], [19DE]

S. 734—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. Collins), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [17AP], [18AP], [22AP], [7MY], [13MY], [15MY], [23MY], [3JN], [7JN], [11JN], [12JN], [26JN], [8JY], [11JY], [16JY], [17JY], [18JY], [23JY], [1AU], [9SE], [24SE], [26SE], [28OC], [5NO], [13NO]

S. 735—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and assistance provided to surviving spouses of veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [16AP]

S. 736—A bill to establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees applicable to certain cabins on National Forest System land in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [16AP]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–67), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 737—A bill to require the Federal banking agencies to conduct a quantitative impact study on the cumulative effect of the Basel III framework devised by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision before issuing final rules amending the agencies' general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets, as proposed in the Advanced Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rules Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Standardized Approach for Risk-Weighted Assets Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and the Implementation of Basel III, Minimum Regulatory Capital Ratios Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in June 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SHELBY, [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [24JN]

S. 738—A bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Baucus), [16AP]

S. 739—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-

patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER, [16AP]

S. 740—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to provide drug rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the Medicare prescription drug benefit program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Whitehouse), [16AP]

S. 741—A bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Coons, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Whitehouse), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [17AP], [18AP], [13MY]

S. 742—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Thune, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Blunt, and Ms. Klobuchar), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [22AP], [23AP], [6MY], [8MY], [9MY], [20MY], [18JN], [20JN], [10JY], [24SE]

S. 743—A bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Alexander, and Ms. Heitkamp), [16AP]
Read the first time, [16AP]
Read the second time, [17AP]
Placed on the calendar, [17AP]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [18AP], [22AP], [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [18AP], [23AP]
Senate invoked cloture, [22AP], [25AP]
Motion to proceed to consideration agreed to, [24AP]
Considered, [24AP], [25AP]
Passed Senate amended, [6MY]

S. 744—A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Graham, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Flake), [16AP]
Cosponsors added, [17AP]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [28MY]
Placed on the calendar, [28MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–40), [3JN]
Star print ordered, [6JN]
Senate inovoked cloture on motion to proceed to consideration, [11JN]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [6JN], [10JN], [11JN]
Motion to proceed to consideration agreed to in the Senate, [11JN]
Considered, [7JN], [11JN], [12JN], [13JN], [17JN], [18JN], [19JN], [20JN], [21JN], [24JN], [25JN], [26JN]
Senate invoked cloture, [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
Passed Senate amended, [27JN]

S. 745—A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the designation of treatment areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [17AP]

S. 746—A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a market-driven inventory system; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. COWAN, [17AP]

S. 747—A bill to grant exclusive fishery management authority over the red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. VITTER, [17AP]

S. 748—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consider the resources of individuals applying for pension that were recently disposed of by the individuals for less than fair market value when determining the eligibility of such individuals for such pension, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Tester, Mr. Heller, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mrs. McCaskill), [17AP]

S. 749—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Brown, Mr. Begich, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Inhofe, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Risch, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Wicker), [17AP]
Cosponsors added, [24AP], [25AP], [22MY], [3JN], [10JN], [20JN], [17SE], [15OC], [9DE]

S. 750—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to support fire safety education programs on college campuses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG, [17AP]
Cosponsors added, [20MY]

S. 751—A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [17AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [25AP], [20MY]

S. 752—A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations regarding the authorship, content, format and dissemination of Patient Medication Information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about their prescription medications and are aware of the potential risks and benefits of prescription medications; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [17AP]

S. 753—A bill to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Cornyn), [17AP]

S. 754—A bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to include farmed shellfish as specialty crops; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [17AP]
Cosponsors added, [24AP], [6MY], [7MY], [21MY]

S. 755—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to apply the Medicaid primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Collins), [17AP]
Cosponsors added, [14MY]

S. 756—A bill to allow funds under title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to be used to provide training to school personnel regarding how to recognize child sexual abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [17AP]

S. 757—A bill to provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and Lincoln County, Nevada, to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER, [17AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–68), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 758—A bill to establish a comprehensive literacy program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Sanders), [18AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP]

S. 759—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Tester, Mr. Begich, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Collins, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Roberts), [18AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP], [6MY], [10JY], [19NO]

S. 760—A bill to require the establishment of Federal customer service standards and to improve the service provided by Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [18AP]

S. 761—A bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Portman), [18AP]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [15MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [13MY]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–37), [3JN]

S. 762—A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to improve the supplemental nutrition assistance program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. THUNE, [18AP]
Cosponsors added, [15MY]

S. 763—A bill to authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. Moran), [18AP]

S. 764—A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require the disclosure of information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CORNYN, [18AP]
Cosponsors added, [14MY]

S. 765—A bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Udall of Colorado, and Mr. Heinrich), [18AP]
Cosponsors added, [18JN], [19JN], [18JY]

S. 766—A bill to amend section 520 of the Housing Act of 1949 to revise the census data and population requirements for areas to be considered as rural areas for purposes of such Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tester, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Johanns, and Mr. Moran), [18AP]

S. 767—A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Roberts), [18AP]
Cosponsors added, [23AP]

S. 768—A bill to treat gold and silver coins used as legal tender in the same manner as United States currency for taxation purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Paul), [18AP]

S. 769—A bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Ms. Warren, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Reed, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Harkin, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Cardin), [18AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [16MY], [13JN], [17JN], [19JN], [8JY], [25JY], [17SE], [28OC], [4NO]

S. 770—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [18AP]

S. 771—A bill to provide to the Secretary of the Interior a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of materials CA–20139 and CA–22901, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [18AP]

S. 772—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Tester, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Vitter), [18AP]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [21MY], [17JN], [20JN], [27JN], [24SE], [21NO]

S. 773—A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Udall of Colorado, and Mr. Risch), [18AP]

S. 774—A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of the Federal Communications Commission's universal service reforms; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [24AP], [20MY], [21MY]

S. 775—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive for the installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Johanns), [22AP]
Cosponsors added, [9OC], [18DE]

S. 776—A bill to establish the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness in the State of New Mexico, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [22AP]

S. 777—A bill to restore the previous policy regarding restrictions on use of Department of Defense medical facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wyden), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [24AP], [6MY], [7MY], [13MY], [23MY], [11JN]

S. 778—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue cards to veterans that identify them as veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Begich), [23AP]

S. 779—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for reporting and disclosure by State and local public employee retirement pension plans; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Thune), [23AP]

S. 780—A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [25JY]

S. 781—A bill to modify the boundary of Yosemite National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [23AP]

S. 782—A bill to amend Public Law 101–377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. King), [23AP]

S. 783—A bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [25AP], [13MY], [15MY], [20MY], [3JN], [4JN], [18JN], [27JN], [9JY], [11JY], [29JY], [1AU], [9SE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–83), [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]

S. 784—A bill to expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Johanns), [23AP]

S. 785—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the use of official time by Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL, [23AP]

S. 786—A bill to require agencies to quantify costs associated with proposed economically significant regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [23AP]

S. 787—A bill to require agencies to set forth reasons for determining that a proposed regulatory action is significant; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [23AP]

S. 788—A bill to suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending.
By Mr. REID, [23AP]
Read the first time, [23AP]
Read the second time, [24AP]
Placed on the calendar, [24AP]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [24AP]

S. 789—A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Tester), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [25AP], [6MY], [8MY], [9MY], [13MY], [14MY], [15MY], [16MY], [20MY], [22MY], [23MY], [3JN], [4JN], [7JN], [11JN], [13JN], [17JN], [19JN], [20JN], [25JN], [26JN], [27JN]

S. 790—A bill to require the United States International Trade Commission to recommend temporary duty suspensions and reductions to Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Flake, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [24AP], [25AP], [7MY], [30JY]

S. 791—A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [23AP]

S. 792—A bill to strengthen the enforcement of background checks with respect to the use of explosive materials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Lautenberg), [23AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY]

S. 793—A bill to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Corker, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Rubio), [24AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–43), [13JN]
Placed on the calendar, [13JN]
Passed Senate, [8JY]
Passed House amended, [17SE]
Senate agreed to House amendment, [24SE]
Presented to the President (September 26, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–41] (signed October 2, 2013)

S. 794—A bill to prevent an increase in flight delays and cancellations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Begich, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Coats, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Lee, Mr. Graham, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Alexander, Mr. McCain, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Scott, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Paul, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Hatch), [24AP]
Cosponsors added, [25AP]
Removal of cosponsors, [25AP]

S. 795—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Moran, Ms. Stabenow, and Ms. Murkowski), [24AP]
Cosponsors added, [5NO], [6NO]

S. 796—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the ''James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [24AP]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]

S. 797—A bill to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Lautenberg (for himself and Mr. Menendez)), [24AP]

S. 798—A bill to address equity capital requirements for financial institutions, bank holding companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Sessions), [24AP]
Cosponsors added, [25AP], [1AU], [19SE]

Removal of cosponsors, [7MY]

S. 799—A bill to provide for a sequester replacement.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [24AP]
Read the first time, [24AP]
Read the second time, [25AP]
Placed on the calendar, [25AP]

S. 800—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that the South Texas Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Center at Harlingen, located in Harlingen, Texas, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to redesignate such center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN, [24AP]

S. 801—A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to provide for crop production on native sod; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Brown, Mr. Johanns, and Mr. Harkin), [24AP]
Cosponsors added, [13MY]

S. 802—A bill to clarify congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Carper, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Coons, Mr. Risch, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Inhofe, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Chambliss), [24AP]
Cosponsors added, [6JN]

S. 803—A bill to provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy and Tropical Storm Sandy of 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Lautenberg (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Blumenthal)), [24AP]

S. 804—A bill to streamline and address overlap in the Federal workforce investment system, steer Federal training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish incentives for accountability through a Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide new access to the National Directory of New Hires, to measure performance and better connect the unemployed to jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [24AP]

S. 805—A bill to improve compliance with mine and occupational safety and health laws, and empower workers to raise safety concerns, prevent future mine and other workplace tragedies, and establish rights of families of victims of workplace accidents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Harkin, and Mrs. Murray), [24AP]
Cosponsors added, [25AP]

S. 806—A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Brown), [24AP]
Cosponsors added, [13MY]

S. 807—A bill to require that Federal regulations use plain writing that is clear, concise, and well-organized, and follows other best practices appropriate to the subject or field and intended audience; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. McCASKILL, [24AP]

S. 808—A bill to establish the Office of the Inspector General of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mrs. McCASKILL, [24AP]

S. 809—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Begich, Mr. Tester, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Heinrich), [24AP]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [21MY], [31JY], [4NO]

S. 810—A bill to require a pilot program on an online computerized assessment to enhance detection of behaviors indicating a risk of suicide and other mental health conditions in members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. DONNELLY, [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [17JN]

S. 811—A bill to amend the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to provide for the increased purchase of Kosher and Halal food and to modify the labeling of the commodities list under the emergency food assistance program to enable Kosher and Halal food bank operators to identify which commodities to obtain from local food banks; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [25AP]

S. 812—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to implement the Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [25AP]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [12OC]

S. 813—A bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Lautenberg (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Murphy)), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [7MY], [8MY], [9MY], [13MY], [14MY], [15MY], [16MY], [11JN], [13JN], [8JY], [25JY], [2OC]

S. 814—A bill to provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Lautenberg), [25AP]

S. 815—A bill to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Baldwin), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [7MY], [8MY], [9MY], [15MY], [16MY], [22MY], [23MY], [3JN], [7JN], [17JN], [18JN], [25JN], [11SE], [28OC], [4NO]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–105), [12SE]
Placed on the calendar, [12SE]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [31OC], [4NO], [5NO]
Senate invoked cloture, [4NO]
Motion to proceed to consideration agreed to in the Senate, [6NO]
Considered, [6NO]
Senate invoked cloture, [7NO]
Passed Senate amended, [7NO]

S. 816—A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [25AP]

S. 817—A bill to exempt the Federal Aviation Administration from sequestration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Rockefeller), [25AP]

S. 818—A bill to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent furloughs by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Risch, Mr. Toomey, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Roberts), [25AP]

S. 819—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a program of mental health care and rehabilitation for veterans for service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or a related substance use disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR, [25AP]

S. 820—A bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. Stabenow, and Ms. Collins), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [15MY], [23MY], [4JN], [6JN], [24JN], [12SE], [23SE], [24SE], [29OC], [16DE]

S. 821—A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish in the Department of Agriculture a Healthy Food Financing Initiative; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Casey, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Franken), [25AP]

S. 822—A bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [19SE], [23SE], [26SE], [1OC], [28OC], [29OC], [7NO], [12NO], [18NO]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [7NO]
Placed on the calendar, [7NO]

S. 823—A bill to authorize the appropriation of $500,000,000 for fiscal year 2014 to provide grants to States for surface transportation projects of national and regional significance; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [25AP]

S. 824—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [20JN]

S. 825—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Burr), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [23MY], [10JY], [16JY], [7NO]

S. 826—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Lautenberg (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Durbin)), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [19JN], [23JY]

S. 827—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Whitehouse), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY]

S. 828—A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Whitehouse), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY]

S. 829—A bill to improve the financial literacy of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. HAGAN, [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [3JN]

S. 830—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify and confirm the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites for the discharge of dredged or fill material; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Vitter), [25AP]

S. 831—A bill to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2017, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Risch, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Hatch), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [9MY], [23MY], [19JN]

S. 832—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out pilot programs on furnishing case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam veterans and certain Korea service veterans born with spina bifida and children of women Vietnam veterans born with certain birth defects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DONNELLY, [25AP]

S. 833—A bill to amend subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to provide education for homeless children and youths, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. Franken), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [10SE]

S. 834—A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. Franken), [25AP]

S. 835—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Durbin), [25AP]

S. 836—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Lautenberg, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Reed, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Levin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Begich, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Warren, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Murphy), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [23JY]

S. 837—A bill to expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tester, Mr. Casey, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [9MY], [22MY]

S. 838—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [25AP]

S. 839—A bill to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Schatz, and Ms. Hirono), [25AP]

S. 840—A bill to recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at eligible schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [25AP]

S. 841—A bill to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [25AP]

S. 842—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [9MY], [22MY], [23MY], [3JN], [4JN], [11JN], [12JN], [17JN], [18JN], [20JN], [25JN], [15JY], [24SE], [16OC], [28OC], [6NO], [12NO], [20NO]

S. 843—A bill to limit the amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies for a 6-month period; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. INHOFE, [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY]

S. 844—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to support the community schools model; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Brown), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [15JY]

S. 845—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Moran), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [8MY]

S. 846—A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to permit leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent who has a serious health condition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN, [25AP]

S. 847—A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date on which the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [25AP]

S. 848—A bill to promote transparency by permitting the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to allow its disciplinary proceedings to be open to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [25AP]

S. 849—A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [25AP]

S. 850—A bill to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as a Board constituting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues a decision on the constitutionality of the appointments to the Board made in January 2012, or the adjournment sine die of the first session of the 113th Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Risch), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [9MY], [16MY]

S. 851—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [25AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–107), [17SE]
Placed on the calendar, [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [21NO]

S. 852—A bill to improve health care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs by increasing access to complementary and alternative medicine and other approaches to wellness and preventive care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]

S. 853—A bill to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Thune, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Risch, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Toomey, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Warner, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Heller), [25AP]
Passed Senate, [25AP]
Senate requested return of papers from the House, [30AP]
House returned bill to the Senate, [30AP]

S. 854—A bill to improve student academic achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics subjects; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Begich), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [16MY]

S. 855—A bill to increase the portion of community development block grants that may be used to provide public services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. NELSON, [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [10JY]

S. 856—A bill to foster stability in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [6MY]

S. 857—A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to permit leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent who has a serious health condition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Coons, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Blumenthal), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [9DE]

S. 858—A bill to provide for an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers under

the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [6MY]

S. 859—A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to provide for the conducts of activities to detect, and respond in a timely manner to, threats to animal health; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BENNET, [6MY]

S. 860—A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve energy programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Cowan, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Schatz), [6MY]

S. 861—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide guidance and clarification regarding issuing new and renewal permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Paul), [6MY]

S. 862—A bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Hirono, Mr. King, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Paul), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [13MY], [14MY], [31JY], [1AU], [7OC], [5NO], [13NO], [20NO], [21NO], [11DE], [19DE]

S. 863—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal time limitations on the eligibility for use of educational assistance under All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, to improve veterans education outreach, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Begich), [6MY]

S. 864—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Risch, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Moran, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Tester, Mr. Inhofe, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. Vitter), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN], [17DE]

S. 865—A bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Warner, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Brown, Mr. Reed, Mr. Begich, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Franken), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [8MY], [9MY], [13MY], [14MY], [15MY], [16MY], [22MY], [11JN], [15JY], [24JY], [28OC], [12DE]

S. 866—A bill to make improvements to the transitional program covered business method patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [6MY]

S. 867—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the Medicare prescription drug program, to establish basic audit standards of pharmacies, to further transparency of payment methodology to pharmacies, and to provide for recoupment returns to Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Boozman), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [8MY]

S. 868—A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [26JN]

S. 869—A bill to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. Sessions), [7MY]

S. 870—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [9MY], [17DE]

S. 871—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Blumenthal), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [9MY], [13MY], [14MY], [15MY], [16MY], [20MY], [21MY], [22MY], [23MY], [3JN], [4JN], [10JY]

S. 872—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Pryor), [7MY]

S. 873—A bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to implement a drug testing program for applicants for and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [7MY]

S. 874—A bill to prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Coats), [7MY]

S. 875—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the reporting of cases of infectious diseases at facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. CASEY, [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [28OC]

S. 876—A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [20DE]

S. 877—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to allow public access to research of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH, [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [27JN]

S. 878—A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Lautenberg), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [3JN], [21JN], [8JY], [18JY], [1AU], [13NO], [11DE]
Removal of cosponsors, [16DE]

S. 879—A bill to support State and tribal government efforts to promote research and education related to maple syrup production, natural resource sustainability in the maple syrup industry, market production of maple products, and greater access to lands containing maple trees for maple-sugaring activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [7MY]

S. 880—A bill to amend title 23 and 49, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to the length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mrs. McCaskill)), [7MY]

S. 881—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for the costs of certain infertility treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Schatz), [7MY]

S. 882—A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Cochran), [7MY]

S. 883—A bill to reform and modernize domestic refugee resettlement programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. STABENOW, [7MY]

S. 884—A bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to develop a watch list and a priority watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to United States trade secrets or proprietary information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Rockefeller), [7MY]

S. 885—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the ''Thaddeus Stevens Post Office''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [7MY]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]

S. 886—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Moran, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Wicker), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [3JN], [4NO]

S. 887—A bill to repeal the violation of sovereign nations' laws and privacy matters; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PAUL, [7MY]

S. 888—A bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Hagan, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Moran, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Warner), [7MY]
Read the first time, [7MY]
Read the second time, [8MY]
Placed on the calendar, [8MY]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [9MY], [4JN], [11JY], [24JY], [11SE]

S. 889—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Tester), [7MY]

S. 890—A bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. McConnell), [7MY]

Cosponsors added, [9MY]

S. 891—A bill to increase the employment of Americans by requiring State workforce agencies to certify that employers are actively recruiting Americans and that Americans are not qualified or available to fill the positions that the employer wants to fill with H–2B nonimmigrants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY, [8MY]

S. 892—A bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Collins, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Cornyn), [8MY]

Cosponsors added, [9MY], [14MY], [15MY], [16MY], [20MY], [21MY], [6JN], [25JN], [26JN], [27JN], [8JY], [17JY], [25JY]

S. 893—A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Rockefeller, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tester, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Moran, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Heller), [8MY]

Cosponsors added, [30SE], [28OC]

Reported (S. Rept. 113–87), [4SE]

Placed on the calendar, [4SE]

Passed Senate, [28OC]

Passed House, [12NO]

Presented to the President (November 14, 2013)

Approved [Public Law 113–52] (signed November 21, 2013)

S. 894—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend expiring authority for work-study allowances for individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand such authority to certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS, [8MY]

S. 895—A bill to improve the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to study the use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. Feinstein, and Ms. Collins), [8MY]

Cosponsors added, [21MY], [24JN], [17DE]

S. 896—A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Heller, Ms. Warren, and Ms. Collins), [8MY]

Cosponsors added, [16MY], [3JN], [4JN], [11JN], [13JN], [18JN], [8JY], [25JY], [31JY], [9SE], [18SE], [18DE], [20DE]

S. 897—A bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013–2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN, [8MY]

Cosponsors added, [14MY], [15MY], [16MY], [20MY], [23MY], [3JN], [26JN], [2OC]

S. 898—A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [8MY]

S. 899—A bill to establish a position of Science Laureate of the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Wicker, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Boozman), [8MY]

S. 900—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to regulate payroll tax deposit agents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI, [8MY]

S. 901—A bill to protect State and local witnesses from tampering and retaliation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [8MY]

Cosponsors added, [14MY]

S. 902—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply the provisions of the Act to certain congressional staff and members of the executive branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Heller), [8MY]

S. 903—A bill to clarify State of residence requirements for aliens and nonimmigrant requirements for purposes of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. Lautenberg (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Reed)), [8MY]

S. 904—A bill to minimize the economic and social costs resulting from losses of life, property, well-being, business activity, and economic growth associated with extreme weather events by ensuring that the United States is more resilient to the impacts of extreme weather events in the short- and long-term, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Wicker), [8MY]

S. 905—A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to enhance existing programs providing mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Schumer), [8MY]

S. 906—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Risch), [8MY]

S. 907—A bill to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. Collins), [8MY]

Cosponsors added, [13MY], [30JY], [17SE]

S. 908—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, [8MY]

Cosponsors added, [6JN], [11JN], [12SE], [13NO], [21NO]

S. 909—A bill to amend the Federal Direct Loan Program under the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for student loan affordability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [8MY]

Cosponsors added, [17JN], [11JY]

S. 910—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Begich), [8MY]

S. 911—A bill to establish an emergency transportation safety fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL, [9MY]

S. 912—A bill to allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide video programming to subscribers on an a la carte basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. McCAIN, [9MY]

Cosponsors added, [23JY], [12DE]

S. 913—A bill to amend the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000 to reauthorize and improve that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Reed, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Coons, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Sanders), [9MY]

Cosponsors added, [17JN], [18JN], [9JY], [20DE]

S. 914—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs that are prepared by the pharmacies for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [9MY]

S. 915—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes at all levels of postsecondary enrollment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Warner), [9MY]

Cosponsors added, [31JY], [10SE], [17SE]

S. 916—A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Heinrich), [9MY]

Cosponsors added, [11JN], [17JN], [19JN], [24JN], [26JN], [15JY], [19SE], [18NO]

S. 917—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Begich, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Tester, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Carper, Mr. Portman, and Mr. King), [9MY]

Cosponsors added, [13MY], [15MY], [20MY], [22MY], [17JN], [27JN], [15JY], [17JY], [1AU], [9SE], [12NO], [13NO], [10DE], [19DE]

S. 918—A bill to award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [9MY]

Cosponsors added, [4JN], [17JN]

S. 919—A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Barrasso, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Crapo), [9MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY]

S. 920—A bill to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [9MY]

S. 921—A bill to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Casey), [9MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY]

S. 922—A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to carry out a pilot program on providing wage subsidies to employers who employ certain veterans and members of the Armed Forces and require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on providing career transition services to young veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [9MY]

S. 923—A bill to modernize the conservation title of the Food Security Act of 1985, protect long term taxpayer investment, increase small and midsize farmer's access to programs, and prioritize modern-day conservation needs through management practices, local engagement, and stewardship; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [9MY]

S. 924—A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to enhance existing programs providing mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Schumer), [9MY]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [29OC]

S. 925—A bill to improve the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [9MY]

S. 926—A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to include the National Guard Educational Foundation among the youth and charitable organizations eligible for National Guard assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BEGICH, [9MY]

S. 927—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project to assess the feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of benefits and services for veterans and to improve coordination of outreach activities relating to such benefits and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [9MY]

S. 928—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [9MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [13JN], [15JY], [6NO]

S. 929—A bill to impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses committed against nationals of Vietnam or their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORNYN, [9MY]
Cosponsors added, [19JN], [23JY], [18DE]

S. 930—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in cases of overpayments of educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, to deduct amounts for repayment from the last months of educational assistance entitlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BENNET, [13MY]

S. 931—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tester, and Mrs. Feinstein), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [16MY], [11SE], [28OC], [31OC]

S. 932—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [10OC], [28OC], [29OC], [6NO], [9DE]

S. 933—A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Feinstein, and Ms. Klobuchar), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [10SE], [5NO]
Reported (no written report), [1AU]
Placed on the calendar, [1AU]

S. 934—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding reasonable break time for nursing mothers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Harkin, and Ms. Warren), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [8JY]

S. 935—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from requesting additional medical examinations of veterans who have submitted sufficient medical evidence provided by non-Department medical professionals and to improve the efficiency of processing certain claims for disability compensation by veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [13MY]

S. 936—A bill to increase oversight of small business assistance programs provided by the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Rubio), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]

S. 937—A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from applying disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Cornyn), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [15MY], [20MY]

S. 938—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow certain veterans to use educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for franchise training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN, [14MY]

S. 939—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat certain misfiled documents as motions for reconsideration of decisions by the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Begich), [14MY]

S. 940—A bill to provide grants to States to improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards, to develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts, and to improve State policies to raise graduation rates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [14MY]

S. 941—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by Federal officers and employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Risch, Mr. Coats, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Sessions), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [15MY], [20MY], [23MY], [12JN]

S. 942—A bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Harkin, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Lautenberg, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Murphy), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [15MY], [16MY], [21MY], [18JN], [31JY], [10SE], [31OC], [7NO], [13NO], [18NO]

S. 943—A bill to establish an alternative accountability model; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [14MY]

S. 944—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Burr), [14MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–123), [9DE]
Placed on the calendar, [9DE]

S. 945—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Begich, Mrs. Hagan, and Mr. Franken), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [16MY], [20MY], [11JN], [23JY], [29OC]

S. 946—A bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Moran, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Rubio), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY]

S. 947—A bill to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Johanns), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [15MY], [13JN], [11DE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [17DE]

S. 948—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Cochran), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [23MY], [12SE], [23SE], [10DE]

S. 949—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. Johanns), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [13NO]

S. 950—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. King), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [23MY], [3JN], [6JN]

S. 951—A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Barrasso, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoeven, and Mr. Risch), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [9DE]

S. 952—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of church pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [14MY]

S. 953—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Rockefeller, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Franken, Mr. Brown, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Durbin, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [14MY]
Read the first time, [14MY]
Read the second time, [15MY]
Placed on the calendar, [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [15MY], [16MY], [20MY], [22MY], [23MY], [3JN], [4JN], [6JN], [20JN]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [4JN], [6JN]
Cloture on motion to proceed not invoked, [6JN]

S. 954—An original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Ms. STABENOW, [14MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–88), [14MY]
Placed on the calendar, [14MY]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [15MY]
Motion to proceed to consideration agreed to, [20MY]
Considered, [20MY], [21MY], [22MY], [23MY], [3JN], [4JN], [6JN]
Senate invoked cloture, [6JN]
Passed Senate amended, [10JN]
Star print ordered, [12JN]

S. 955—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Casey), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [16MY], [21MY], [12JN], [24JN], [9SE], [11OC]

S. 956—A bill to permanently suspend application of certain agricultural price support authority; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. PAUL, [15MY]

S. 957—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Isakson), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [19SE]

S. 958—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Begich), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [23MY], [10DE], [17DE]

S. 959—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to compounding drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Franken, and Ms. Mikulski), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [16MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [19JN]
Placed on the calendar, [19JN]

S. 960—A bill to foster stability in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Corker), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [22MY]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–79), [24JY]
Placed on the calendar, [24JY]

S. 961—A bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUNT, [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [12NO]

S. 962—A bill to prohibit amounts made available by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 from being transferred to the Internal Revenue Service for implementation of such Acts; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Rubio), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [16MY], [20MY], [21MY], [22MY]

S. 963—A bill preventing an unrealistic future Medicaid augmentation plan; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Graham, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Barrasso), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [3JN]

S. 964—A bill to require a comprehensive review of the adequacy of the training, qualifications, and experience of the Department of Defense personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Ms. Klobuchar), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [23MY], [3JN], [10JN]

S. 965—A bill to eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Risch, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Coats, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Lee), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [3JN], [12JN]

S. 966—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [27JN], [25JY]

S. 967—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Collins, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Begich, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Franken, Mr. Coons, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Johanns, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Grassley, and Mrs. Feinstein), [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [3JN], [4JN], [6JN], [10JN], [11JN], [17JN], [18JN], [19JN], [20JN], [16JY], [18JY], [24JY]

S. 968—A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Paul, Ms. Collins, Mr. Begich, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. King), [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [20JN], [31JY]

S. 969—A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN, [16MY]

S. 970—A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [16MY]

S. 971—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. Risch), [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [10JN], [17JN], [27JN], [9JY], [17JY], [23JY], [25JY], [1AU], [7NO]

S. 972—A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services replacing ICD–9 with ICD–10 in implementing the HIPAA code set standards; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Paul), [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [9DE]

S. 973—A bill to improve the integrity and safety of interstate horseracing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [6JN], [10DE]

S. 974—A bill to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Heller), [16MY]

S. 975—A bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Cornyn), [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [23MY], [19DE]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [19DE]
Placed on the calendar, [19DE]

S. 976—A bill to provide for education of potential military recruits on healthy body weight and to facilitate and encourage exercise in potential military recruits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado, [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JN]

S. 977—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that a downward adjustment of the volume of cellulosic biofuel results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels required under the Renewable Fuel Standard; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [16MY]

S. 978—A bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. LEE, [16MY]

S. 979—A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, to condition the receipt of certain highway funding by States on the enactment and enforcement by States of certain laws to prevent repeat intoxicated driving; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY]

S. 980—A bill to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Kaine, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Murphy, and Mrs. Feinstein), [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [3JN], [6JN]

S. 981—A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Lautenberg), [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [20JN], [21JN], [1AU], [28OC], [12NO]

S. 982—A bill to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking certain actions to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam, and for other purposes.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Paul, and Mr. Corker), [16MY]
Passed Senate, [16MY]
Passed House, [21MY]
Presented to the President (May 22, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–13] (signed June 3, 2013)

S. 983—A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN, [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [24JY]

S. 984—A bill to prohibit the use of funds for United States participation in joint military exercises with Egypt if the Government of Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [16MY]

S. 985—A bill to repeal certain provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and revive the separation between commercial banking and the securities business, in the manner provided in the Banking Act of 1933, the so-called ''Glass-Steagall Act'', and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. HARKIN, [16MY]

S. 986—A bill to prohibit performance awards in the Senior Executive Service during sequestration periods; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [16MY]

S. 987—A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Graham), [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [22MY], [3JN], [10JN], [17JY], [25JY], [12SE]
Removal of cosponsors, [30SE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]
Placed on the calendar, [6NO]

S. 988—A bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Paul, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Risch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Wicker, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Barrasso), [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [6JN]

S. 989—A bill to eliminate the prerequisite of direct appropropriations relating to collection of health data and to modify standards for measuring sexual orientation and gender identity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHATZ, [20MY]

S. 990—A bill to extend the Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs by 1 year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [20MY]

S. 991—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the avoidance of tax by insurance companies through reinsurance with non-taxed affiliates; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [20MY]

S. 992—A bill to provide for offices on sexual assault prevention and response under the Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces, to require reports on additional offices and selection of sexual assault prevention and response personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mrs. Fischer), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [23MY], [7JN]

S. 993—A bill to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN, [21MY]
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs discharged, [4JN]
Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [8JY]

S. 994—A bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Portman), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [18NO], [21NO], [10DE], [12DE]

S. 995—A bill to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [21MY]

S. 996—A bill to improve the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY]

S. 997—A bill to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide independent counsel to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy issues associated with recruitment, retention, research, and reinvestment in the profession of social work, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. Cardin, and Ms. Stabenow), [21MY]

S. 998—A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights, to establish State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [21MY]

S. 999—A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide social service agencies with the resources to provide services to meet the urgent needs of Holocaust survivors to age in place with dignity, comfort, security, and quality of life; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Nelson), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [6JN], [10JN], [9JY]

S. 1000—A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WARNER, [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [12JN]

S. 1001—A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Government of Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Risch, Mr. Coats, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Vitter), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [6JN], [12NO]

S. 1002—A bill to enable Federal and State chartered banks and thrifts to meet the credit needs of home builders in the United States, and to provide liquidity and ensure stable credit in order to meet the need for new homes in the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [21MY]

S. 1003—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Isakson), [21MY]
Read the first time, [21MY]
Read the second time, [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN], [6JN]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [4JN], [6JN]

S. 1004—A bill to permit voluntary economic activity.
By Mr. PAUL, [21MY]
Read the first time, [21MY]
Read the second time, [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]

S. 1005—A bill to establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to, international conservation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Whitehouse), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [12DE]

S. 1006—A bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Coats, Mr. Risch, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Heller, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hatch, Mr. McCain, Mr. Lee, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Burr, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Flake, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Coburn), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [23MY]

S. 1007—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. Collins), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [24JY], [9SE], [17DE]

S. 1008—A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from implementing proposed policy changes that would permit passengers to carry small, non-locking knives on aircraft; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Menendez, and Ms. Murkowski), [22MY]

S. 1009—A bill to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Ms. Collins, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Hoeven, and Mr. Begich), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [23MY], [4JN], [18JN], [26JN], [10JY]

S. 1010—A bill to establish the Commission on Effective Regulation and Assessment Systems for Public Schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Alexander), [22MY]

S. 1011—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [10OC], [16OC], [13NO], [18NO], [19NO], [11DE], [12DE], [19DE]

S. 1012—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. Pryor), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [23JY], [31JY], [9SE], [29OC], [31OC], [6NO], [19DE]

S. 1013—A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN, [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [27JN]

S. 1014—A bill to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Rockefeller), [22MY]

S. 1015—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [23MY]

S. 1016—A bill to protect individual privacy against unwarranted governmental intrusion through the use of the unmanned aerial vehicles commonly called drones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL, [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [23MY]

S. 1017—A bill to permit flexibility in the application of the budget sequester by Federal agencies; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Ms. Collins), [22MY]

S. 1018—A bill to restrict conflicts of interest on the boards of directors of Federal reserve banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Begich), [22MY]

S. 1019—A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Casey, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Rockefeller), [22MY]

S. 1020—A bill to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [22MY]

S. 1021—A bill to provide for a Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [22MY]

S. 1022—A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Portman, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Vitter), [22MY]

S. 1023—A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report on ways to increase the competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign investment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Blunt, and Mrs. Hagan), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [17SE], [4NO]

S. 1024—A bill to provide for the inclusion of Lease Sale 220 in the outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012–2017, to revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Kaine), [22MY]

S. 1025—A bill to provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [22MY]

S. 1026—A bill to assist survivors of stroke in returning to work; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK, [22MY]

S. 1027—A bill to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [22MY]

S. 1028—A bill to reauthorize and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Warren, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Franken, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Nelson), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [7JN], [10JN], [11JN], [18JY]

S. 1029—A bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Collins, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. King, and Mr. Johanns), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [26JN]

S. 1030—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. King), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [19SE]

S. 1031—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access to health care through expanded health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Inhofe), [23MY]

S. 1032—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the Uniform Code of Military Justice related to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Blunt, and Ms. Klobuchar), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN], [20JN], [26JN], [14NO]

S. 1033—A bill to authorize a grant program to promote physical education, activity, and fitness and nutrition, and to ensure healthy students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN, [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY]

S. 1034—A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. Inhofe) (by request), [23MY]

S. 1035—A bill to require an independent alternative analysis of the consideration of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known United States person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the United States and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN]

S. 1036—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a partnership program in foreign languages; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Lautenberg), [23MY]

S. 1037—A bill to ensure adequate protection of the rights under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL, [23MY]

S. 1038—A bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Coons, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Levin, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Lautenberg, and Ms. Hirono), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [12JN], [29JY]

S. 1039—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship to include spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Heller), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [19JN], [26JN], [16JY], [25JY]

S. 1040—A bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Brown), [23MY]

S. 1041—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to afford crime victims' rights to victims of offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [23MY]

S. 1042—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Murphy), [23MY]

S. 1043—A bill to promote innovative practices for the education of English learners and to help States and local educational agencies with English learner populations build capacity to ensure that English learners receive high-quality instruction that enables them to become proficient in English, access the academic content knowledge needed to meet State challenging academic content standards, and be prepared for postsecondary education and careers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET, [23MY]

S. 1044—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D–Day, June 6, 1944; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN, [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY]

S. 1045—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. Pryor), [23MY]

S. 1046—A bill to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Tester, and Ms. Hirono), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [7JN], [17JN], [26JN], [18JY], [6NO], [12DE]

S. 1047—A bill to provide for the issuance and sale of a semipostal by the United States Postal Service to support effective programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Cochran), [23MY]

S. 1048—A bill to revoke the charters for the Federal National Mortgage Corporation and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation upon resolution of their obligations, to create a new Mortgage Finance Agency for the securitization of single family and multifamily mortgages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. ISAKSON, [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [17JY], [1AU]

S. 1049—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER, [23MY]

S. 1050—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure the issuance of regulations applicable to the Coast Guard regarding consideration of a request for a permanent change of station or unit transfer submitted by a member of the Coast Guard who is the victim of a sexual assault; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Begich, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Johanns, Ms. Ayotte, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Ms. Klobuchar), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [11JN]

S. 1051—A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to ensure that footwear furnished or obtained by allowance for enlisted members of the Armed Forces upon their initial entry into the Armed Forces complies with domestic source requirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. King), [23MY]

S. 1052—A bill to create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, and Ms. Landrieu), [23MY]

S. 1053—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [30JY], [9SE], [29OC], [6NO], [19NO]

S. 1054—A bill to establish Golf Butte National Conservation Area in Clark County, Nevada in order to conserve, protect, and enhance the cultural, archaeological, natural, wilderness, scientific, geological, historical, biological, wildlife, educational, and scenic resources of the area, to designate wilderness areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. REID, [23MY]

S. 1055—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to establish the National Program for Arts and Technology; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Brown), [23MY]

S. 1056—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Blunt), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [1AU], [8OC], [11OC]

S. 1057—A bill to prohibit the use of unmanned aircraft systems by private persons to conduct surveillance of other private persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado, [23MY]

S. 1058—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [23MY]

S. 1059—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem any person who has received an award from the Armed Forces of the United States for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat to have satisfied certain requirements for naturalization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KIRK, [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [11JN]

S. 1060—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for military veterans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Enzi), [23MY]

S. 1061—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Grassley), [23MY]

S. 1062—A bill to improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED, [23MY]

S. 1063—A bill to improve teacher quality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED, [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [19JN]

S. 1064—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN, [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [11JY], [24JY], [1AU], [9SE], [30SE], [16DE]

S. 1065—A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to improve the quality of infant and toddler care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [23MY]

S. 1066—A bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [27JN], [29JY]

S. 1067—A bill to establish within the Department of Education the Innovation Inspiration school grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Begich, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Franken), [23MY]

S. 1068—A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Schatz), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [9JY], [10JY], [16JY], [23JY], [1AU]

S. 1069—A bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Lautenberg), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [25JN], [9SE], [11SE], [6NO], [11DE]

S. 1070—A bill to make it unlawful to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile device; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Udall of Colorado, and Mrs. Boxer), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [19DE]

S. 1071—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [23MY]

S. 1072—A bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Moran, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Begich, Mr. Risch, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Tester), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [27JN], [9JY], [18JY], [23JY], [24JY], [29JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–108), [17SE]
Placed on the calendar, [17SE]

S. 1073—A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve the coordination of refinery outages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Hoeven), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [16JY]

S. 1074—A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Easter Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. Warner), [23MY]

S. 1075—A bill to extend the phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties under the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Lautenberg), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [1AU]

S. 1076—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the sole benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant in the Survivor Benefit Plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [23MY]

S. 1077—A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Carper, Mr. Warner, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Kaine), [23MY]

S. 1078—A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with the opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Hirono), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [16JY], [18SE], [19SE]

S. 1079—A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote the artificial reefs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. VITTER, [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [19JN]

S. 1080—A bill to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Murphy), [23MY]

S. 1081—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand and enhance authorities on protected communications of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Kaine), [23MY]

S. 1082—A bill to promote Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [6JN]

S. 1083—A bill to provide high-quality public charter school options for students by enabling such public charter schools to expand and replicate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [23MY]

S. 1084—A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance provided to promote the energy retrofitting of schools; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Ms. Collins), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY]

S. 1085—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Casey), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [9DE]

S. 1086—A bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Alexander), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [17JN]

S. 1087—A bill to award grants to encourage State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement and college and career readiness, the skills of teachers and school leaders, and the efficiency and productivity of education systems at all levels; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mrs. Murray, and Ms. Baldwin), [4JN]

S. 1088—A bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Casey, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Begich, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cowan, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Hagan, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Coons, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Reed, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Merkley), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [19JN], [1AU], [11SE], [31OC]

S. 1089—A bill to provide for a prescription drug take-back program for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Boozman), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [27JN], [17SE], [19SE], [24SE], [6NO]

S. 1090—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. RUBIO, [4JN]

S. 1091—A bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. MIKULSKI, [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [13JN], [18JN], [23JY], [19DE]

S. 1092—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require an Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions taken in response to making protected communications regarding sexual assault; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Schatz), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [6JN]

S. 1093—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the ''First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COCHRAN, [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [27JN]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]

S. 1094—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Franken, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Murphy, and Ms. Warren), [4JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–113), [11OC]
Placed on the calendar, [11OC]

S. 1095—A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in order to limit the penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [4JN]

S. 1096—A bill to establish an Office of Rural Education Policy in the Department of Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. Rockefeller, and Ms. Collins), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [6JN], [10JN], [11JN], [26JN], [10DE]

S. 1097—A bill to prohibit a Federal agency from establishing or implementing a policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER, [6JN]
Cosponsors added, [7JN]

S. 1098—A bill to reform the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 to responsibly protect homeownership; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Cochran), [6JN]
Cosponsors added, [28OC]

S. 1099—A bill to ensure that individuals do not simultaneously receive unemployment compensation and disability insurance benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Flake, and Mr. King), [6JN]
Cosponsors added, [11JN]

S. 1100—A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Coats, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Hoeven), [6JN]
Cosponsors added, [11JN]

S. 1101—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child is ready for college or a career; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Enzi), [6JN]

S. 1102—A bill to abolish the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. LEE, [6JN]

S. 1103—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Burr), [6JN]

S. 1104—A bill to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Cardin), [6JN]
Cosponsors added, [17JN]

S. 1105—A bill to improve the circulation of $1 coins, to remove barrier to the circulation of such coins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [6JN]

S. 1106—A bill to improve the accuracy of mortgage underwriting used by Federal mortgage agencies by ensuring that energy costs are included in the underwriting process, to reduce the amount of energy consumed by homes, to facilitate the creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [6JN]
Cosponsors added, [18JN], [28OC]

S. 1107—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding Native Hawaiian education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Begich), [6JN]

S. 1108—A bill to reauthorize the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Thune), [6JN]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [18DE]

S. 1109—A bill to amend the school dropout prevention program in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6JN]

S. 1110—A bill to amend part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965;

to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [6JN]

S. 1111—A bill to combat cyber espionage of intellectual property of United States persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, [6JN]

S. 1112—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the establishment of teacher evaluation programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [7JN]

S. 1113—A bill to provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Bennet), [7JN]

S. 1114—A bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Graham, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Burr, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Casey), [7JN]
Cosponsors added, [20JN], [25JN], [26JN], [8JY], [16JY], [1AU], [9SE], [19SE], [11DE], [12DE]

S. 1115—A bill to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [7JN]
Cosponsors added, [5NO]

S. 1116—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Coons, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [7JN]
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [28OC], [9DE], [12DE], [18DE]

S. 1117—A bill to prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. STABENOW, [7JN]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [18JN]

S. 1118—A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Bennet), [7JN]
Cosponsors added, [13JN], [24JN], [31JY], [1AU], [4NO]

S. 1119—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for integration of mental health services and mental health treatment outreach teams, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. Mikulski), [7JN]

S. 1120—A bill to provide authorities for the appropriate conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies who perform regularly recurring seasonal work to permanent seasonal positions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [7JN]

S. 1121—A bill to stop the National Security Agency from spying on citizens of the United States and for other purposes.
By Mr. PAUL, [7JN]
Read the first time, [7JN]
Read the second time, [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]

S. 1122—A bill to authorize States to use assistance provided under the Hardest Hit Fund Program of the Department of the Treasury to demolish blighted structures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [10JN]

S. 1123—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Coons, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Warner, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Corker), [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [17JN], [24JN], [10JY], [11JY], [15JY], [24JY], [31JY], [1AU], [11SE], [10DE]

S. 1124—A bill to establish requirements with respect to bisphenol A; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. King, and Mr. Blumenthal), [10JN]

S. 1125—A bill to require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress reports on water sharing with Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [10JN]

S. 1126—A bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Cowan, and Mr. Blumenthal), [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [19JN], [28OC]

S. 1127—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school libraries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Whitehouse), [10JN]

S. 1128—A bill to clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Crapo), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [24JY]

S. 1129—A bill to assist coordination among science, technology, engineering, and mathematics efforts in the States, to strengthen the capacity of elementary schools, middle schools, and secondary schools to prepare students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [11JN]

S. 1130—A bill to require the Attorney General to disclose each decision, order, or opinion of a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that includes significant legal interpretation of section 501 or 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 unless such disclosure is not in the national security interest of the United; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Heller, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Begich, Mr. Franken, Mr. Tester, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Paul), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [8JY], [16JY], [9SE]

S. 1131—A bill to strengthen Indian education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [11JN]

S. 1132—A bill to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. Hagan), [11JN]

S. 1133—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Cantwell), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [20JN]

S. 1134—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to issue regulations covering the practice of enrolled agents before the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [11JN]

S. 1135—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Merkley), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [21NO]

S. 1136—A bill to authorize the extension of preferential tariff treatment for certain textile goods imported from Nicaragua; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [11JN]

S. 1137—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Landrieu, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Blumenthal), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [31JY]

S. 1138—A bill to reauthorize the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [11JN]

S. 1139—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Hudson River Valley, New York; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [11JN]

S. 1140—A bill to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JY], [30JY]

S. 1141—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the rehabilitation credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Schumer, and Ms. Stabenow), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [20JN], [12SE]

S. 1142—A bill to prohibit Members of Congress from receiving pay when the Federal Government is unable to make payments or meet obligations because the public debt limit has been reached; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. Boxer, [12JN]

S. 1143—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. Moran (for himself, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Tester), [12JN]
Cosponsors added, [18JN], [25JN], [10JY], [18JY], [24JY], [1AU], [12SE], [15OC], [28OC], [6NO], [7NO], [12NO], [13NO], [20DE]

S. 1144—A bill to prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. Rockefeller (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Blumenthal), [12JN]

S. 1145—A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a lifetime income disclosure; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. Isakson (for himself, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Warren, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Nelson), [12JN]

S. 1146—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. Kirk (for himself, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Durbin), [12JN]

S. 1147—A bill to clarify the disposition of covered persons detained in the United States pursuant to

the Authorization for Use of Military Force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. Udall of Colorado, [12JN]

S. 1148—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide notice of average times for processing claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. Heinrich (for himself and Mr. Heller), [12JN]
Cosponsors added, [27JN]

S. 1149—A bill to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms, and to extend the ban to undetectable firearm receivers and undetectable ammunition magazines; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. Nelson (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [12JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JY], [9SE], [21NO], [9DE]

S. 1150—A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Constance Baker Motley; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. Blumenthal, [12JN]
Cosponsors added, [29OC], [14NO]

S. 1151—A bill to reauthorize the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in the State of Iowa; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. Harkin, [12JN]

S. 1152—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help build a stronger health care workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. Reed (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [12JN]
Cosponsors added, [18JY]

S. 1153—A bill to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. Gillibrand (for herself, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Levin), [12JN]

S. 1154—A bill to provide that certain requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating on October 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. Roberts (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Cochran), [12JN]
Cosponsors added, [20JN], [27JN]

S. 1155—A bill to provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to include mental health professionals in training programs of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. Tester, [12JN]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [4NO], [6NO]

S. 1156—A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make such form mandatory; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Carper, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Coons, and Ms. Mikulski), [13JN]

S. 1157—A bill to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CASEY, [13JN]

S. 1158—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [13JN]
Cosponsors added, [19JN], [20JN], [25JN], [27JN], [9JY], [18JY], [29JY], [1AU], [10SE], [11SE], [12SE], [17SE], [24SE], [26SE], [30SE], [1OC], [9OC], [28OC], [29OC], [31OC], [4NO], [6NO], [12NO], [13NO], [14NO], [20NO], [10DE]

S. 1159—A bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [13JN]
Cosponsors added, [18JN], [8JY], [10JY]

S. 1160—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for qualified conservation contributions which include National Scenic Trails; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [13JN]

S. 1161—A bill to provide for the development of a fishery management plan for the Gulf of Mexico red snapper, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. Wicker), [13JN]

S. 1162—A bill to authorize the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities undertaken to address the marine debris impacts of the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Wyden, and Mrs. Feinstein), [13JN]

S. 1163—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. Collins), [13JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY]

S. 1164—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to clarify provisions with respect to church plans; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Coons), [13JN]

S. 1165—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the immunization of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Wyden), [13JN]

S. 1166—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Burr, Mr. Coats, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Graham, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Scott), [13JN]
Cosponsors added, [18JN], [25JN], [27JN], [9JY], [18JY]

S. 1167—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for the Temoak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Reid), [13JN]

S. 1168—A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SANDERS, [13JN]

S. 1169—A bill to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana for the Limestone Hills Training Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Tester), [13JN]

S. 1170—A bill to provide for youth jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS, [13JN]

S. 1171—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. King, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Enzi, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [17JN]
Cosponsors added, [9JY], [11JY], [16JY], [12NO], [19DE]

S. 1172—A bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. MIKULSKI, [18JN]

S. 1173—A bill to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Warner, and Ms. Collins), [18JN]

S. 1174—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Chambliss, Ms. Warren, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Casey), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [27JN], [11JY], [30JY], [1AU], [11SE], [12SE], [29OC], [5NO], [7NO]

S. 1175—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire interests in real property that are in compliance with habitat conservation plans approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18JN]

S. 1176—A bill to impose a fine with respect to international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [18JN]

S. 1177—A bill to authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [18JN]

S. 1178—A bill to better integrate engineering education into kindergarten through grade 12 instruction and curriculum and to support research on engineering education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [18JN]

S. 1179—A bill to improve the coordination of export promotion programs and to facilitate export opportunities for small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [18JN]

S. 1180—A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the public availability of Medicare claims data; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Bennet), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN]

S. 1181—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Begich, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Roberts,

Mr. Carper, Mr. Thune, Mr. Coons, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Wyden), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [20JN], [8JY], [9JY], [29JY], [31JY], [1AU], [10SE], [7NO], [12NO], [17DE]

S. 1182—A bill to modify the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things, and provide appropriate transition procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Begich, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Lee), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JY], [24JY]

S. 1183—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Heller, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Moran, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Risch, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Lee, Mr. Toomey, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Coats, Mr. Flake, and Mr. Scott), [19JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [25JN], [10SE], [9OC], [28OC], [30OC], [19DE]

S. 1184—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the Medicare and You Handbook and to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [19JN]

S. 1185—A bill to enhance penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting seniors; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CASEY, [19JN]

S. 1186—A bill to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. Cowan), [19JN]

S. 1187—A bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Isakson), [19JN]
Cosponsors added, [27JN], [29OC], [31OC], [5NO], [6NO], [13NO], [14NO], [20NO], [9DE], [11DE], [12DE], [17DE]

S. 1188—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Donnelly), [19JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JY], [23JY], [24JY], [1AU], [11SE], [24SE], [28OC], [4NO], [21NO]

S. 1189—A bill to adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Chiesa), [19JN]

S. 1190—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to permit agencies to count certain contracts toward contracting goals; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Casey), [19JN]

S. 1191—A bill to facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants regarding energy efficiency in buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [19JN]

S. 1192—A bill to implement common sense controls on the taxpayer-funded salaries of government contractors by limiting reimbursement for excessive compensation; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Manchin), [19JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN]

S. 1193—A bill to require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice to such individuals in the case of a breach of security involving such information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. King, Mr. Thune, Mr. Heller, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Roberts), [20JN]

S. 1194—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Begich, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Pryor), [20JN]

S. 1195—A bill to repeal the renewable fuel standard; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Scott), [20JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN], [26JN], [27JN], [8JY], [15JY], [29JY], [30JY], [29OC]

S. 1196—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for clarification as to the meaning of access without authorization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN, [20JN]

S. 1197—An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. LEVIN, [20JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–44), [20JN]
Placed on the calendar, [20JN]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [14NO], [18NO]
Senate invoked cloture, [18NO]
Motion to proceed to consideration agreed to in the Senate, [18NO]
Considered, [18NO], [19NO], [20NO], [21NO], [9DE]

S. 1198—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for adjustments to Medicare part B and D premiums for high-income beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Coburn), [20JN]

S. 1199—A bill to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [20JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN]

S. 1200—A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to promote energy efficiency and energy savings in residential buildings; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [20JN]

S. 1201—A bill to restrict funds related to escalating United States military involvement in Syria; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Paul), [20JN]

S. 1202—A bill to establish an integrated Federal program to respond to ongoing and expected impacts of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, restoring, and conserving the natural resources of the United States, and to maximize government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and other entities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Baucus), [20JN]

S. 1203—A bill to promote permanent families for children, privacy and safety for unwed mothers, responsible fatherhood, and security for adoptive parents by establishing a National Responsible Father Registry and encouraging States to enter into agreements to contribute the information contained in the States Responsible Father Registry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. Inhofe), [20JN]

S. 1204—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [20JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [26JN], [27JN], [10JY], [15JY], [16JY], [23JY], [30JY], [31JY], [9SE], [12SE], [24SE]

S. 1205—A bill to reduce energy waste, strengthen energy system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and promote local economic development by helping public and private entities to assess and implement energy systems that recover and use waste heat and local renewable energy resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [20JN]

S. 1206—A bill to encourage benchmarking and disclosure of energy information for commercial buildings; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [20JN]

S. 1207—A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Blumenthal), [20JN]

S. 1208—A bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Moran), [20JN]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [10SE], [11SE], [5NO], [13NO]

S. 1209—A bill to establish a State Energy Race to the Top Initiative to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [20JN]

S. 1210—A bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Boozman), [20JN]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]

S. 1211—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the use of the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill to give a false impression of approval or endorsement by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Franken, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Carper, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Schatz), [20JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN], [8JY], [11JY]

S. 1212—A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain

States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Hagan, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Tester, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Thune, Mr. Begich, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Heller), [20JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN], [28OC]

S. 1213—A bill to reauthorize the weatherization and State energy programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Reed), [20JN]

S. 1214—A bill to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Rockefeller), [24JN]

S. 1215—A bill to strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight related to domestic surveillance conducted pursuant to the USA PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Tester), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN], [8JY], [24JY], [30JY]

S. 1216—A bill to improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Johanns), [25JN]

S. 1217—A bill to provide secondary mortgage market reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Tester, Mr. Heller, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Moran, and Mrs. Hagan), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JY], [31JY], [9SE], [11DE]

S. 1218—A bill to establish a State Energy Race to the Top Initiative to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [30JY]

S. 1219—A bill to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [25JN]

S. 1220—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [25JN]

S. 1221—A bill to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. Cornyn), [25JN]

S. 1222—A bill to amend the small, rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Baucus), [25JN]

S. 1223—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand and intensify programs of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to translational research and related activities concerning cavernous angioma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [26JN]

S. 1224—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Collins), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [12NO]

S. 1225—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that solar energy property need not be located on the property with respect to which it is generating electricity in order to qualify for the residential energy efficient property credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado, [26JN]

S. 1226—A bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Ms. Collins), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [27JN], [9SE], [4NO], [5NO]

S. 1227—A bill to authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Cochran), [26JN]

S. 1228—A bill to establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating Medicare beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [9SE]

S. 1229—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to empower the States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. Warren), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [27JN], [9JY]

S. 1230—A bill to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [26JN]

S. 1231—A bill to amend the Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [26JN]

S. 1232—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Schumer, and Ms. Baldwin), [26JN]

S. 1233—A bill to achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control the development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Paul, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Risch, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Hatch), [26JN]

S. 1234—A bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Portman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Paul, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Lee, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Hoeven, and Mr. Cornyn), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [27JN]

S. 1235—A bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Heller, Ms. Ayotte, and Mrs. Shaheen), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [27JN], [23JY], [31JY], [1AU], [23SE], [12NO], [11DE]

S. 1236—A bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Levin, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wyden), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [27JN], [24JY]

S. 1237—A bill to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. Murkowski) (by request), [27JN]

S. 1238—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, and for other purposes.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Franken, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reid, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Brown, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Levin, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Begich, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Coons), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [27JN]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [8JY], [9JY], [10JY], [11JY], [15JY], [17JY]
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [9JY], [11JY]

S. 1239—A bill to expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [27JN]

S. 1240—A bill to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Alexander), [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [28OC]

S. 1241—A bill to establish the interest rate for certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. King, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Burr, Mr. Carper, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Isakson), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [9JY], [10JY], [16JY]

S. 1242—A bill to amend the Fair Housing Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Coons, Mr. Harkin, Mrs. Murray,

Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mrs. Boxer), [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JY], [17SE], [18SE], [30SE]

S. 1243—An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [27JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [18JY], [23JY]
Senate invoked cloture, [23JY]
Motion to proceed to consideration agreed to in the Senate, [23JY]
Considered, [23JY], [24JY], [25JY], [29JY], [30JY], [31JY], [1AU]
Cloture not invoked on bill, [1AU]

S. 1244—An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. PRYOR, [27JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–46), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 1245—An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [27JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–47), [27JN]
Placed on the calendar, [27JN]

S. 1246—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal defense contract, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Blumenthal), [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [20NO]

S. 1247—A bill to improve and enhance research and programs on childhood cancer survivorship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED, [27JN]

S. 1248—A bill to permit employees to request, and to ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Harkin), [27JN]

S. 1249—A bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Portman, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Kirk, and Mrs. Shaheen), [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [19SE], [23SE], [24SE], [11OC], [29OC], [14NO], [19DE]

S. 1250—A bill to provide $50,000,000,000 in new transportation infrastructure funding through bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation, including roads, bridges, rail and transit systems, ports, and inland waterways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Hoeven), [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [31JY]

S. 1251—A bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Casey, Mr. Franken, and Ms. Klobuchar), [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [9JY], [23JY], [31JY], [10SE], [21NO]

S. 1252—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [27JN]

S. 1253—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [27JN]

S. 1254—A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Begich, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. King, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Merkley), [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JY], [30JY], [1AU], [24SE], [18DE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–121), [18NO]
Placed on the calendar, [18NO]

S. 1255—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a deduction for travel expenses to medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HELLER, [27JN]

S. 1256—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Reed, Ms. Cantwell, and Mrs. Boxer), [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [19DE]

S. 1257—A bill to protect financial transactions in the United States from enforcement of certain excise taxes imposed by any foreign government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance. ls used in the treatment of human and animal diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [27JN]

S. 1258—A bill to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor posthumously to First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing for acts of valor during the Civil War; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [4NO]

S. 1259—A bill to amend the Public Health Services Act to provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary educational system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [27JN]

S. 1260—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a standard home office deduction; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [27JN]

S. 1261—A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Risch), [27JN]

S. 1262—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans conservation corps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. NELSON, [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [13NO], [21NO]

S. 1263—A bill to establish a wilderness area, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development in Douglas County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Reid), [27JN]

S. 1264—A bill to foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CASEY, [27JN]

S. 1265—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the implementation of round 2 of the Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Acquisition Program for competitive acquisition areas in Tennessee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. Corker), [27JN]

S. 1266—A bill to provide for the establishment of a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [27JN]

S. 1267—A bill to cut taxes for innovative businesses that produce renewable chemicals; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW, [27JN]
Cosponsors added, [28OC]

S. 1268—A bill to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (by request), [27JN]

S. 1269—A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to support community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Durbin), [8JY]
Cosponsors added, [1AU], [20DE]

S. 1270—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for reform of public and private pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [9JY]

S. 1271—A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [18JY], [23JY], [30JY], [9SE], [11SE], [11DE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–131), [20DE]
Placed on the calendar, [20DE]

S. 1272—A bill to provide that certain requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating on October 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Enzi), [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [17JY], [1AU]

S. 1273—A bill to establish a partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore for our country with the Federal Government; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Begich, and Ms. Heitkamp), [10JY]

S. 1274—A bill to extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [11JY], [18JY]

S. 1275—A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance the existing loan funding the Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Begich), [10JY]

S. 1276—A bill to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management, strengthen the authority to terminate or debar employees and contractors involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of security clearance background investigations, enhance transparency regarding the criteria utilized by Federal departments and agencies to determine when a security clearance is required, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Portman, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, and Mr. Coburn), [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [11JY], [31JY], [24SE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–111), [24SE]
Placed on the calendar, [24SE]
Passed Senate amended, [10OC]

S. 1277—A bill to establish a commission for the purpose of coordinating efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER, [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY]

S. 1278—A bill to prohibit certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013, military coup d'etat; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. PAUL, [11JY]

S. 1279—A bill to prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [11JY]
Cosponsors added, [17JY], [23JY], [24JY], [30JY]

S. 1280—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Coons, Mr. Inhofe, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Wyden), [11JY]

S. 1281—A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [11JY]

S. 1282—A bill to reduce risks to the financial system by limiting banks' ability to engage in certain risky activities and limiting conflicts of interest, to reinstate certain Glass-Steagall Act protections that were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. McCain, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. King), [11JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [1AU], [11SE]

S. 1283—An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [11JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–70), [11JY]
Placed on the calendar, [11JY]

S. 1284—An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. HARKIN, [11JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]
Placed on the calendar, [11JY]

S. 1285—A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program and provide for a small business early-stage investment program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. BALDWIN, [11JY]

S. 1286—A bill to encourage the adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Franken), [11JY]

S. 1287—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to raise the limitation on the election to accelerate the AMT credit in lieu of bonus depreciation for 2013; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Roberts), [11JY]

S. 1288—A bill to amend rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Rubio), [11JY]

S. 1289—A bill to retain the existing vehicle weight limitations for vehicles traveling along any segment of U.S. Highway 78 within Mississippi after such segment is incorporated into the Interstate Highway System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [11JY]

S. 1290—A bill to protect victims of stalking from gun violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Hirono), [11JY]

S. 1291—A bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Whitehouse), [11JY]
Cosponsors added, [13NO], [17DE], [19DE], [20DE]

S. 1292—A bill to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Risch, Mr. Lee, Mr. Paul, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Heller, Mr. Burr, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Moran, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Alexander), [11JY]
Read the first time, [11JY]
Read the second time, [16JY]
Placed on the calendar, [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [16JY], [23JY], [24JY], [9SE], [19SE]

S. 1293—A bill to establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [11JY]

S. 1294—A bill to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. Corker), [15JY]
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources discharged, [24JY]
Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [24JY]

S. 1295—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans with notice, when veterans electronically file claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, that relevant services may be available from veterans service organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN, [15JY]

S. 1296—A bill to amend the Wounded Warrior Act to establish a specific timeline for the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to achieve interoperable electronic health records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. NELSON, [15JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [17SE], [6NO]

S. 1297—A bill to establish the Government Transformation Commission to review and make recommendations regarding cost control in the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK, [16JY]

S. 1298—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the limits on expensing of certain depreciable business assets; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BEGICH, [16JY]

S. 1299—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of vehicles on certain Wisconsin highways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [16JY]

S. 1300—A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Heller), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [18JY], [1AU], [9SE], [19SE], [24SE], [7OC]

S. 1301—A bill to provide for the restoration of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [16JY]

S. 1302—A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Franken), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [18JY], [23JY], [31JY], [1AU], [9SE], [11OC], [11SE], [17SE], [18SE], [19SE], [23SE], [24SE], [26SE], [27SE], [16OC], [28OC], [29OC], [30OC], [31OC], [4NO], [6NO], [14NO], [18NO], [20NO], [9DE], [11DE], [18DE], [19DE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [30OC]
Placed on the calendar, [30OC]

S. 1303—A bill to amend certain appropriations Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Murphy), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [17JY]

S. 1304—A bill to promote strategic sourcing principles within the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH, [16JY]

S. 1305—A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [16JY]

S. 1306—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Durbin), [16JY]

Cosponsors added, [24JY], [10SE], [27SE], [30SE], [14OC], [18NO]

S. 1307—A bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. Inhofe), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [12SE], [19NO]

S. 1308—A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COONS, [16JY]

S. 1309—A bill to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (by request), [16JY]

S. 1310—A bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Heller, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Corker), [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [17JY], [18JY], [24JY], [31JY], [9SE], [17SE], [6NO]

S. 1311—A bill to provide for phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance payments during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Brown), [17JY]

S. 1312—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to limit the circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [17JY]
Cosponsors added, [12NO]

S. 1313—A bill to promote transparency, accountability, and reform within the United Nations system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO, [17JY]
Cosponsors added, [18JY], [25JY], [1AU]

S. 1314—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide that the President's annual budget submission to Congress list the current fiscal year spending level for each proposed program and a separate amount for any proposed spending increases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR, [17JY]

S. 1315—A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.
By Mr. CORNYN, [17JY]
Read the first time, [17JY]
Read the second time, [18JY]
Placed on the calendar, [18JY]

S. 1316—A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.
By Mr. CORNYN, [17JY]
Read the first time, [17JY]
Read the second time, [18JY]
Placed on the calendar, [18JY]

S. 1317—A bill to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2014 through 2016 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Rockefeller), [17JY]

S. 1318—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [18JY]
Cosponsors added, [8OC], [29OC], [30OC], [4NO], [14NO]

S. 1319—A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Coats, Mr. Portman, and Mr. McCain), [18JY]

S. 1320—A bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Cruz), [18JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [29JY], [1AU], [9SE], [11SE], [30SE], [28OC], [7NO], [12NO], [14NO], [18NO]

S. 1321—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide that the President's annual budget submission to Congress list the current fiscal year spending level for each proposed program and a separate amount for any proposed spending increases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [18JY]

S. 1322—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Graham, and Mrs. Feinstein), [18JY]
Cosponsors added, [12SE], [19DE]

S. 1323—A bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Schumer), [18JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [17SE], [18NO]

S. 1324—A bill to prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a presidential memorandum relating to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Paul, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Crapo), [18JY]
Cosponsors added, [25JY], [31JY], [17SE], [18SE]

S. 1325—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the small employer health insurance credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. Landrieu), [18JY]

S. 1326—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and make permanent the rule providing 5-year amortization of expenses incurred in creating or acquiring music or music copyrights; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Corker, and Mr. Alexander), [18JY]

S. 1327—A bill to make enrollment in health benefits plans under the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program available to employees of qualified employers when fewer than 2 qualified health plans are offered through the Small Business Health Options Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. Landrieu), [18JY]

S. 1328—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [18JY]

S. 1329—An original bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Ms. MIKULSKI, [18JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]
Placed on the calendar, [18JY]

S. 1330—A bill to delay the implementation of the employer responsibility provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BEGICH, [18JY]

S. 1331—A bill to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [18JY]

S. 1332—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [18JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [11SE], [12SE], [17SE], [7OC], [29OC], [6NO], [7NO], [19NO], [20NO], [9DE], [17DE]

S. 1333—A bill to reinstate funding for the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Nelson), [18JY]

S. 1334—A bill to establish student loan interest rates, and for other purposes.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. King, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Carper, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Durbin), [18JY]
Placed on the calendar, [18JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [24JY]

S. 1335—A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [18JY]
Placed on the calendar, [18JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [30JY], [31JY], [1AU], [23SE], [3OC], [7NO]

S. 1336—A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, and Mr. Risch), [18JY]
Placed on the calendar, [18JY]

S. 1337—A bill to promote the tracing of firearms used in crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Levin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Murphy), [23JY]

S. 1338—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COBURN, [23JY]

S. 1339—A bill to reauthorize the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BROWN, [23JY]

S. 1340—A bill to improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [23JY]

Cosponsors added, [25JY], [29OC]

S. 1341—A bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Barrasso, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Grassley), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [18DE]

S. 1342—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Inhofe), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY]

S. 1343—A bill to protect the information of livestock producers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [24JY], [25JY], [1AU]

S. 1344—A bill to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH, [23JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–117), [6NO]
Placed on the calendar, [6NO]

S. 1345—A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. R. Adams Cowley, in recognition of his lifelong commitment to the advancement of trauma care; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. Cardin), [23JY]

S. 1346—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Blunt), [23JY]

S. 1347—A bill to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Chiesa, Mr. Enzi, and Ms. Ayotte), [23JY]

S. 1348—A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Coons), [23JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–109), [23SE]
Placed on the calendar, [23SE]
Passed Senate amended, [26SE]
Passed House, [30SE]
Presented to the President (October 1, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–43] (signed October 4, 2013)

S. 1349—A bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Kirk), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [1AU], [12SE], [19SE], [24SE], [26SE], [30SE], [7OC], [8OC], [15OC], [30OC], [5NO], [19NO], [21NO], [18DE]

S. 1350—A bill to exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the March 29, 2013, pipeline oil spill in Mayflower, Arkansas; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Pryor), [24JY]

S. 1351—A bill to provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Coons), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [1AU], [29OC], [31OC], [18NO]

S. 1352—A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Franken, Mr. Begich, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Schatz), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [11OC], [18DE]

S. 1353—A bill to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Thune), [24JY]

S. 1354—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the range of conduct punished as sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [24JY]

S. 1355—A bill to provide regulatory parity among alternative fuel vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Casey), [24JY]

S. 1356—A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Alexander), [24JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [12NO]
Placed on the calendar, [12NO]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [21NO], [9DE], [10DE], [11DE], [16DE], [17DE], [18DE], [19DE]

S. 1357—A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Ms. Collins), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [29OC], [16DE], [19DE]

S. 1358—A bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Collins), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [9OC]

S. 1359—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. DURBIN, [24JY]

S. 1360—A bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Coburn), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [30JY], [31JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–124), [12DE]
Placed on the calendar, [12DE]

S. 1361—A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MURPHY, [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [25JY], [28OC], [30OC], [12NO], [17DE]

S. 1362—A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Coons), [25JY]

S. 1363—A bill to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than $1,000,000,000 and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HELLER, [25JY]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]

S. 1364—A bill to promote neutrality, implicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Thune), [25JY]
Cosponsors added, [13NO], [17DE]

S. 1365—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow for fair application of the exceptions process for drugs in tiers in formularies in prescription drug plans under Medicare part D; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. Collins), [25JY]

S. 1366—A bill to modify the appointment of Inspectors General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, and Mrs. Shaheen), [25JY]

S. 1367—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [25JY]

S. 1368—A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Menendez), [25JY]

S. 1369—A bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Toomey), [25JY]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [11SE], [18SE], [23SE], [24SE], [27SE], [11OC], [28OC], [30OC], [31OC], [5NO]

S. 1370—A bill to establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [25JY]

S. 1371—An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [25JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
Placed on the calendar, [25JY]

S. 1372—An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. LEAHY, [25JY]

Reported (S. Rept. 113–81), [25JY]
Placed on the calendar, [25JY]

S. 1373—A bill to increase access to refinancing for homeowners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [25JY]

S. 1374—A bill to allow traditional foods to be served at public facilities; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH, [25JY]

S. 1375—A bill to require a portion of closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [25JY]

S. 1376—A bill to improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [25JY]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–129), [19DE]
Placed on the calendar, [19DE]

S. 1377—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephonic interactions by executive branch employees with individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cornyn, and Mrs. Fischer), [25JY]

S. 1378—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Coats, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Johanns), [25JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY]

S. 1379—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HELLER, [29JY]

S. 1380—A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to ensure that on-duty time does not include waiting time at a natural gas or oil well site for certain commercial motor vehicle operators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. INHOFE, [29JY]

S. 1381—A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Brown), [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [23SE], [26SE], [28OC]

S. 1382—A bill to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Begich, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Portman), [29JY]

S. 1383—A bill to provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, provide summer employment and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and carry out work-related and educational strategies and activities of demonstrated effectiveness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Murphy), [29JY]

S. 1384—A bill to help ensure that all items offered for sale in any gift shop of the National Park Service or of the National Archives and Records Administration are produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Merkley), [29JY]

S. 1385—A bill to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [1AU]

S. 1386—A bill to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Corker), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [9DE]
Placed on the calendar, [9DE]

S. 1387—A bill to establish a pilot program to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Johanns), [30JY]

S. 1388—A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Energy, to conduct a study on the public health and environmental impacts of the production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Brown), [30JY]

S. 1389—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [30JY]

S. 1390—A bill to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [30JY]

S. 1391—A bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Leahy), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [18DE], [20DE]

S. 1392—A bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Shelby, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Moran, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. King), [30JY]
Read the first time, [30JY]
Read the second time, [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [1AU]
Motion to proceed to consideration agreed to in the Senate, [11SE]
Considered, [11SE], [12SE], [17SE], [18SE], [19SE]

S. 1393—A bill to ensure that the courts of the United States may provide an impartial forum for claims brought by United States citizens and others against any railroad organized as a separate legal entity, arising from the deportation of United States citizens and others to Nazi concentration camps on trains owned or operated by such railroad, and by the heirs and survivors of such persons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Reid, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Wyden), [30JY]

S. 1394—A bill to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER, [30JY]

S. 1395—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Moran), [30JY]

S. 1396—A bill to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Inhofe), [30JY]

S. 1397—A bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Barrasso), [30JY]

S. 1398—A bill to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Begich, Mr. Portman, Mr. Tester, and Ms. Ayotte), [30JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–122), [19NO]
Placed on the calendar, [19NO]

S. 1399—A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend the interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN, [30JY]

S. 1400—A bill to increase access to adult education to provide for economic growth; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Brown), [30JY]

S. 1401—A bill to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Chambliss), [31JY]

S. 1402—A bill to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BOOZMAN, [31JY]

S. 1403—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to facilitate the screening of severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans at airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [31JY]

S. 1404—A bill to prohibit the consideration of any bill by Congress unless the authority provided by the Constitution of the United States for the legislation can be determined and is clearly specified; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Paul, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn,

Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heller, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Moran, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Wicker), [31JY]

S. 1405—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of certain ambulance add-on payments under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Leahy, and Ms. Landrieu), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [11SE], [23SE], [26SE], [10DE]

S. 1406—A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. Warner), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [9SE], [23SE], [24SE], [28OC], [9DE], [12DE], [16DE], [20DE]

S. 1407—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [31JY]

S. 1408—A bill to address the dramatic increase of HIV/AIDS in minority communities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [31JY]

S. 1409—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for employer-provided job training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [31JY]

S. 1410—A bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Leahy), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [20NO], [18DE]

S. 1411—A bill to specify requirements for the next update of the current strategic plan for the Office of Rural Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for improving access to, and the quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [31JY]

S. 1412—A bill to provide the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of the Treasury with authority to more aggressively enforce customs and trade laws relating to textile and apparel articles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. Graham), [31JY]

S. 1413—A bill to exempt from sequestration certain fees of the Food and Drug Administration; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Franken, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Coats), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [23SE], [7OC], [21NO]

S. 1414—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [31JY]

S. 1415—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [31JY]

S. 1416—A bill to protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as black lung disease), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [4NO]

S. 1417—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. Hatch), [1AU]
Cosponsors added, [12SE], [26SE], [30SE], [28OC], [11DE], [18DE], [19DE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [19DE]
Placed on the calendar, [19DE]

S. 1418—A bill to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN, [1AU]

S. 1419—A bill to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [1AU]
Cosponsors added, [30SE], [13NO], [11DE]

S. 1420—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Risch), [1AU]

S. 1421—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable tax credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEAHY, [1AU]

S. 1422—A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. King, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mrs. Shaheen), [1AU]
Cosponsors added, [17DE]

S. 1423—A bill to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to strengthen the quality control measures in place for part B lung disease claims and to establish the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health for the contractor employee compensation program under subtitle E of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Heinrich), [1AU]
Cosponsors added, [9SE]

S. 1424—A bill to require the Supreme Court of the United States to promulgate a code of ethics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Coons), [1AU]
Cosponsors added, [19NO]

S. 1425—A bill to improve the safety of dietary supplements by amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require manufacturers of dietary supplements to register dietary supplements with the Food and Drug Administration and to amend labeling requirements with respect to dietary supplements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [1AU]

S. 1426—A bill to prohibit employers from compelling or coercing any person to authorize access to a protected computer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Schatz), [1AU]

S. 1427—A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to clarify the rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from the disposition of farm assets under chapter 12 bankruptcies; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Franken), [1AU]
Committee on Finance discharged, [10SE]
Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [10SE]

S. 1428—A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for wildfire mitigation grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [1AU]

S. 1429—An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. DURBIN, [1AU]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–85), [1AU]
Placed on the calendar, [1AU]

S. 1430—A bill to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [1AU]

S. 1431—A bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Heller, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Cochran), [1AU]
Cosponsors added, [18SE], [12NO], [20NO], [10DE]

S. 1432—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating portions of the Ka'u Coast in the State of Hawaii as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. HIRONO, [1AU]

S. 1433—A bill to require that members of the Armed Forces who were killed or wounded in the attack that occurred at a recruiting station in Little Rock, Arkansas, on June 1, 2009, are treated in the same manner as members who are killed or wounded in a combat zone; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Pryor), [1AU]

S. 1434—A bill to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [1AU]

S. 1435—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide certain port authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Menendez), [1AU]

S. 1436—A bill to prevent a fiscal crisis by enacting legislation to balance the Federal budget through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Risch, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Rubio), [1AU]

S. 1437—A bill to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [1AU]

S. 1438—A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any order issued under that Act; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Boozman), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [12SE], [24SE]

S. 1439—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for advanced illness care coordination services for Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [1AU]

S. 1440—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to allow the use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of safe rooms; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. REID (for Ms. LANDRIEU), [1AU]

S. 1441—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [10SE], [18NO]

S. 1442—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Collins, Mr. King, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Sanders), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [12SE], [16SE], [17SE], [30SE], [28OC]

S. 1443—A bill to facilitate the remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [1AU]

S. 1444—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payment under part A of the Medicare Program on a reasonable cost basis for anesthesia services furnished by an anesthesiologist in certain rural hospitals in the same manner as payments are provided for anesthesia services furnished by anesthesiologist assistants and certified anesthetists in such hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [1AU]

S. 1445—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PRYOR, [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [11SE], [23SE], [24SE], [3OC]

S. 1446—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the affordability of the health care tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Brown, Ms. Stabenow, and Ms. Hirono), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [4NO]

S. 1447—A bill to make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [1AU]

S. 1448—A bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. Murray), [1AU]

S. 1449—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that income attributable to certain passenger cruise voyages beginning or ending in the United States shall be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [1AU]

S. 1450—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an ad valorem excise tax on certain passenger cruise voyages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [1AU]

S. 1451—A bill to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or shipment of quagga mussels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Heller, and Mrs. Boxer), [1AU]

S. 1452—A bill to enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Tester, Mr. Markey, Mr. Durbin, and Ms. Warren), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [18SE], [29OC]

S. 1453—A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish an interagency coordinating committee on pulmonary hypertension to develop recommendations to advance research, increase awareness and education, and improve health and health care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY, [1AU]

S. 1454—A bill to authorize the Small Business Administrator to establish a grant program to empower encore entrepreneurs; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. REID (for Ms. LANDRIEU), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [10DE]

S. 1455—A bill to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification that a program to verify household income is operational; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Boozman), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [9SE], [10SE], [17SE], [14NO]

S. 1456—A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. Bennet), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [9SE], [10SE], [11SE], [17SE], [16OC], [28OC], [30OC], [4NO], [7NO], [13NO], [9DE], [16DE], [17DE], [19DE]

S. 1457—A bill to exempt the aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Paul), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [11SE]

S. 1458—A bill to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [1AU]

S. 1459—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Menendez), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [18SE], [2OC], [17DE], [19DE]

S. 1460—A bill to create two additional judge positions on the court established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and modify the procedures for the appointment of judges to that court, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Tester, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Merkley), [1AU]

S. 1461—A bill to establish a National Catastrophe Risks Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON, [1AU]

S. 1462—A bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Pryor), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [17SE], [18SE], [12NO], [13NO], [18NO], [20NO], [9DE]

S. 1463—A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Vitter), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [24SE]

S. 1464—A bill to facilitate and enhance the declassification of information that merits declassification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Risch), [1AU]

S. 1465—A bill to ensure that persons who form corporations in the United States disclose the beneficial owners of those corporations, in order to prevent the formation of corporations with hidden owners, stop the misuse of United States corporations by wrongdoers, and assist law enforcement in detecting, preventing, and punishing terrorism, money laundering, tax evasion, and other criminal and civil misconduct involving United States corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Harkin), [1AU]

S. 1466—A bill to establish a regulatory review process for rules that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency plans to propose, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. hidden owners, stop the misuse of United States corporations by wrongdoers, and assist law enforcement in detecting, preventing, and punishing terrorism, money laundering, tax evasion, and other criminal and civil misconduct involving United States corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [1AU]

S. 1467—A bill to establish the Office of the Special Advocate to provide advocacy in cases before courts established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Coons, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Tester, Mr. Franken, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Markey, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Schatz), [1AU]

Cosponsors added, [2OC]

S. 1468—A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [1AU]

S. 1469—A bill to provide higher-quality, lower-cost health care to seniors; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PAUL, [1AU]

S. 1470—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the guidelines for specification of certain disposal sites for dredged or fill material; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. Warner), [1AU]

S. 1471—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of the Army to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. Donnelly, and Mr. Burr), [1AU]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [18NO]
Passed House, [11DE]
Presented to the President (December 13, 2013)
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S. 1472—A bill to create a division within the Congressional Budget Office that would perform regulatory analysis; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Collins), [1AU]
Cosponsors added, [23SE]

S. 1473—A bill to develop a model disclosure form to assist consumers in purchasing long-term care insurance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR, [1AU]

S. 1474—A bill to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [1AU]

S. 1475—A bill to establish the position of National Nurse for Public Health, to be filled by the same individual serving as the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [1AU]

S. 1476—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [1AU]
Cosponsors added, [11SE], [19NO], [12DE]

S. 1477—A bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands the National Labor Relations Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Thune), [1AU]

S. 1478—A bill to provide that certain uses of a patent or copyright in compliance with an order of the Federal Communications Commission for emergency communications services shall be construed as use or manufacture for the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN, [1AU]

S. 1479—A bill to address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on National Forest System land and public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Flake), [1AU]

S. 1480—A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide assistance for condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [1AU]

S. 1481—A bill to require issuers of long term care insurance to establish third-party review processes for disputed claims; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR, [1AU]

S. 1482—A bill to recognize the primacy of States, provide for the consideration of the economic impact of additional regulations, and provide for standards and requirements relating to certain guidelines and regulations relating to health and the environment; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Portman, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Vitter), [1AU]

S. 1483—A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to establish the Federal Oil Spill Research Committee, and to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to include in a response plan certain planned and demonstrated investments in research relating to discharges of oil and to modify the dates by which a response plan must be updated; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. CANTWELL, [1AU]

S. 1484—A bill to provide for an exchange of land between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Sabine River Authority of Texas; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. REID (for Ms. Landrieu (for herself, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Cornyn)), [1AU]

S. 1485—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for eldercare expenses; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Mikulski), [1AU]

S. 1486—A bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Coburn), [1AU]

S. 1487—A bill to limit the availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to individuals who receive health insurance coverage pursuant to the provisions of a Taft-Hartley plan; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Scott, and Mr. McConnell), [9SE]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [12SE], [17SE], [10DE]

S. 1488—A bill to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Flake, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Isakson, and Ms. Ayotte), [9SE]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [12SE], [17SE], [24SE], [26SE]

S. 1489—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the Secretary of the Treasury to notify the taxpayer each time the taxpayer's information is accessed by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [12SE], [30SE]

S. 1490—A bill to delay the application of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Scott, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Burr, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Coburn), [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [11SE], [12SE], [18SE], [19SE], [23SE], [24SE], [30SE], [29OC]

S. 1491—A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Wyden, and Ms. Murkowski), [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [12DE], [20DE]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [19DE]
Placed on the calendar, [19DE]

S. 1492—A bill for the relief of Vichai Sae Tung (also known as Chai Chaowasaree); to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Schatz), [10SE]

S. 1493—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to encourage the use of dispensing techniques that foster efficiency and reduce wasteful dispensing of outpatient prescription drugs in long-term care facilities; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [10SE]

S. 1494—A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to improve child safety and reduce the incidence of preventable infant deaths in child care settings; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. Collins, and Mrs. Hagan), [11SE]

S. 1495—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. CASEY, [11SE]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]

S. 1496—A bill to enhance taxpayer accountability at public transportation agencies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK, [11SE]

S. 1497—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply the provisions of the Act to certain congressional staff and members of the executive branch; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Heller, Mr. Lee, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, and Mr. Inhofe), [12SE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE], [28OC]

S. 1498—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions relating to small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [12SE]

S. 1499—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the ''Sergeant Cory Mr acek Memorial Post Office''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [12SE]
Reported (no written report), [6NO]
Placed on the calendar, [6NO]
Passed Senate, [12NO]

S. 1500—A bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Moran, and Ms. Ayotte), [12SE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE], [18SE], [19SE], [23SE], [16OC], [20NO], [9DE], [17DE], [18DE]

S. 1501—A bill to establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program in the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing and industrial facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [12SE]

S. 1502—A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to protect against foodborne illnesses, provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [12SE]

S. 1503—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding

certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Warner, Mr. Tester, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Baucus, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Hagan, and Mr. Markey), [12SE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE], [19SE], [23SE], [24SE], [30SE], [1OC], [4OC], [9OC], [28OC], [30OC]

S. 1504—A bill to increase funds set aside for off-system bridges; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [12SE]

S. 1505—A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from definition under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [4NO], [6NO], [12NO], [12DE]

S. 1506—A bill to provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Ms. Landrieu), [17SE]

S. 1507—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [29OC], [18NO], [10DE], [18DE]

S. 1508—A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program of awarding grants to owners or operators of water systems to increase the resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Reid), [17SE]

S. 1509—A bill to establish a Maritime Goods Movement User Fee and provide grants for international maritime cargo improvements and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. Cantwell), [17SE]

S. 1510—A bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Paul, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Heller, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Wyden), [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [11DE], [16DE]

S. 1511—A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to remove barriers to the adoption of children in foster care through reauthorization and improvement of the adoption incentives program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Casey), [17SE]

S. 1512—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the ''Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [17SE]
Reported (no written report), [6NO]
Placed on the calendar, [6NO]
Passed Senate, [12NO]

S. 1513—A bill to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [17SE]
Read the first time, [17SE]
Read the second time, [18SE]
Placed on the calendar, [18SE]

S. 1514—A bill to save coal jobs, and for other purposes.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [17SE]
Read the first time, [17SE]
Read the second time, [18SE]
Placed on the calendar, [18SE]

S. 1515—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and expand education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KIRK, [18SE]

S. 1516—A bill to amend title II of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment and implementation of guidelines on best practices for diagnosis, treatment, and management of mild traumatic brain injuries (MTBIs) in school-aged children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [18SE]

S. 1517—A bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [28OC], [29OC], [14NO], [21NO]

S. 1518—A bill improving outcomes for youth at risk for sex trafficking, and other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [18SE]

S. 1519—A bill to ensure orderly conduct of Nuclear Regulatory Commission actions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER, [18SE]

S. 1520—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. KING, [18SE]

S. 1521—A bill to prohibit Federal agencies from requiring seafood to be certified as sustainable by a third party nongovernmental organization and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [18SE]

S. 1522—A bill to improve access to oral health care for vulnerable and underserved populations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [18SE]

S. 1523—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to make permanent qualified school construction bonds and qualified zone academy bonds, to treat qualified zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and to modify the private business contribution requirement for qualified zone academy bonds; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [12NO], [20DE]

S. 1524—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude major professional sports leagues from qualifying as tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COBURN, [18SE]

S. 1525—A bill to ensure that the personal and private information of Americans enrolling in Exchanges established under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Chiesa, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Flake, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, and Mrs. Fischer), [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [19SE], [2OC], [7NO]

S. 1526—A bill to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to prohibit the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or require the use of different auditors on a rotating basis; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [19SE]
Cosponsors added, [28OC]

S. 1527—A bill to enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Blunt, and Ms. Landrieu), [19SE]

S. 1528—A bill to establish a national mercury monitoring program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Carper), [19SE]

S. 1529—A bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. Collins), [19SE]
Cosponsors added, [29OC]

S. 1530—A bill to realign structures and reallocate resources in the Federal Government, in keeping with the core American belief that families are the best protection for children and the bedrock of any society, to bolster United States diplomacy and assistance targeted at ensuring that every child can grow up in a permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving family, and to strengthen intercountry adoption to the United States and around the world and ensure that it becomes a viable and fully developed option for providing families for children in need, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Burr, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Warren, Mr. Wicker, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [19SE]
Cosponsors added, [8OC], [7NO]

S. 1531—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [19SE]
Cosponsors added, [11OC], [16OC]

S. 1532—A bill to provide grants to promote financial literacy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [19SE]
Cosponsors added, [24SE]

S. 1533—A bill to end offshore tax abuses, to preserve our national defense and protect American families and businesses from devastating cuts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Begich, and Mrs. Shaheen), [19SE]

S. 1534—A bill to provide a framework establishing the rights, liabilities, and responsibilities of participants in closing procedures for certain types of consumer deposit accounts, to protect individual consumer rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. HARKIN, [19SE]

S. 1535—A bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Coons, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hatch,

Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Markey, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Whitehouse), [19SE]
Cosponsors added, [2OC], [16OC]

S. 1536—A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in any proposed rule that limits greenhouse gas emissions and imposes increased costs on other Federal agencies an offset from funds available to the Administrator for all projected increased costs that the proposed rule would impose on other Federal agencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Heller, and Mr. McCain), [23SE]
Cosponsors added, [24SE]

S. 1537—A bill to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted through a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. Warner), [23SE]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [26SE], [27SE], [3OC]

S. 1538—A bill to enhance consumer rights relating to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Nelson), [23SE]

S. 1539—A bill to require assurances that certain family planning service projects and programs will provide pamphlets containing the contact information of adoption centers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Thune, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Cochran), [24SE]

S. 1540—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN, [24SE]

S. 1541—A bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a Governmentwide shutdown occurs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Moran), [24SE]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [26SE], [27SE], [30SE]

S. 1542—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Graham, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Moran, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Risch, Mr. Flake, Mr. Thune, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Scott, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Hatch), [24SE]

S. 1543—A bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a funding gap caused by the failure to enact interim or full-year appropriations for the Armed Forces occurs, which results in the furlough of non-emergency personnel and the curtailment of Government activities and services; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. HELLER, [24SE]

S. 1544—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain provisions of the Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act of 2008 relating to timber, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [24SE]

S. 1545—A bill to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Corker), [24SE]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–112), [2OC]
Placed on the calendar, [2OC]
Passed Senate amended, [18NO]
Passed House, [19NO]
Presented to the President (November 21, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–56] (signed December 2, 2013)

S. 1546—A bill to promote minimum State requirements for the prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN, [24SE]

S. 1547—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the dialysis pilot program implemented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and submit a report to Congress before expanding that program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR, [24SE]

S. 1548—A bill to authorize the President to provide assistance to the Governments of Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore within 20 years the extent of forest levels in Haiti and Armenia in existence during the year 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Whitehouse), [24SE]
Cosponsors added, [26SE]

S. 1549—A bill to amend chapter 87 of title 18, United States Code, to end the terrorizing effects of the sale of muderabilia on crime victims and their families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [24SE]

S. 1550—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to use only human-based methods for training members of the Armed Forces in the treatment of severe combat injuries; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. WYDEN, [24SE]

S. 1551—A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Paul, and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [24SE]
Cosponsors added, [27SE], [30SE], [2OC], [8OC], [15OC], [29OC], [5NO]

S. 1552—A bill to demonstrate a commitment to our Nation's scientists by increasing opportunities for the development of our next generation of researchers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. BALDWIN, [26SE]

S. 1553—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reauthorize the State infrastructure bank program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [26SE]

S. 1554—A bill to direct the heads of Federal public land management agencies to prepare reports on the availability of public access and egress to Federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide funding for recreational public access to Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH, [26SE]

S. 1555—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a delay in the implementation schedule of the reductions in disproportionate share hospital payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WICKER, [26SE]
Cosponsors added, [15OC], [19NO]

S. 1556—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Merkley), [27SE]

S. 1557—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Brown, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Warren, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Reed), [27SE]
Cosponsors added, [1OC], [8OC], [11OC], [4NO], [6NO], [12NO]
Reported (no written report), [30OC]
Placed on the calendar, [30OC]
Passed Senate, [12NO]

S. 1558—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of outreach for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. Brown), [27SE]

S. 1559—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the method of determining whether Filipino veterans are United States residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN, [27SE]
Cosponsors added, [30OC]

S. 1560—A bill to allow certain emergency relief amounts to be made available to the Federal Highway Administration to use for disasters occurring in calendar year 2013.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [30SE]
Passed Senate, [30SE]

S. 1561—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. Alexander), [30SE]
Cosponsors added, [1OC], [30OC]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [30OC]
Placed on the calendar, [30OC]
Passed Senate amended, [30OC]

S. 1562—A bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Harkin), [30SE]
Cosponsors added, [4NO], [13DE]

S. 1563—A bill to provide for the expansion of the biofuels market; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, and Ms. Klobuchar), [30SE]

S. 1564—A bill making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Begich, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Blumenthal), [30SE]
Cosponsors added, [1OC], [2OC], [10OC]

S. 1565—A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed

loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. CASEY, [30SE]
Cosponsors added, [28OC]

S. 1566—A bill to extend the period during which Iraqis who were employed by the United States Government in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and to temporarily increase the fee or surcharge for processing machine-readable nonimmigrant visas.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Cardin), [30SE]
Passed Senate, [30SE]

S. 1567—A bill to provide for the compensation of furloughed Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carper, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Warner), [1OC]
Cosponsors added, [2OC], [3OC], [4OC], [5OC]

S. 1568—A bill to make technical corrections to the Pay Our Military Act to include midshipmen at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, who are appointed as midshipmen in the Navy Reserve; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, and Ms. Collins), [7OC]

S. 1569—A bill to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Baucus), [8OC]
Read the first time, [8OC]
Read the second time, [9OC]
Placed on the calendar, [9OC]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [10OC], [11OC], [12OC], [13OC], [14OC], [15OC], [16OC]

S. 1570—A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Schatz), [10OC]
Cosponsors added, [11OC], [21NO], [17DE]

S. 1571—A bill to permit the District of Columbia to obligate and expend local funds in accordance with the local budget adopted by the Council of the District of Columbia during any period of fiscal year 2014 in which no Federal law appropriating such local funds is in effect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Carper, and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [12OC]

S. 1572—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate National Parks during the Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [15OC]
Cosponsors added, [16OC]

S. 1573—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blumenthal, and Ms. Hirono), [16OC]

S. 1574—A bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [16OC]

S. 1575—A bill to correct inconsistencies in the definitions relating to Native Americans in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Schatz), [16OC]
Cosponsors added, [4NO]

S. 1576—A bill to redesignate the Department of Veterans Affairs Healthcare System located at 10000 Bay Pines Boulevard in Bay Pines, Florida, as the ''C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center''; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [28OC]

S. 1577—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Levin, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Kirk), [28OC]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]

S. 1578—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to cover the costs associated with the care of veterans at medical foster homes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [28OC]

S. 1579—A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to improve the protections provided to members of the uniformed services and their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Rockefeller), [28OC]

S. 1580—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require recipients of per diem payments from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH, [28OC]

S. 1581—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to members of the Armed Forces, to require the Secretary to screen veterans for domestic abuse, to require the Secretary to submit reports on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [28OC]
Cosponsors added, [4NO]

S. 1582—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit reports on the provision of services by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with hearing loss and other auditory system injuries and the measures that can be taken jointly by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense with respect to hearing loss and other auditory system injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [28OC]

S. 1583—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [28OC]

S. 1584—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide replacement automobiles for certain disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [28OC]

S. 1585—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to update the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance Program to base premium rates on the Commissioners 2001 Standard Ordinary Mortality Table instead of the Commissioners 1941 Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [28OC]

S. 1586—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve dental health care for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [28OC]
Cosponsors added, [4NO]

S. 1587—A bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods in recognition of their contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Warren, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Merkley), [28OC]

S. 1588—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans that were unable to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such emergency treatment; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Begich), [28OC]

S. 1589—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs has an up-to-date policy on reporting of cases of infectious diseases, to require an independent assessment of the Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BURR, [28OC]
Cosponsors added, [7NO]

S. 1590—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER, [28OC]
Cosponsors added, [29OC], [30OC], [31OC], [6NO], [12NO]

S. 1591—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire individuals who are members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. HAGAN, [28OC]

S. 1592—A bill to provide for a delay of the individual mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Sessions), [28OC]
Read the first time, [28OC]
Read the second time, [29OC]
Placed on the calendar, [29OC]
Cosponsors added, [29OC], [31OC], [7NO], [12NO]

S. 1593—A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance the protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses with respect to mortgages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Tester), [28OC]

S. 1594—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the Paul Brown United States Courthouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [29OC]

S. 1595—A bill to establish a renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Udall of Colorado, and Mr. Cardin), [29OC]
Cosponsors added, [31OC], [5NO]

S. 1596—A bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [29OC]

S. 1597—A bill to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [29OC]

S. 1598—A bill to provide a process for ensuring the United States does not default on its obligations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Schumer, and Ms. Hirono), [29OC]

S. 1599—A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Heller, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Begich, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Markey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Ms. Warren, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Tester, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Menendez), [29OC]
Cosponsors added, [5NO], [20DE]

S. 1600—A bill to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, research, and international capabilities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Heller, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Thune, Mr. Coons, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Coats, Mr. Begich, Mr. Risch, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Crapo), [29OC]
Cosponsors added, [6NO]

S. 1601—A bill to ensure that certain communities may be granted exceptions for floodproofed residential basements for purposes of determining risk premium rates for flood insurance; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [29OC]

S. 1602—A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for the diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to provide certain services to those descendants, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [29OC]
Cosponsors added, [6NO]

S. 1603—A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E–Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. Levin), [29OC]

S. 1604—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [29OC]

S. 1605—A bill for the relief of Michael G. Faber; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [29OC]

S. 1606—A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the ''PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic''; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado, [29OC]
Cosponsors added, [30OC]

S. 1607—A bill to provide conformity in Native small business opportunities and promote job creation, manufacturing, and American economic recovery; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [29OC]

S. 1608—A bill to authorize appropriations for the SelectUSA Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHATZ, [29OC]

S. 1609—A bill to amend title 14, United States Code, to authorize the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard to lease tidelands and submerged lands under control of the Coast Guard for periods longer than five years; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Begich), [29OC]

S. 1610—A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Markey, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Begich, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Franken), [29OC]
Cosponsors added, [31OC], [4NO], [6NO], [7NO], [12NO], [18NO], [19NO], [12DE]

S. 1611—A bill to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Coburn, and Ms. Ayotte), [30OC]

S. 1612—A bill to deter abusive patent litigation by targeting the economic incentives that fuel frivolous lawsuits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH, [30OC]

S. 1613—A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify Federal law with respect to reporting full-file alternative data, including positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [30OC]
Cosponsors added, [17DE]

S. 1614—A bill to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Rubio), [30OC]
Cosponsors added, [31OC], [4NO], [14NO], [12DE], [18DE], [19DE]
Committee discharged. Pased Senate, [19DE]
Passed House, [23DE]

S. 1615—A bill to develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the United States, to encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WARNER, [30OC]

S. 1616—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for simplification, to reduce the number of tax brackets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEE, [30OC]

S. 1617—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Chiesa, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Kirk, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Moran, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Corker), [30OC]
Cosponsors added, [4NO]

S. 1618—A bill to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Ayotte, and Ms. Heitkamp), [30OC]
Cosponsors added, [5NO], [14NO], [9DE]

S. 1619—A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to develop a strategy report to address the skills gap by providing recommendations to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities, increase employer participation in education and workforce training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Heller), [30OC]

S. 1620—A bill to prohibit the consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN, [30OC]

S. 1621—A bill to enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. Heller), [30OC]

S. 1622—A bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Ms. Murkowski), [30OC]
Cosponsors added, [4NO], [6NO], [13NO], [18NO], [19NO], [11DE]

S. 1623—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Paul, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Risch, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, and Mr. Coburn), [30OC]
Cosponsors added, [5NO], [20NO]

S. 1624—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit for hiring veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Cardin), [30OC]
Cosponsors added, [6NO]

S. 1625—A bill to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [30OC]

S. 1626—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide employees in the private sector with an opportunity for compensatory time off, similar to the opportunity offered to Federal employees, and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [30OC]
Cosponsors added, [31OC]

S. 1627—A bill to amend title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal renewable electricity standard for retail electricity suppliers and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY, [31OC]

S. 1628—A bill to provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Department of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [31OC]

S. 1629—A bill to require the disclosure of determinations with respect to which congressional staff will be required to obtain health insurance coverage through an Exchange; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER, [31OC]

S. 1630—A bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Lee, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Flake), [31OC]
Cosponsors added, [4NO]

S. 1631—An original bill to consolidate the congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [31OC]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–119), [31OC]
Placed on the calendar, [31OC]

S. 1632—A bill to protect 10th Amendment rights by providing special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Thune, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Crapo), [31OC]
Cosponsors added, [4NO], [6NO]

S. 1633—A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain footwear, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Moran, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Johanns, and Mrs. McCaskill), [31OC]
Cosponsors added, [19DE]

S. 1634—A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide certain exemptions relating to the taking of migratory game birds; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Wicker, and Ms. Landrieu), [31OC]

S. 1635—A bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to extend the period during which supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits are temporarily increased; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. CASEY, [31OC]
Cosponsors added, [4NO], [12NO], [14NO]

S. 1636—A bill to redesignate certain facilities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [31OC]

S. 1637—A bill to better connect current and former members of the Armed Forces with employment opportunities by consolidating duplicative Federal Government Internet websites into a single portal, to conserve resources by merging redundant and competing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [31OC]

S. 1638—A bill to promote public awareness of cybersecurity; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Blumenthal), [31OC]

S. 1639—A bill to amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to provide guidance and limitations regarding the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into United States airspace, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY, [4NO]

S. 1640—A bill to facilitate planning, permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects within Lincoln County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER, [4NO]

S. 1641—A bill to establish the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Cardin, and Ms. Mikulski), [4NO]

S. 1642—A bill to permit the continuation of certain health plans; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. Manchin), [4NO]
Cosponsors added, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO], [19NO], [18DE]

S. 1643—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a two-year extension of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Inhofe), [4NO]

S. 1644—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for preliminary hearings on alleged offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. McCaskill, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Collins, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Tester), [5NO]
Cosponsors added, [6NO], [13NO], [14NO], [18NO], [20NO]

S. 1645—A bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Portman, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Blunt, and Ms. Collins), [5NO]
Cosponsors added, [20DE]

S. 1646—A bill to amend subtitle IV of title 40, United States Code, regarding county additions to the Appalachian region; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. Corker), [5NO]

S. 1647—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Flake), [5NO]
Cosponsors added, [6NO], [7NO], [20NO]

S. 1648—A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Memorial Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Durbin), [5NO]

S. 1649—A bill to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [5NO]
Cosponsors added, [18DE]

S. 1650—A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaska Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing non-edible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [5NO]

S. 1651—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow manufacturing businesses to establish tax-free manufacturing reinvestment accounts to assist them in providing for new equipment and facilities and workforce training; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [5NO]

S. 1652—A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Coats), [5NO]
Cosponsors added, [12DE]

S. 1653—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to strengthen requirements related to nutrient information on food labels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [5NO]

S. 1654—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [5NO]
Cosponsors added, [19NO], [21NO]

S. 1655—A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve waivers under the Medicaid Program under title XIX of the Social Security Act that are related to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BOOZMAN, [6NO]

S. 1656—A bill to clarify that volunteers at a children's consignment event are not employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. Pryor), [6NO]

S. 1657—A bill to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [6NO]

S. 1658—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain small business tax provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Menendez), [6NO]

S. 1659—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Harkin), [6NO]
Cosponsors added, [11DE], [12DE]

S. 1660—A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Begich, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall of Colorado, and Mr. Warner), [6NO]

S. 1661—A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards of up to $5,000,000 for information regarding the attacks on the United States diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya that began on September 11, 2012.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Inhofe), [7NO]
Read the first time, [7NO]
Read the second time, [12NO]
Placed on the calendar, [12NO]
Cosponsors added, [13NO], [17DE]

S. 1662—A bill to provide for the introduction of pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms into contracts of the Department of Veterans Affairs with community-based outpatient clinics for the provision of health care services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [7NO]

S. 1663—A bill to end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power which was exclusively vested

in the Senate and House of Representatives by article I, section 1 of the Constitution of the United States, and to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to issue a report to Congress detailing the extent of the problem of unconstitutional delegation to the end that such delegations can be phased out, thereby restoring the constitutional principle of separation of powers set forth in the first sections of the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL, [7NO]

S. 1664—A bill to end the practice of including more than one subject in a single bill by requiring that each bill enacted by Congress be limited to only one subject, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. PAUL, [7NO]

S. 1665—A bill to preserve the constitutional authority of Congress and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. PAUL, [7NO]

S. 1666—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to improve the patient navigator program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Flake), [7NO]
Cosponsors added, [10DE], [16DE]

S. 1667—A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection maintains on them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Enzi), [7NO]
Cosponsors added, [12NO]

S. 1668—A bill to require a Comptroller General of the United States report on the impact of certain mental and physical trauma on the discharge of members of the Armed Forces for misconduct; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BENNET, [7NO]

S. 1669—A bill to provide for proper reimbursement of the Department of Defense for assistance provided to nongovernmental entertainment-oriented media producers; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [7NO]

S. 1670—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Moran, Mr. Portman, Mr. Scott, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. McCain, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Risch, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Burr, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Isakson, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Flake, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Lee), [7NO]
Cosponsors added, [12NO], [14NO], [20NO]

S. 1671—A bill to delay the implementation of the individual health coverage mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [7NO]

S. 1672—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to empower individuals with disabilities to establish their own supplemental needs trusts; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Enzi), [7NO]

S. 1673—A bill to help States develop and improve the qualifications and training of their early childhood educator workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [7NO]

S. 1674—A bill to help establish, enhance, and increase access to early childhood parent education and family engagement programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [7NO]

S. 1675—A bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [7NO]
Cosponsors added, [13NO]

S. 1676—A bill to exempt certain payments to States from sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Shelby, and Mr. Nelson), [7NO]

S. 1677—A bill to establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [12NO]
Cosponsors added, [18DE]

S. 1678—A bill to amend subchapter II of chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to prohibit coverage for annuity purposes for new Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Chambliss), [12NO]

S. 1679—A bill to require a study on the Russian RD–180 rocket engine; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [12NO]

S. 1680—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [12NO]

S. 1681—An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [12NO]
Reported (no written report), [12NO]
Placed on the calendar, [12NO]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–120), [13NO]

S. 1682—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain clarifications and improvements in the academic and vocational counseling programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. CASEY, [12NO]

S. 1683—A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Corker), [12NO]
Cosponsors added, [13NO]
Reported (no written report), [14NO]
Placed on the calendar, [14NO]

S. 1684—A bill to require a pilot program on the provision of certain information to State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of members of the Armed Forces from military service to civilian life; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [12NO]

S. 1685—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [12NO]

S. 1686—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Grassley), [12NO]

S. 1687—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Franken), [12NO]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]

S. 1688—A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), collectively, in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Rockefeller), [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [19DE]

S. 1689—A bill to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [13NO]

S. 1690—A bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Franken, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Brown, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Menendez), [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [9DE], [11DE], [17DE]

S. 1691—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. McCain), [13NO]

S. 1692—A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to modify the final rule relating to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations of air carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Markey), [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [19DE]

S. 1693—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to extend the initial open enrollment period; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Merkley, and Mrs. Feinstein), [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [14NO]

S. 1694—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. Heller), [13NO]

S. 1695—A bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. Kirk), [13NO]

S. 1696—A bill to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Brown, Ms. Warren, Mr. Tester, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Coons, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Cardin, and Mrs. McCaskill), [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [14NO], [18NO]

S. 1697—A bill to support early learning; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Casey, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sanders,

Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Warren, Mr. Coons, Mr. Kaine, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Franken), [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [18NO], [20NO], [21NO], [10DE], [12DE], [17DE], [19DE]

S. 1698—A bill to provide for the establishment of clean technology consortia to enhance the economic, environmental, and energy security of the United States by promoting domestic development, manufacture, and deployment of clean technologies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY, [13NO]

S. 1699—A bill to permit individuals to renew certain health insurance coverage offered in the individual or small group markets and to provide that such individuals would not be subject to the individual mandate penalty; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [14NO]

S. 1700—A bill to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to extend, enhance, and revise the provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, to establish certain other protections for personal information of children and minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Blumenthal), [14NO]

S. 1701—A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to strengthen Fourth and Fifth Amendment Protections and freedoms of citizens of the United States and ensure greater transparency and oversight of the ability of the Federal Government to collect information and conduct surveillance on the private lives of citizens of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [14NO]

S. 1702—A bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Cruz), [14NO]
Cosponsors added, [19NO]

S. 1703—A bill to require the provision of information to members of the Armed Forces on availability of mental health services and related privacy rights; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [14NO]

S. 1704—A bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Franken), [14NO]

S. 1705—A bill to provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a national network of local digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools for learning skills, developing inventions, creating businesses, and producing personalized products; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Markey), [14NO]

S. 1706—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mrs. Boxer), [14NO]
Cosponsors added, [9DE]

S. 1707—A bill to exclude consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pensions made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [14NO]
Cosponsors added, [19DE]

S. 1708—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Schatz), [14NO]
Cosponsors added, [11DE], [13DE]

S. 1709—A bill to require the Committee on Technology of the National Science and Technology Council to develop and update a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Blunt), [14NO]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]

S. 1710—A bill to require Amtrak to propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain Amtrak trains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [14NO]
Cosponsors added, [20DE]

S. 1711—A bill to enable States to opt out of certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Graham, and Ms. Ayotte), [14NO]
Cosponsors added, [17DE]

S. 1712—A bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Graham, Mr. Heller, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, Mr. Paul, Mr. Risch, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Wicker), [14NO]
Cosponsors added, [21NO], [9DE], [11DE]

S. 1713—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the dollar limitation on the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MURPHY, [14NO]

S. 1714—A bill to impose sanctions with respect to Syria, to expand existing sanctions with respect to Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Casey), [14NO]

S. 1715—A bill to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, disposing, and improving the efficiency of Federal buildings and other civilian property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Heller, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Portman), [14NO]

S. 1716—A bill to facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new long-term job creation through the establishment of an Infrastructure Financing Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heller, Mr. Coons, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Kirk), [14NO]

S. 1717—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve oversight of educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. Chambliss), [14NO]

S. 1718—A bill to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Warner (for himself and Mr. Kaine)), [18NO]

S. 1719—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. Burr), [18NO]
Cosponsors added, [9DE], [10DE], [16DE], [17DE], [18DE]
Reported (no written report), [19DE]
Placed on the calendar, [19DE]

S. 1720—A bill to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Whitehouse, and Ms. Klobuchar), [18NO]

S. 1721—A bill to decrease the frequency of sports blackouts, to require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. McCain), [18NO]

S. 1722—A bill to improve the training of child protection professionals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Franken), [19NO]

S. 1723—A bill to clarify that the anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, the federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs under title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [20DE]

S. 1724—A bill to provide that the reinsurance fee for the transitional reinsurance program under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Scott, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Roberts), [19NO]

S. 1725—A bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Schumer, and Ms. Landrieu), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [11DE], [17DE]

S. 1726—A bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Lee, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Paul, Mr. Vitter, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Hoeven), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [20NO], [21NO]

S. 1727—A bill to require a Comptroller General of the United States report assessing a study of the Army on the combat vehicle industrial base; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Casey), [19NO]

S. 1728—A bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Warner, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Brown), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [20NO], [9DE], [12DE], [17DE]

S. 1729—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide further options with respect to levels of coverage under qualified health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BEGICH, [19NO]

S. 1730—A bill to reform the regulatory process to ensure that small businesses are free to compete and to create jobs, to clear unnecessary regulatory burdens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. COLLINS, [19NO]

S. 1731—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and intrastate threatened species and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Heller, and Mr. Lee), [19NO]

S. 1732—A bill to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [19NO]
Removal of cosponsors, [21NO]

S. 1733—A bill to stop exploitation through trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Kirk), [19NO]

S. 1734—A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MANCHIN, [19NO]

S. 1735—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. McConnell), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [21NO], [9DE], [11DE]

S. 1736—A bill to amend titles 5 and 38, United States Code, to clarify the veteran status of an individual based on the attendance of the individual at a preparatory school of a service academy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Kirk), [19NO]

S. 1737—A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. Reid), [19NO]
Read the first time, [19NO]
Read the second time, [20NO]
Placed on the calendar, [20NO]

S. 1738—A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Rubio), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [19DE]

S. 1739—A bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Chambliss, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Blunt), [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [11DE]

S. 1740—A bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [9DE], [11DE], [19DE]

S. 1741—A bill to direct the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) to carry out a pilot program to develop innovative consumer financial products that encourage savings and wealth-creation among members of the Armed Forces on active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. MARKEY, [20NO]

S. 1742—A bill to temporarily suspend the collection of entrance fees at units of the National Park System and the National Wildlife Refuge System; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KAINE, [20NO]

S. 1743—A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Risch), [20NO]

S. 1744—A bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Begich, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [20NO]

S. 1745—A bill to promote security, stability and good governance in Somalia through a coordinated interagency strategy that supports the consolidation of recent security and political gains in Somalia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS, [20NO]

S. 1746—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [20NO]

S. 1747—A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Whitehouse), [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [21NO], [11DE], [17DE]

S. 1748—A bill to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce to establish public-private partnerships under the Market Development Cooperator Program of the International Trade Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SCHATZ, [20NO]

S. 1749—A bill to improve master plans for major military installations; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. SCHATZ, [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [9DE]

S. 1750—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Lee), [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [21NO]

S. 1751—A bill to improve authorities for performance of medical disabilities examinations by contract physicians for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER, [20NO]

S. 1752—A bill to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [20NO]
Read the first time, [20NO]
Read the second time, [21NO]
Placed on the calendar, [21NO]

S. 1753—A bill to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Warner), [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [21NO], [9DE]

S. 1754—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for homeless children and youths and foster children and youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Landrieu, and Ms. Baldwin), [21NO]

S. 1755—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [21NO]

S. 1756—A bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. King), [21NO]
Cosponsors added, [9DE], [16DE], [19DE]

S. 1757—A bill to provide for an equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [21NO]

S. 1758—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to Medicare data; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Thune), [21NO]

S. 1759—A bill to reauthorize the teaching health center program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Casey, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Heinrich), [21NO]
Cosponsors added, [9DE], [12DE], [19DE]

S. 1760—A bill to amend the statutory authorities of the Coast Guard to improve the quality of life for current and former Coast Guard personnel and their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH, [21NO]

S. 1761—A bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009 and establish a private right of action to enforce compliance with such Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Warren), [21NO]
Cosponsors added, [12DE]

S. 1762—A bill to eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [21NO]

S. 1763—A bill to increase the effectiveness of child support enforcement and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [21NO]

S. 1764—A bill to limit the retirement of A–10 aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Graham, Mr. Isakson, and Ms. Baldwin), [21NO]

S. 1765—A bill to ensure the compliance of Iran with agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CORKER, [21NO]
Cosponsors added, [12DE], [17DE], [18DE]

S. 1766—A bill to provide for the equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [21NO]
Cosponsors added, [12DE]

S. 1767—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [21NO]
Cosponsors added, [17DE]

S. 1768—A bill to establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [21NO]
Cosponsors added, [17DE]

S. 1769—A bill to limit the establishment of certain standards of care or duties of care owed by health care providers to patients in any medical malpractice or medical product liability action or claim; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Carper), [21NO]

S. 1770—A bill to provide for Federal civil liability for trade secret misappropriation in certain circumstances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FLAKE, [21NO]

S. 1771—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [21NO]

S. 1772—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Levin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, and Ms. Collins), [21NO]

S. 1773—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death or disability of the student borrower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [21NO]

S. 1774—A bill to reauthorize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 1 year.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [21NO]
Read the first time, [21NO]
Read the second time, [9DE]
Placed on the calendar, [9DE]

S. 1775—A bill to improve the sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, and Mrs. Fischer), [21NO]
Read the first time, [21NO]
Read the second time, [9DE]
Placed on the calendar, [9DE]

S. 1776—A bill to encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available for use by rural and smaller carriers in order to expand wireless coverage; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mrs. Fischer), [21NO]

S. 1777—A bill to support innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Hoeven), [21NO]

S. 1778—A bill to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BURR, [9DE]

S. 1779—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Casey), [9DE]
Cosponsors added, [10DE], [12DE], [13DE], [16DE], [17DE]

S. 1780—A bill to clarify that funding for the standard setting body designated pursuant to section 19(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board is not subject to the sequester; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [9DE]

S. 1781—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to clarify the definition of accidental release, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Crapo), [9DE]

S. 1782—A bill to provide for health care for every American and to control the cost and enhance the quality of the health care system; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [9DE]

S. 1783—A bill to enhance public safety by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Grassley), [9DE]

S. 1784—A bill to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN, [9DE]

S. 1785—A bill to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in the States of Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ALEXANDER, [10DE]

S. 1786—A bill to encourage the placement of children in foster care with siblings; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Kaine), [10DE]

S. 1787—A bill to require a medical loss ratio of 85 percent for Medicaid managed care plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [10DE]

S. 1788—A bill to make it a negotiating principle of the United States in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements to seek the inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [10DE]

S. 1789—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels, to preserve support of such channels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Markey), [10DE]

S. 1790—A bill to modernize laws, and eliminate discrimination, with respect to people living with HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COONS, [10DE]

S. 1791—A bill to provide for the treatment of certain hospitals under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [10DE]

S. 1792—A bill to close out expired, empty grant accounts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. Manchin), [10DE]

S. 1793—A bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Schumer), [10DE]

S. 1794—A bill to designate certain Federal land in Chaffee County, Colorado, as a national monument and as wilderness; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado, [10DE]

S. 1795—A bill to establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW, [10DE]

S. 1796—A bill to increase the participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in STEM fields, to encourage and support students from all economic backgrounds to pursue STEM career opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [10DE]

S. 1797—A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.
By Mr. REED, [10DE]
Read the first time, [10DE]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [10DE]
Read the second time , [11DE]
Placed on the calendar, [11DE]
Cosponsors added, [11DE], [12DE], [16DE], [17DE]

S. 1798—A bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Toomey, Mr. King, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Begich), [10DE]
Cosponsors added, [12DE], [16DE], [17DE], [18DE], [19DE]

S. 1799—A bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Sessions, and Ms. Hirono), [11DE]
Cosponsors added, [19DE]

S. 1800—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [11DE]

S. 1801—A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to include in the calculation of normal value the cost of paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [11DE]

S. 1802—A bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Coats, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Blunt), [11DE]

Cosponsors added, [12DE], [16DE]

S. 1803—A bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Reed), [11DE]

S. 1804—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Begich), [11DE]

S. 1805—A bill to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System in the State of New Mexico, to establish the Organ Mountains—Desert Peaks National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [12DE]

S. 1806—A bill to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act with respect to membership eligibility of certain institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [12DE]

S. 1807—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Coburn, Mrs. Hagan, Ms. Collins, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Flake, Mr. Corker, Mr. Burr, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Manchin), [12DE]

S. 1808—A bill to prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Risch, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Cochran), [12DE]
Cosponsors added, [16DE]

S. 1809—A bill to amend chapter 77 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify certain due process rights of Federal employees serving in sensitive positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Grassley, and Mrs. McCaskill), [12DE]

S. 1810—A bill to provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [12DE]
Cosponsors added, [16DE]

S. 1811—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit voice communications through mobile communication devices on commercial passenger flights; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Begich), [12DE]
Cosponsors added, [16DE]

S. 1812—A bill to provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN, [12DE]

S. 1813—A bill to establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by or on behalf of State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in the financial recovery from earthquakes and earthquake-related events; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. Boxer), [12DE]

S. 1814—A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Coons), [12DE]

S. 1815—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BEGICH, [12DE]

S. 1816—A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the United States, or any State or local government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Schumer), [12DE]

S. 1817—A bill to require the Secretary to implement standards for short-term custody of individuals held in facilities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER, [12DE]

S. 1818—A bill to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Heller), [12DE]

S. 1819—A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH, [12DE]

S. 1820—A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of official portraits of Members of Congress, heads of executive agencies, and heads of agencies and offices of the legislative branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Coburn, and Mrs. Fischer), [12DE]

S. 1821—A bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Heller), [12DE]

S. 1822—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the United States and Canada; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN, [12DE]

S. 1823—A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. Hagan), [13DE]

S. 1824—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux that contain brass.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Risch, Mr. Moran, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Thune), [13DE]
Read the first time, [13DE]
Read the second time, [15DE]
Placed on the calendar, [15DE]
Cosponsors added, [18DE]

S. 1825—A bill to improve the management of the Job Corps program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Manchin), [13DE]

S. 1826—A bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Heller, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Wicker), [13DE]

S. 1827—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. Inhofe), [15DE]
Cosponsors added, [19DE], [20DE]

S. 1828—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Coburn), [16DE]
Cosponsors added, [19DE]

S. 1829—A bill to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH, [16DE]

S. 1830—A bill to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relating to the prices of products and services sold online, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [16DE]

S. 1831—A bill to establish a National Yellow Dot Program to alert law enforcement and emergency services personnel to the medical conditions, prescriptions, and other vital information necessary to treat drivers and passengers in motor vehicles in emergency circumstances; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MANCHIN, [16DE]

S. 1832—A bill for the relief of Esther Karinge; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MARKEY, [16DE]

S. 1833—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. INHOFE, [17DE]

S. 1834—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. INHOFE, [17DE]

S. 1835—A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Kirk), [17DE]

S. 1836—A bill to merge the Department of Labor, the Department of Commerce, and the Small Business Administration to establish a Department of Commerce and the Workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Inhofe), [17DE]

S. 1837—A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Whitehouse), [17DE]
Cosponsors added, [18DE], [19DE], [20DE]

S. 1838—A bill to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Heinrich), [17DE]

S. 1839—A bill to make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [17DE]

Cosponsors added, [19DE]

S. 1840—A bill to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [17DE]

S. 1841—A bill to mitigate the reduction in the readiness of our Armed Forces by reducing the defense sequestration cuts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 but implementing the cuts, in their entirety, over the duration of sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. INHOFE, [17DE]

S. 1842—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Corker, Mr. Flake, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Manchin, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Moran, Mr. Reid, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Warner), [17DE]

S. 1843—A bill to eliminate duplication and waste in Federal information technology acquisition and management; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Johanns), [17DE]

S. 1844—A bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Warner, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Reed, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Franken, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Warren, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Begich, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Ms. Klobuchar, and Ms. Landrieu), [17DE]

Cosponsors added, [18DE], [19DE], [20DE]

S. 1845—A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Heller), [17DE]

Read the first time, [17DE]

Read the second time, [18DE]

Placed on the calendar, [18DE]

Cosponsors added, [18DE], [19DE], [20DE]

Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [20DE]

S. 1846—A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Hagan, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wicker), [17DE]

Read the first time, [17DE]

Read the second time, [18DE]

Placed on the calendar, [18DE]

S. 1847—A bill to provide for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Schatz), [17DE]

Cosponsors added, [18DE]

Passed Senate, [17DE]

S. 1848—A bill to amend section 1303(b)(3) of Public Law 111–148 concerning the notice requirements regarding the extent of health plan coverage of abortion and abortion premium surcharges; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Risch, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Coats, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Paul, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Thune, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Moran), [18DE]

Cosponsors added, [19DE], [20DE]

S. 1849—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Isakson), [18DE]

S. 1850—A bill to reform and modernize domestic refugee resettlement programs, and for other purposes.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. Collins, and Mr. King), [18DE]

S. 1851—A bill to provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCAIN, [18DE]

S. 1852—A bill to provide for the establishment of free market enterprise zones in order to help facilitate the creation of new jobs, entrepreneurial opportunities, enhanced and renewed educational opportunities, and increased community involvement in bankrupt or economically distressed areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [18DE]

S. 1853—A bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Wicker), [18DE]

S. 1854—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate System in Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [18DE]

S. 1855—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [18DE]

S. 1856—A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mrs. Hagan), [18DE]

S. 1857—An original bill to reform assistance to Egypt, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, [18DE]

Reported (no written report), [18DE]

Placed on the calendar, [18DE]

S. 1858—A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to suspend and revise portions of the Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that revised Universal Service Fund distribution to rural carriers, to encourage renewed investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BEGICH, [18DE]

S. 1859—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

By Mr. REID, [19DE]

Read the first time, [19DE]

Read the second time, [20DE]

Placed on the calendar, [20DE]

S. 1860—A bill to reform the medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, enhance access to affordable prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER, [19DE]

S. 1861—A bill to save taxpayer money and end bailouts of financial institutions by providing for a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [19DE]

S. 1862—A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. Menendez), [19DE]

S. 1863—A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a continuing medical education program for licensed medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of medical conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN, [19DE]

S. 1864—A bill to require a demonstration program on the accession as Air Force officers of candidates with auditory impairments; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HARKIN, [19DE]

S. 1865—A bill to amend the prices set for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. Tester), [19DE]

S. 1866—A bill to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. Warren), [19DE]

S. 1867—A bill to provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [19DE]

Cosponsors added, [20DE]

S. 1868—A bill to provide for the conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Moran), [19DE]

S. 1869—A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Wicker), [19DE]

S. 1870—An original bill to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, to increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS, [19DE]

Reported (no written report), [19DE]

Placed on the calendar, [19DE]

S. 1871—An original bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare

sustainable growth rate formula and to improve beneficiary access under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS, [19DE]
Reported (no written report), [19DE]
Placed on the calendar, [19DE]

S. 1872—A bill to provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. PRYOR, [19DE]

S. 1873—A bill to provide for institutional risk-sharing in the Federal student loan programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Durbin, and Ms. Warren), [19DE]

S. 1874—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen Federal-State partnerships in postsecondary education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED, [19DE]

S. 1875—A bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [19DE]

S. 1876—A bill to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Casey), [19DE]

S. 1877—A bill to increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Rockefeller), [19DE]

S. 1878—A bill to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Casey), [19DE]

S. 1879—A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to provide for coverage of oral anticancer drugs on terms no less favorable than the coverage provided for anticancer medications administered by a health care provider; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [19DE]

S. 1880—A bill to provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Pryor), [19DE]
Cosponsors added, [20DE]

S. 1881—A bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Graham, Mr. Cardin, Mr. McCain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Begich, Mr. Corker, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Collins, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Warner, Mr. Johanns, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Booker), [19DE]
Read the first time, [19DE]
Read the second time, [20DE]
Placed on the calendar, [20DE]
Cosponsors added, [20DE]

S. 1882—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend parity for exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [20DE]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [20DE]

S. 1883—A bill to extend duty-free treatment for certain trousers, breeches, or shorts imported from Nicaragua, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. HAGAN, [20DE]

S. 1884—A bill to establish a Pay It Forward model for funding postsecondary education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [20DE]

S. 1885—A bill to place conditions on assistance to the Government of Burma; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Corker), [20DE]

S. 1886—A bill to ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an Exchange have continuity of coverage and to require Exchanges to make coverage under qualified health plans retroactive to January 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. King, Ms. Heitkamp, and Ms. Landrieu), [20DE]

S. 1887—A bill to clarify terms of cooperation between the Consumer Product Safety Commission and foreign government agencies in order to improve safety of imported products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. McCASKILL, [20DE]

S. 1888—A bill to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System land in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [20DE]

S. 1889—A bill to direct the United States Sentencing Commission with respect to penalties for the unlawful production of a controlled substance on Federal property or intentional trespass on the property of another that causes environmental damage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Hatch), [20DE]

S. 1890—A bill to ensure that decisions by the Secretary of Education to award grants or other assistance to States or local educational agencies are not contingent upon the adoption of specific educational curricula; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COCHRAN, [20DE]

S. 1891—A bill to require a study and report by the Comptroller General regarding the restart provision of the Hours of Service Rules for Commercial Truck Drivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. Johanns), [20DE]

S. 1892—A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. King), [20DE]

S. 1893—A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [20DE]

S. 1894—A bill to provide for the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act if it is determined that the Act has resulted in increasing the number of uninsured individuals; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Burr, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Wicker), [20DE]

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

S.J. Res. 1—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE, [22JA]

S.J. Res. 2—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Paul, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [9SE], [14NO]

S.J. Res. 3—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve to 3 in the House of Representatives and 2 in the Senate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [23JA]

S.J. Res. 4—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to United States citizenship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Paul), [23JA]
Removal of cosponsors, [25FE]

S.J. Res. 5—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to authorizing regulation of contributions to candidates for State public office and Federal office by corporations, entities organized and operated for profit, and labor organizations, and expenditures by such entities and labor organizations in support of, or opposition to such candidates; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Tester), [28JA]

S.J. Res. 6—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States during the previous calendar year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [29JA]

S.J. Res. 7—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Shelby, Mr. McCain, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Sessions, Ms. Collins, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Graham, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Burr, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Thune, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Corker, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Risch, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Coats, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Moran, Mr. Portman, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Paul, Mr. Lee, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Heller, Mr. Scott, Mr. Flake, Mr. Cruz, and Mrs. Fischer), [13FE]

S.J. Res. 8—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of the Treasury relating to taxable medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PAUL, [27FE]

S.J. Res. 9—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Thune, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Crapo), [4MR]

S.J. Res. 10—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Levin, Ms. Stabenow, and Ms. Warren), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [13MR], [6MY], [6JN], [9OC]

S.J. Res. 11—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the rights of the American people that were taken away by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case and related decisions, to protect the integrity of our elections, and to limit the corrosive influence of money in our democratic process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SANDERS, [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [11JN]

S.J. Res. 12—A joint resolution to consent to certain amendments enacted by the legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [21MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–76), [15JY]
Placed on the calendar, [15JY]

S.J. Res. 13—A joint resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to designate July 26 as United States Intelligence Professionals Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Burr, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Collins, Mr. King, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Coats, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Schatz), [18AP]
Cosponsors added, [24AP], [6MY]

S.J. Res. 14—A joint resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to designate the last Friday in April as Arbor Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. Wyden, and Mrs. Fischer), [25AP]

S.J. Res. 15—A joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Levin, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Brown, Mr. Begich, and Ms. Hirono), [9MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [23MY], [4JN], [6JN], [10JN], [20JN], [25JN], [10SE], [9OC], [30OC], [13NO]

S.J. Res. 16—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the power of Congress to impose a tax on a failure to purchase goods or services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Thune), [6JN]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]

S.J. Res. 17—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Heller, Mr. Johanns, Mr. McCain, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Vitter), [13JN]
Cosponsors added, [27SE]

S.J. Res. 18—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [17JY]

S.J. Res. 19—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Tester, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Coons, Mr. King, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [18JN]
Cosponsors added, [19JN], [20JN], [24JN], [27JN], [17JY], [23JY], [9SE], [8OC], [28OC], [20NO]

S.J. Res. 20—A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary. 1292.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Begich, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Tester), [11JY]

S.J. Res. 21—An original joint resolution to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria; from the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [6SE]
Reported (no written report), [6SE]
Placed on the calendar, [6SE]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [9SE], [10SE]

S.J. Res. 22—A joint resolution to promote a diplomatic solution in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [10SE]

S.J. Res. 23—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. CRUZ, [2OC]

S.J. Res. 24—A joint resolution to amend the Department of Defense Survivor Benefits Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014 to make continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members of the Coast Guard; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. Begich), [10OC]
Cosponsors added, [12OC]

S.J. Res. 25—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to applying laws equally to the citizens of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL, [11OC]

S.J. Res. 26—A joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt limit, as submitted under section 1002(b) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 on October 17, 2013.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [28OC]
Placed on the calendar (pursuant to sec. 1002 of Public Law 113–46), [28OC]
Read the first and second times, [28OC]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [29OC]

S.J. Res. 27—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of the Treasury relating to liability under section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for the shared responsibility payment for not maintaining minimum essential coverage; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Coats), [31OC]
Cosponsors added, [21NO]

S.J. Res. 28—A joint resolution providing for the appointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institute; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Reed), [11DE]

S.J. Res. 29—A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Reed), [11DE]

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

S. Con. Res. 1—A concurrent resolution to provide for the counting on January 4, 2013, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [3JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3JA]
Agreed to in the House, [3JA]

S. Con. Res. 2—A concurrent resolution extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [3JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3JA]
Agreed to in the House, [3JA]

S. Con. Res. 3—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [3JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3JA]
Agreed to in the House, [4JA]

S. Con. Res. 4—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax is not in the economic interest of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Lee, Mr. Moran, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Heller, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Johanns), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA]

S. Con. Res. 5—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that John Arthur ''Jack'' Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Cowan), [5MR]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [17AP]

S. Con. Res. 6—A concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MR], [11MR], [19MR], [20MR], [22MR], [8AP], [16AP], [18JN], [17SE]

S. Con. Res. 7—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, or to any similar agreement on the arms trade; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Flake, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Wicker), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [18MR], [19MR], [8AP]

S. Con. Res. 8—An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; from the Committee on the Budget.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [18MR]
Reported (no written report), [18MR]
Placed on the calendar, [18MR]
Considered, [20MR], [21MR]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [22MR]
Agreed to in the House amended (text of H. Con. Res. 25 inserted in lieu), [16OC]
House insisted on its amendment and asked for a conference. Conferees appointed, [16OC]
Senate disagreed to House amendment and agreed to a conference. Conferees appointed, [16OC]

S. Con. Res. 9—A concurrent resolution recommending the posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Sergeant Rafael Peralta; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Rubio), [19MR]

S. Con. Res. 10—A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Schatz), [22MR]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [8AP]
Agreed to in the House, [14MY]

S. Con. Res. 11—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [22MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22MR]
Agreed to in the House, [25MR]

S. Con. Res. 12—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that our current tax incentives for retirement savings provide important benefits to Americans to help plan for a financially secure retirement; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Portman, Mr. Tester, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Boozman, and Mrs. Hagan), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [21NO]

S. Con. Res. 13—A concurrent resolution commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Pryor), [17AP]
Cosponsors added, [16JY], [23JY], [1AU], [12SE], [27SE]

S. Con. Res. 14—A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. PAUL, [22AP]

S. Con. Res. 15—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Chained Consumer Price Index should not be used to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veterans benefits, or to increase the tax burden on low- and middle-income taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Warren, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Begich), [24AP]
Cosponsors added, [25AP], [9MY], [16MY], [3JN], [11JN], [17JN], [17JY]

S. Con. Res. 16—A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [16MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16MY]
Agreed to in the House, [21MY]

S. Con. Res. 17—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [23MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23MY]
Agreed to in the House, [24MY]

S. Con. Res. 18—A concurrent resolution providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey.
By Mr. REID, [4JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [4JN]
Agreed to in the House, [4JN]

S. Con. Res. 19—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.
By Mr. REID, [27JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [27JN]
Agreed to in the House, [27JN]

S. Con. Res. 20—A concurrent resolution encouraging peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Tester, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Donnelly, and Ms. Warren), [25JY]

S. Con. Res. 21—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and the Federal approvals required for the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline are in the national interest of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Begich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Thune, Mr. Risch, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Johanns, and Mr. Barrasso), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [26SE]

S. Con. Res. 22—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.
By Mr. REID, [1AU]
Agreed to in the Senate, [1AU]
Agreed to in the House, [2AU]

S. Con. Res. 23—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative postage stamp

honoring the Reverend Doctor Leon Sullivan and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY, [1AU]

S. Con. Res. 24—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

By Mr. REID, [16OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [16OC]

Agreed to in the House, [16OC]

S. Con. Res. 25—A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. Inhofe), [13NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [13NO]

Agreed to in the House, [18NO]

S. Con. Res. 26—A concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [21NO]

S. Con. Res. 27—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and to support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S–300 air defense system; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TOOMEY, [21NO]

S. Con. Res. 28—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

By Mr. REID, [21NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [21NO]

Agreed to in the House, [22NO]

S. Con. Res. 29—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that children trafficked in the United States be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Portman, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Crapo), [21NO]

S. Con. Res. 30—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

By Mr. DURBIN, [20DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [20DE]

Agreed to in the House, [26DE]

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

S. Res. 1—A resolution informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [3JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3JA]

S. Res. 2—A resolution informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [3JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3JA]

S. Res. 3—A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [3JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3JA]

S. Res. 4—A resolution to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Harkin), [3JA]
Cosponsors added, [22JA], [23JA], [24JA], [11MR]
Held over, under the rule, [3JA]

S. Res. 5—A resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for Mr. Harkin (for himself and Ms. Mikulski)), [3JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JA]
Held over, under the rule, [3JA]
Failed of passage, [24JA]

S. Res. 6—A resolution to modify extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [3JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JA]
Held over, under the rule, [3JA]

S. Res. 7—A resolution to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for Mr. Lautenberg), [3JA]
Cosponsors added, [22JA], [23JA]
Held over, under the rule, [3JA]

S. Res. 8—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress holds the sole authority to borrow money on the credit of the United States and shall not cede this power to the President; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, and Mr. Cornyn), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [24JA], [7FE]

S. Res. 9—A resolution designating January 2013 as ''National Mentoring Month''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Lautenberg, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Wyden), [23JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [28JA]

S. Res. 10—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and its actions relating to the Stanford Financial Group fraud; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. Res. 11—A resolution expressing support for prayer at school board meetings; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [23JA]

S. Res. 12—A resolution recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Warren, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Harkin), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [29JA], [31JA], [14FE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [14FE]
Placed on the calendar, [14FE]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [11MR]

S. Res. 13—A resolution congratulating the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for 100 years of service to communities throughout the United States and the world, and commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for its promotion of sisterhood, scholarship, and service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Warner, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [24JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [30JA]

S. Res. 14—A resolution raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by designating January 2013 as ''National Stalking Awareness Month''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Franken), [24JA]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [29JA]

S. Res. 15—A resolution to improve procedures for the consideration of legislation and nominations in the Senate.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. Levin, and Mr. McCain), [24JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24JA]

S. Res. 16—A resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Levin, and Mr. McCain), [24JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24JA]

S. Res. 17—A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.
By Mr. REID, [24JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24JA]

S. Res. 18—A resolution making minority party appointments for the 113th Congress.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [24JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24JA]

S. Res. 19—A resolution congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide for winning the 2012 Bowl Championship Series National Championship.
By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. Sessions), [28JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [28JA]

S. Res. 20—A resolution designating Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. REID, [29JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [29JA]

S. Res. 21—A resolution designating February 14, 2013, as ''National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG, [30JA]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [14FE]

S. Res. 22—A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Johanns), [30JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [30JA]

S. Res. 23—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a postage stamp should be issued to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon landing on Florida; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. NELSON, [31JA]

S. Res. 24—A resolution commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thune, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Warner, Mr. Heller, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Coburn, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Brown, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Alexander, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Begich, Mr. Vitter, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Moran, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Wicker, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [31JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JA]

S. Res. 25—A resolution honoring Gonzaga University on its 125th anniversary.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for Mrs. Murray (for herself and Ms. Cantwell)), [31JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JA]

S. Res. 26—A resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [7FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [14FE], [27FE], [4MR], [5MR], [7MR], [8AP], [20MY], [7JN], [24JN], [29OC], [12NO], [21NO]

S. Res. 27—A resolution designating the week of February 4 through 8, 2013, as ''National School Counseling Week''.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Levin), [7FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7FE]

S. Res. 28—A resolution to provide sufficient time for legislation to be read; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. PAUL, [11FE]

S. Res. 29—A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.
By Mr. REID, [12FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12FE]

S. Res. 30—A resolution establishing the Committee to Reduce Government Waste; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Enzi), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE]

S. Res. 31—A resolution celebrating Black History Month.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Franken, Ms. Landrieu, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Cardin,

Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Levin, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Coons, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Begich, Mr. Manchin, Mrs. Hagan, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Casey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Portman, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Warner, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Cowan, and Mr. Reed), [13FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13FE]

S. Res. 32—A resolution congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [13FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13FE]

S. Res. 33—A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of Emporia State University.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [13FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13FE]

S. Res. 34—A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of Kansas State University.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. Moran), [13FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13FE]

S. Res. 35—A resolution congratulating the Baltimore Ravens for winning Super Bowl XLVII.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [14FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [14FE]

S. Res. 36—A resolution recognizing February 19, 2013 as the centennial of Mosaic, a faith-based organization that was founded in Nebraska and now serves more than 3,600 individuals with intellectual disabilities in 10 States.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Grassley), [14FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [14FE]

S. Res. 37—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in disapproving the proposal of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Franken, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Levin), [14FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [20MR]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [22MR]

S. Res. 38—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN, [25FE]
Reported (no written report), [25FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 39—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship for March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013; from the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [25FE]
Reported (no written report), [25FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 40—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [25FE]
Reported (no written report), [25FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 41—A resolution supporting the designation of March 2013, as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Cardin), [25FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [25FE]

S. Res. 42—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services; from the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. LEVIN, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 43—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration; from the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Placed on the calendar, [26FE]

S. Res. 44—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 45—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate; from the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 46—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary; from the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 47—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Ms. STABENOW, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 48—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 49—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging; from the Special Committee on Aging.
By Mr. NELSON, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 50—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence; from the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 51—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 52—An original resolution authorizing expenditure by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; from the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. CANTWELL, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 53—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget; from the Committee on the Budget.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 54—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 55—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN, [26FE]
Reported (no written report), [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 56—A resolution recognizing the significance of the 100th anniversary of the death of Harriet Tubman.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Portman, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Brown), [26FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26FE]

S. Res. 57—A resolution designating February 28, 2013, as ''Rare Disease Day''.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Pryor, and Mrs. Hagan), [26FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26FE]

S. Res. 58—A resolution authorizing the reporting of committee funding resolutions for the period March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [27FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [27FE]

S. Res. 59—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS, [27FE]
Reported (no written report), [27FE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [25FE]

S. Res. 60—A resolution supporting women's reproductive health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Blumenthal), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [6MR], [19MR], [18AP], [18JN], [17SE]

S. Res. 61—A resolution designating March 1, 2013, as ''Read Across America Day''.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. Collins), [27FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [27FE]

S. Res. 62—A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [27FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [27FE]

S. Res. 63—A resolution encouraging the Navy to commission the *USS Somerset* (LPD–25) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Casey), [28FE]

S. Res. 64—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013; from the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [28FE]
Reported (no written report), [28FE]
Placed on the calendar, [28FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [5MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–41), [13JN]

S. Res. 65—A resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Casey, Mr. Hoeven, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Collins, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Brown, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Portman, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Lautenberg), [28FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [6MR], [11MR], [12MR], [13MR], [14MR], [18MR], [19MR], [20MR], [22MR], [9AP], [15AP], [16AP], [17AP], [18AP], [23AP], [24AP], [7MY], [13MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [17AP]
Placed on the calendar, [17AP]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [22MY]

S. Res. 66—A resolution designating the first week of April 2013 as ''National Asbestos Awareness Week''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Isakson), [28FE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [18MR]

S. Res. 67—A resolution designating April 5, 2013, as ''Gold Star Wives Day''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Sanders), [5MR]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [20MR]

S. Res. 68—A resolution congratulating the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [6MR]

S. Res. 69—A resolution calling for the protections of religious minority rights and freedoms in the Arab world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. INHOFE, [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [30JY]

S. Res. 70—A resolution designating the last full week of July 2013 as ''National Moth Week'', recognizing the importance of moths in the United States, and recognizing the value of National Moth Week for promoting the conservation of moths and increasing the awareness, study, and appreciation of moths, their incredible biodiversity, and their importance to ecosystem health; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [7MR]
Cosponsors added, [9AP]

S. Res. 71—A resolution designating the week of March 4 through March 8, 2013, as ''Military and Veterans Caregiver Week''.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Sanders), [7MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7MR]

S. Res. 72—A resolution to observe the contributions of the American Chiropractic Association and to recognize the 50th anniversary of the founding of the organization.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [7MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7MR]

S. Res. 73—A resolution designating March 11, 2013, as ''World Plumbing Day''.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Boozman, and Mrs. Murray), [7MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7MR]

S. Res. 74—A resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Begich, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Lautenberg, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Whitehouse), [11MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [11MR]

S. Res. 75—A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [18MR], [8AP], [18AP], [15MY], [20MY], [21MY], [3JN], [6JN], [11JN], [19JN], [27JN], [18JY], [23JY], [10SE], [12SE], [2OC], [7OC], [28OC], [7NO], [17DE], [20DE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [18DE]
Placed on the calendar, [18DE]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [20DE]

S. Res. 76—A resolution designating room S–126 of the United States Capitol as the ''Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room'' in recognition of his service to the Senate and the people of the United States.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [13MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13MR]

S. Res. 77—A resolution expressing the sense of Congress relating to the commemoration of the 180th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [20MR], [21MR]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [9AP]

S. Res. 78—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Begich, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [18MR]
Cosponsors added, [9MY]

S. Res. 79—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. Landrieu), [18MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [18MR]

S. Res. 80—A resolution expressing support for the designation of March 2013 as ''National Middle Level Education Month''; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [19MR]

S. Res. 81—A resolution commemorating March 19, 2013, as the 40th anniversary of National Ag Day.
By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Chambliss, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Coons), [19MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [19MR]

S. Res. 82—A resolution commemorating the 30th anniversary of the proposal for the Strategic Defense Initiative; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Sessions, and Ms. Ayotte), [20MR]

S. Res. 83—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Brown, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Blumenthal), [20MR]

S. Res. 84—A resolution recognizing the 192nd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Casey, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Levin, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Reed, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Carper, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Begich, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Enzi), [20MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [20MR]

S. Res. 85—A resolution designating April 2013 as ''National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month''.
By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [20MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [20MR]

S. Res. 86—A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Heinrich, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [21MR]

S. Res. 87—A resolution designating April 4, 2013, as ''National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. Pryor), [21MR]

S. Res. 88—A resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [21MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [21MR]

S. Res. 89—A resolution designating March 25, 2013, as ''National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day''.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Casey), [21MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [21MR]

S. Res. 90—A resolution standing with the people of Kenya following their national and local elections on March 4, 2013, and urging a peaceful and credible resolution of electoral disputes in the courts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Flake), [22MR]
Cosponsors added, [18AP]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [17AP]
Placed on the calendar, [17AP]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [22AP]
Title amended, [22AP]

S. Res. 91—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Blumenthal), [22MR]
Cosponsors added, [6MY]

S. Res. 92—An original resolution authorizing the expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary; from the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY, [8AP]
Reported (no written report), [5AP]
Placed on the calendar, [5AP]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [8AP]

S. Res. 93—A resolution designating April 4, 2013, as ''National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day''.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. Pryor), [8AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [8AP]

S. Res. 94—A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the *U.S.S. Thresher* (SSN 593).
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Collins, and Mr. King), [9AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9AP]

S. Res. 95—A resolution recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, the contributions of these brave men and women who protect the public safety, and expressing support for the designation of April 18, 2013, as National Lineman Appreciation Day.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [10AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [10AP]

S. Res. 96—A resolution recognizing the celebration of National Student Employment Week at the University of Minnesota Duluth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR, [11AP]

S. Res. 97—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Food and Drug Administration should encourage the use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. McConnell), [15AP]
Cosponsors added, [16AP]

S. Res. 98—A resolution honoring the life, legacy, and example of British Prime Minister Baroness Margaret Thatcher.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [16AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16AP]

S. Res. 99—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended

for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Levin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Begich, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Schatz), [16AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [16AP]

S. Res. 100—A resolution commending and congratulating the University of Louisville men's basketball team for winning its third Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association championship, and the University of Louisville women's basketball team for being runner up in the 2013 Women's Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Paul), [16AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [16AP]

S. Res. 101—A resolution condemning the horrific attacks in Boston, Massachusetts, and expressing support, sympathy, and prayers for those impacted by this tragedy.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [17AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [17AP]

S. Res. 102—A resolution expressing support for the designation of Saint Louis, Missouri, as the ''National Chess Capital'' of the United States to enhance awareness of the educational benefits of chess and to encourage schools and community centers to engage in chess programs to promote problem-solving, critical thinking, spatial awareness, and goal setting; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [18AP]

S. Res. 103—A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Steve Schonberg v. Senator Mitch McConnell, et al.

By Mr. REID, [18AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [18AP]

S. Res. 104—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Lautenberg), [22AP]

S. Res. 105—A resolution designating April 2013 as ''Financial Literacy Month''.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Barrasso, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Warren, Mr. Franken, Mr. Coons, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Warner, and Ms. Landrieu), [23AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [23AP]

S. Res. 106—A resolution commending rehabilitation counselors and supporting the goals and ideals of National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Chambliss), [23AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [23AP]

S. Res. 107—A resolution honoring military children during the National Month of the Military Child.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Heller, Mr. Manchin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Pryor, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Warner, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Chambliss), [23AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [23AP]

S. Res. 108—A resolution designating April 2013 as ''National 9-1-1 Education Month''.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Burr), [23AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [23AP]

S. Res. 109—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should leave no member of the Armed Forces unaccounted for during the drawdown of forces in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Casey, and Mr. McConnell), [24AP]

Cosponsors added, [19JN]

S. Res. 110—A resolution to prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [24AP]

S. Res. 111—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. Lautenberg (for himself, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Blunt)), [24AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [24AP]

S. Res. 112—A resolution commending employees of the Senate Post Office, employees of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, members of the Capitol Police, and members of the Capitol Hill community for their courage and professionalism following the biochemical attack against the Senate on April 16, 2013.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wyden), [24AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [24AP]

S. Res. 113—A resolution designating April 23, 2013 as ''National Adopt a Library Day''.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Ms. Collins), [24AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [24AP]

S. Res. 114—A resolution to authorize testimony, documents, and representations in United States v. Renzi, et al.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [24AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [24AP]

S. Res. 115—A resolution commending the heroism, courage, and sacrifice of Sean Collier, an officer in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Police Department, Martin Richard, an 8-year-old resident of Dorchester, Massachusetts, Krystle Campbell, a native of Medford, Massachusetts, Lu Lingzi, a student at Boston University, and all the victims who are recovering from injuries caused by the attacks in Boston, Massachusetts, including Richard Donohue, Jr., an officer in the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Transit Police Department.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [25AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [25AP]

S. Res. 116—A resolution designating September 26, 2013, as ''National Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day''.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Ms. Klobuchar), [25AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [25AP]

S. Res. 117—A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Franken), [25AP]

S. Res. 118—A resolution supporting the designation of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Johanns), [25AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [25AP]

S. Res. 119—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day.

By Mr. COONS (for Mr. Wicker (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Isakson, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Lautenberg, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Brown)), [25AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [25AP]

S. Res. 120—A resolution supporting the mission and goals of 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of, and services available to assist, victims and survivors of crime in the United States.

By Mr. LEAHY (for Mr. Wicker (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Grassley)), [25AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [25AP]

S. Res. 121—A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2013, as ''Silver Star Service Banner Day''.

By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [25AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [25AP]

S. Res. 122—A resolution recognizing the historic significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Reid, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Cruz), [25AP]

Agreed to in the Senate, [25AP]

S. Res. 123—A resolution congratulating the University of Minnesota women's ice hockey team on winning its second straight National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Ice Hockey Championship.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [25AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [25AP]

S. Res. 124—A resolution to authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [25AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [25AP]

S. Res. 125—A resolution designating April 30, 2013, as ''Dia de los Ninos—Celebrating Young Americans''.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Lautenberg), [25AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [25AP]

S. Res. 126—A resolution recognizing the teachers of the United States for their contributions to the development and progress of our country; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REID (for Mr. Lautenberg), [25AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [7MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [8MY]

S. Res. 127—A resolution commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the loss of the State symbol of New Hampshire, the Old Man of the Mountain; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. Shaheen), [25AP]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [7MY]

S. Res. 128—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that supporting seniors and individuals with disabilities is an important responsibility of the United States, and that a comprehensive approach to expanding and supporting a strong home care workforce and making long-term services and supports affordable and accessible in communities is necessary to uphold the right of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the United States to a dignified quality of life; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [10SE], [6NO]

S. Res. 129—A resolution recognizing the significance of May 2013 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Heller, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Warner, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Cardin), [6MY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [23MY]

S. Res. 130—A resolution designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2013, as ''National Physical Education and Sport Week''.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Thune), [7MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7MY]

S. Res. 131—A resolution recommending the designation of a Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate the successes and shortcomings of the implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to provide policy recommendations, and to report back to Congress within one year; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. BEGICH, [8MY]

S. Res. 132—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Department of Defense request for domestic Base Realignment and Closure authority in 2015 and 2017 is neither affordable nor feasible as of the date of agreement to this resolution and that the Department of Defense must further analyze the capability to consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and increase efficiencies by relocating missions from overseas to domestic installations prior to requesting domestic Base Realignment and Closure authority; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Baucus), [8MY]

S. Res. 133—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Burr, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Thune, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Paul, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Chambliss, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Graham), [8MY]
Cosponsors added, [9MY], [14MY], [16MY]
Objection is heard, [8MY], [16MY]

S. Res. 134—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that all incidents of abusive, unsanitary, or illegal health care practices should be condemned and prevented and the perpetrators should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Franken), [8MY]
Objection is heard, [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [23MY]

S. Res. 135—A resolution designating the week of October 7 through October 13, 2013, as ''Naturopathic Medicine Week'' to recognize the value of naturopathic medicine in providing safe, effective, and affordable health care; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. MIKULSKI, [9MY]

S. Res. 136—A resolution recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty of 1953, and congratulating Park Geun-Hye on her election to the Presidency of the Republic of Korea.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Begich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Murphy), [9MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9MY]

S. Res. 137—A resolution designating May 2013 as ''Older Americans Month''.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Coons), [9MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9MY]

S. Res. 138—A resolution congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 14th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be celebrated the week of May 5 through May 11, 2013.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Burr, Mr. Carper, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cruz, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. McConnell), [9MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9MY]

S. Res. 139—A resolution celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Casey, Mr. Franken, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Warren, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Levin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tester, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Coons, Mr. Blumenthal, and Ms. Heitkamp), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [16MY]

S. Res. 140—A resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifices made by the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Toomey), [14MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [14MY]

S. Res. 141—A resolution recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Warner, Mr. Heller, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Reid, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Scott, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Blunt), [14MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [14MY]

S. Res. 142—A resolution designating May 15, 2013, as ''National MPS Awareness Day''.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Begich, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Murkowski, and Mrs. Boxer), [15MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [15MY]

S. Res. 143—A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [16MY]
Reported (no written report), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [18JN]

S. Res. 144—A resolution concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts supporting long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Isakson), [16MY]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [25JN]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [26JN]

S. Res. 145—A resolution promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2013 to bring attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations such as American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [16MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16MY]

S. Res. 146—A resolution designating the week of May 12 through May 18, 2013, as ''National Police Week''.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Sessions, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Coons, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Menendez), [16MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16MY]

S. Res. 147—A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Begich, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Levin, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Hoeven, and Mr. Nelson), [16MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16MY]

S. Res. 148—A resolution designating May 18, 2013, as ''National Kids to Parks Day''.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Wyden), [16MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16MY]

S. Res. 149—A resolution designating the week of May 19 through May 25, 2013, as ''National Public Works Week''.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. Barrasso), [20MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [20MY]

S. Res. 150—A resolution to designate the year 2013 as the ''International Year of Statistics''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. HAGAN, [21MY]

S. Res. 151—A resolution urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Menendez), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [11JN], [13JN], [18JN], [24JN], [25JN], [9JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [9JY]

S. Res. 152—A resolution designating November 28, 2013, as ''National Holoprosencephaly Awareness Day'' to increase awareness and education of the disorder; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COWAN, [22MY]

S. Res. 153—A resolution recognizing the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [27JN], [25JY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [29JY]

S. Res. 154—A resolution supporting political reform in Iran and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN], [4JN], [7JN], [10JN], [11JN], [12JN], [13JN]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [13JN]
Title amended, [13JN]

S. Res. 155—A resolution recognizing the City of Erie, Pennsylvania, for its critical role in the development and construction of the fleet of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry during the War of 1812; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CASEY, [23MY]

S. Res. 156—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the 10-year anniversary of NATO Allied Command Transformation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. WARNER, [23MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [24JY]
Placed on the calendar, [24JY]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [31JY]

S. Res. 157—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Enzi, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Thune), [23MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [6JN], [17JN], [19JN], [11JY], [15JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–130), [19DE]
Placed on the calendar, [19DE]

S. Res. 158—A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [23MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23MY]

S. Res. 159—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the targeting of Tea Party groups by the Internal Revenue Service and calling for an investigation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PAUL, [4JN]

S. Res. 160—A resolution relative to the memorial observances of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey.
By Mr. REID, [4JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [4JN]

S. Res. 161—A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, Senator from the State of New Jersey.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [4JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [4JN]

S. Res. 162—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2013 as ''National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month''.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Murphy), [4JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [4JN]

S. Res. 163—A resolution calling for more accountable foreign assistance for Cambodia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [7JN]

S. Res. 164—A resolution designating October 30, 2013, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [11JN], [19JN], [8JY], [30JY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [18SE]

S. Res. 165—A resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Murphy), [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [13JN], [25JN], [26JN], [15JY], [30JY], [17SE], [7NO]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [18NO]

S. Res. 166—A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and commending its successor, the African Union; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Flake), [10JN]
Reported (no written report), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26JN]

S. Res. 167—A resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States for the peaceful resolution of territorial, sovereignty, and jurisdictional disputes in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Cardin), [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [11JN], [25JN]
Reported (no written report), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [29JY]

S. Res. 168—A resolution designating June 2013 as ''National Aphasia Awareness Month'' and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia.
By Mr. Johnson of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [12JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12JN]

S. Res. 169—A resolution designating the month of June 2013 as ''National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month''.
By Ms. Heitkamp (for herself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Tester, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Begich, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Franken, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Moran, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Heller, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Hoeven, and Mr. Brown), [12JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12JN]

S. Res. 170—A resolution commemorating John Lewis on the 50th anniversary of his chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ISAKSON, [13JN]
Cosponsors added, [19JN]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [19JN]

S. Res. 171—A resolution designating June 15, 2013, as ''World Elder Abuse Awareness Day''.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Nelson), [13JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13JN]

S. Res. 172—A resolution designating the first Wednesday in September 2013 as ''National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day'' and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUNT, [17JN]
Cosponsors added, [18JN], [20JN], [21JN]

S. Res. 173—A resolution designating September 2013 as ''National Child Awareness Month'' to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Coburn, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Durbin), [18JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [18JN]

S. Res. 174—A resolution designating June 20, 2013, as ''American Eagle Day'', and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Corker), [18JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [18JN]

S. Res. 175—A resolution observing Juneteenth Independence Day, June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery finally came to an end in the United States.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Harkin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Brown, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Hagan, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Coons, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Warner, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cruz, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Risch, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Wicker, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Begich, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Ms. Warren), [19JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [19JN]

S. Res. 176—A resolution designating July 12, 2013, as ''Collector Car Appreciation Day'' and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Burr), [19JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [19JN]

S. Res. 177—A resolution honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business concerns in the United

States during National Small Business Week, which begins on June 17, 2013.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Levin, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Heitkamp, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Hoeven, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Begich, Mr. Portman, Mr. Casey, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Brown, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Warner, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Coons, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Carper, Mr. King, Ms. Warren, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Thune, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Tester), [19JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [19JN]

S. Res. 178—A resolution honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the agency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Grassley), [20JN]

S. Res. 179—A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.

By Mr. REID, [20JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [20JN]

S. Res. 180—A resolution making minority party appointments for the 113th Congress.

By Mr. McCONNELL, [20JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [20JN]

S. Res. 181—A resolution recognizing the sesquicentennial of West Virginia and commemorating its history, people, and culture.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [21JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [21JN]

S. Res. 182—A resolution congratulating the American Dental Hygienist's Association on the 100th anniversary of the progession of dental hygiene and commending its work to improve the oral health of the people of the United States.

By Mr. CARDIN (For himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Harkin, Mr. King, and Mr. Brown), [21JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [21JN]

S. Res. 183—A resolution commemorating the relaunching of the 172-year-old Charles W. Morgan by Mystic SeaportT—The Museum of America and the Sea; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [24JN]

Cosponsors added, [15JY]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [17JY]

S. Res. 184—A resolution recognizing refugee women and girls on World Refugee Day.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. Landrieu, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Warren, Ms. Hirono, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Heitkamp, and Ms. Stabenow), [24JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [24JN]

S. Res. 185—A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of R. Wayne Patterson v. United States Senate, et. al.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [24JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [24JN]

S. Res. 186—A resolution congratulating the Miami Heat for winning the 2013 National Basketball Association Finals.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [25JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [25JN]

S. Res. 187—A resolution congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2013 Stanley Cup.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [26JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [26JN]

S. Res. 188—A resolution recognizing June 30, 2013, as the centennial of the Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental highway, which originally spanned 3,389 miles through 13 states, including the great State of Nebraska.

By Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Kirk), [26JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [26JN]

S. Res. 189—A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable William Dodd Hathaway, former United States Senator for the State of Maine.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Chiesa, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [26JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [26JN]

S. Res. 190—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that foreign assistance for child welfare should adhere to the goals of the United States Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Ms. Landrieu), [27JN]

S. Res. 191—A resolution designating July 27, 2013, as ''National Day of the American Cowboy''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Johanns, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Reid, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Tester), [27JN]

Cosponsors added, [9JY]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [11JY]

S. Res. 192—A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and the significance of this battle in the history of the United States.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [27JN]

Agreed to in the Senate, [27JN]

S. Res. 193—A resolution honoring the fallen heroes of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Flake), [10JY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [10JY]

S. Res. 194—A resolution congratulating the 1963 men's basketball team of Loyola University Chicago on its induction into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, the 50th anniversary of the team's Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball championship, and the team's historic NCAA tournament game against Mississippi State University; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Wicker), [10JY]

S. Res. 195—A resolution to authorize testimony and representation In the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [15JY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [15JY]

S. Res. 196—A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.

By Mr. REID, [16JY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [16JY]

S. Res. 197—A resolution recommending the posthumous award of the Navy Cross to Lieutenant Thomas M. Conway of Waterbury, Connecticut; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MURPHY, [17JY]

Cosponsors added, [18JY]

S. Res. 198—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of the Russian Federation should turn over Edward Snowden to United States authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [18JY]

Cosponsors added, [23JY]

S. Res. 199—A resolution celebrating the 200th August Quarterly Festival taking place from August 18, 2013, through August 25, 2013, in Wilmington, Delaware; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COONS, [25JY]

Cosponsors added, [30JY]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [1AU]

S. Res. 200—A resolution designating July 26, 2013, as ''United States Intelligence Professionals Day''.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Burr, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Risch, Mr. King, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Coats, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coburn, and Ms. Hirono), [25JY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [25JY]

S. Res. 201—A resolution designating the first Wednesday in September 2013 as ''National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day'' and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Rubio), [25JY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [25JY]

S. Res. 202—A resolution designating July 30, 2013, as ''National Whistleblower Appreciation Day''.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. Levin), [30JY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [30JY]

S. Res. 203—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Heinrich), [30JY]

Cosponsors added, [11SE], [2OC], [30OC], [31OC], [13NO]

S. Res. 204—A resolution designating August 7, 2013, as ''National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day''.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. Collins), [30JY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [30JY]

S. Res. 205—A resolution expressing support for the designation of September 2013 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Collins, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Hagan, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Moran, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Whitehouse), [30JY]

Agreed to in the Senate, [30JY]

S. Res. 206—A resolution designating September 2013 as ''National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month''.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Shelby, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Moran, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. King), [30JY]

Cosponsors added, [1AU]

Agreed to in the Senate, [30JY]

S. Res. 207—A resolution designating August 16, 2013, as ''National Airborne Day''.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Begich, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Reid, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Tester, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Moran, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Collins, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Burr, Mr. Casey, and Mrs. Murray), [31JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]

S. Res. 208—A resolution designating the week beginning September 8, 2013, as ''National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week''.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Warren, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Brown, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Murphy), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [1AU]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]

S. Res. 209—A resolution remembering the anniversary of the tragic shooting on August 5, 2012, at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin in Oak Creek, Wisconsin.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cornyn, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [31JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]

S. Res. 210—A resolution recognizing and honoring Robert S. Mueller, III, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, and Ms. Hirono), [31JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]

S. Res. 211—A resolution designating September 2013 as ''National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month''.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [31JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]

S. Res. 212—A resolution commending David J. Schiappa.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Chiesa, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [1AU]
Agreed to in the Senate, [1AU]

S. Res. 213—A resolution expressing support for the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy in Venezuela and condemning violence and intimidation against the country's political opposition; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Kirk), [1AU]
Cosponsors added, [9SE], [27SE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [30SE]
Placed on the calendar, [30SE]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [4OC]

S. Res. 214—A resolution designating the week of October 13, 2013, through October 19, 2013, as ''National Case Management Week'' to recognize the value of case management in improving healthcare outcomes for patients; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [1AU]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [27SE]

S. Res. 215—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federal Government should not bail out any State; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Coats, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Shelby), [1AU]

S. Res. 216—A resolution electing Laura C. Dove, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [1AU]
Agreed to in the Senate, [1AU]

S. Res. 217—A resolution expressing support for designation of October 6, 2013, through October 10, 2013, as ''American College of Surgeons Days'' and recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the organization.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Durbin), [1AU]
Agreed to in the Senate, [1AU]

S. Res. 218—A resolution honoring the legacy of A. Philip Randolph and saluting his efforts on behalf of the people of the United States to form ''a more perfect union''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. NELSON, [9SE]

S. Res. 219—A resolution calling for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried before the International Criminal Court for committing war crimes and crimes against humanity; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN, [9SE]

S. Res. 220—A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Wade v. Miller, et al.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [9SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9SE]

S. Res. 221—A resolution designating the week of October 7 through October 13, 2013, as ''Naturopathic Medicine Week'' to recognize the value of naturopathic medicine in providing safe, effective, and affordable health care.
By Ms. MIKULSKI, [10SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [10SE]

S. Res. 222—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Save for Retirement Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles and increasing personal financial literacy.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [11SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [11SE]

S. Res. 223—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary from the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY, [12SE]
Reported (no written report), [12SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 224—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, [12SE]
Reported (no written report), [12SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 225—A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should establish a joint select committee to investigate and report on the attack on the United States diplomatic facility and American personnel in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Paul, Mr. Scott, Mr. Lee, Mr. Inhofe, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Portman, Mr. Coburn, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Heller, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Burr, Mr. Graham, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Cochran), [12SE]
Cosponsors added, [19SE], [23SE]

S. Res. 226—A resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of James Cleveland ''Jesse'' Owens and honoring him for his accomplishments and steadfast commitment to promoting the civil rights of all people; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Sessions), [12SE]

S. Res. 227—A resolution to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the heroic rescue of Danish Jews during the Second World War by the Danish people; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [4OC]
Reported (no written report), [30SE]
Placed on the calendar, [30SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [4OC]

S. Res. 228—An original resolution authorizing the reporting of committee funding resolutions for the period October 1, 2013, through February 28, 2015; from the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [17SE]
Reported (no written report), [17SE]
Placed on the calendar, [17SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3OC]

S. Res. 229—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration; from the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [17SE]
Reported (no written report), [17SE]
Placed on the calendar, [17SE]

S. Res. 230—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Ms. STABENOW, [17SE]
Reported (no written report), [17SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 231—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN, [17SE]
Reported (no written report), [17SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 232—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services; from the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. LEVIN, [17SE]
Reported (no written report), [17SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 233—An original resolution authorizing expendures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. RUBIO, [17SE]
Reported (no written report), [17SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 234—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER, [17SE]
Reported (no written report), [17SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 235—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship for October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and October 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015; from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [17SE]
Reported (no written report), [17SE]

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 236—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works; from the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER, [17SE]
Reported (no written report), [17SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 237—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [18SE]
Reported (no written report), [18SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 238—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN, [18SE]
Reported (no written report), [18SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 239—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; from the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. CANTWELL, [18SE]
Reported (no written report), [18SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 240—A resolution designating the week beginning September 15, 2013, as ''National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week''.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Warner, Mr. Heller, and Mr. Enzi), [18SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [18SE]

S. Res. 241—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging; from the Special Committee on Aging.
By Mr. NELSON, [19SE]
Reported (no written report), [19SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 242—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of ''Growth Awareness Week''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KIRK, [19SE]

S. Res. 243—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS, [19SE]
Reported (no written report), [19SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 244—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [19SE]
Reported (no written report), [19SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 245—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence; from the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [19SE]
Reported (no written report), [19SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 246—A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Reed, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Warner, Mr. Brown, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Heller, Mr. Casey, Ms. Warren, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Cardin), [19SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [19SE]
Cosponsors added, [24SE]

S. Res. 247—A resolution designating the week of September 16 through September 20, 2013, as ''National Health Information Technology Week'' to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. Thune), [19SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [19SE]

S. Res. 248—A resolution designating September 22, 2013, as ''National Falls Prevention Awareness Day'' to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Franken, Mr. Coons, Mr. Markey, Mr. King, and Mr. Casey), [19SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [19SE]

S. Res. 249—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance; from the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS, [19SE]
Reported (no written report), [19SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 250—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget; from the Committee on the Budget.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [19SE]
Reported (no written report), [19SE]
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, [12SE]

S. Res. 251—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Preventive Services Task Force should reevaluate its recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer for men in all age groups in consultation with appropriate specialists; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SESSIONS, [23SE]
Cosponsors added, [30OC], [6NO], [7NO]

S. Res. 252—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on steps the Government of Iran must take before President Obama meets with the President of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CRUZ, [24SE]
Cosponsors added, [17DE]

S. Res. 253—An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and October 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015; from the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [24SE]
Reported (no written report), [24SE]
Placed on the calendar, [24SE]
Written report (S. Rept. 113–116) submitted, [5NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3OC]

S. Res. 254—A resolution designating November 2, 2013, as ''National Bison Day''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Lee, Mr. Moran, Mr. Portman, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Roberts), [24SE]
Cosponsors added, [24SE], [8OC], [28OC], [29OC]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [29OC]

S. Res. 255—A resolution welcoming the Prime Minister of India to the United States for meetings to advance the United States-India partnership.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Kirk), [24SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24SE]

S. Res. 256—A resolution designating the week of September 23 through 29, 2013, as ''National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week''.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Warren, Mr. King, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Collins, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Baucus), [24SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24SE]

S. Res. 257—A resolution designating October 3, 2013, as ''Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day''.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Begich, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Bennet), [24SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24SE]

S. Res. 258—A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Infant Mortality Awareness Month, 2013.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Menendez), [24SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24SE]

S. Res. 259—A resolution designating September 2013 as ''Campus Fire Safety Month''.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Carper), [24SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24SE]

S. Res. 260—A resolution recognizing the month of October 2013 as ''National Principals Month''.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Warner, and Mrs. Feinstein), [24SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24SE]

S. Res. 261—A resolution designating the week beginning September 23, 2013, as ''National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week''.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Casey, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Burr, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Sessions), [26SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26SE]
Cosponsors added, [30SE]

S. Res. 262—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of suicide prevention awareness.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Begich, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Chambliss, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Tester), [26SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26SE]
Cosponsors added, [27SE]

S. Res. 263—A resolution designating the week of September 23 through September 29, 2013, as ''National Estuaries Week''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Warner, Ms. Collins, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Coons, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. King, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Begich, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Markey, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Landrieu, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Ms. Warren), [26SE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [13DE]

S. Res. 264—A resolution to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in State of Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [1OC]
Agreed to in the Senate, [1OC]

S. Res. 265—A resolution expressing support for the individuals impacted by the senseless attack at the Washington Navy Yard, and commending and thanking members of the military, law enforcement officers, first responders, and civil servants for their courage and professionalism.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Levin, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer,

Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Chiesa, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [4OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [4OC]

S. Res. 266—A resolution designating the week of October 7 through 13, 2013, as ''National Chess Week'' to enhance awareness and encourage students and adults to engage in a game known to enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Levin), [4OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [4OC]

S. Res. 267—A resolution relative to the death of Rod Grams, former United States Senator for the State of Minnesota.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Chiesa, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [9OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [9OC]

S. Res. 268—A resolution condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and Reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Flake), [11OC]

Cosponsors added, [30OC], [31OC]

Reported (no written report), [31OC]

Placed on the calendar, [31OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [6NO]

S. Res. 269—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on United States policy regarding possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities by the Islamic Republic of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [16OC]

Cosponsors added, [28OC], [4NO], [18NO]

S. Res. 270—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Begich, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Murphy), [16OC]

Cosponsors added, [28OC], [29OC], [12NO], [18NO]

S. Res. 271—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that United States military assistance for Cambodia should be suspended until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the July 28, 2013, parliamentary elections, and election reforms are being implemented by the Government of Cambodia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRAHAM, [16OC]

S. Res. 272—A resolution designating the week beginning October 20, 2013, as ''National Character Counts Week''.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Levin, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Enzi, and Ms. Landrieu), [16OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [16OC]

S. Res. 273—A resolution designating October 26, 2013, as ''Day of the Deployed''.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Tester, and Ms. Heitkamp), [16OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [16OC]

S. Res. 274—A resolution supporting Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 17, 2013.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Cochran, and Mrs. Feinstein), [16OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [16OC]

S. Res. 275—A resolution designating October 29, 2013, as ''National Technological Innovation Day'' to recognize that technological innovation is critical to the United States economy and commemorating the contributions of innovation to prosperity in the United States and abroad.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Isakson), [28OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [28OC]

S. Res. 276—A resolution designating October 2013 as ''National Work and Family Month''.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Brown, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Begich, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Cardin), [29OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [29OC]

Cosponsors added, [30OC]

S. Res. 277—A resolution recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Coons), [30OC]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [4NO]

S. Res. 278—A resolution designating October 2013 as ''School Bus Safety Month''.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Rockefeller), [30OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [30OC]

S. Res. 279—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [31OC]

S. Res. 280—A resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the withdrawal of United States combat troops from the Vietnam War and expressing renewed support for United States veterans of that conflict; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. McCain), [31OC]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [7NO]

S. Res. 281—A resolution expressing the sense of the United States Senate that President Obama should issue a statement regarding spying on His Holiness, Pope Francis; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. PAUL, [31OC]

S. Res. 282—A resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Warner, Mr. Coons, Mr. Brown, Mr. Franken, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Begich, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Tester, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Markey, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Ms. Warren, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. Johanns), [31OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [31OC]

S. Res. 283—A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.

By Mr. REID, [31OC]

Agreed to in the Senate, [31OC]

S. Res. 284—A resolution calling on the Government of Iran to immediately release Saeed Abedini and all other individuals detained on account of their religious beliefs; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Paul), [31OC]

Cosponsors added, [6NO], [7NO], [13NO], [14NO]

Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [14NO]

S. Res. 285—A resolution authorizing the Committee on Rules and Administration to prepare a revised edition of the Standing Rules of the Senate as a Senate document.

By Mr. SCHUMER, [4NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [4NO]

S. Res. 286—A resolution congratulating Oracle Team USA for winning the 34th America's Cup.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mrs. Boxer), [5NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [5NO]

S. Res. 287—A resolution congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2013 World Series.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Markey, Mr. Reed, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. King, and Mr. Blumenthal), [5NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [5NO]

Cosponsors added, [6NO]

S. Res. 288—A resolution supporting enhanced maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea and encouraging increased cooperation between the United States and West and Central African countries to fight armed robbery at sea, piracy, and other maritime threats; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. Coons), [6NO]

Reported (no written report), [18DE]

Placed on the calendar, [18DE]

S. Res. 289—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that ambush marketing adversely affects the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams and should be discouraged; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [7NO]

Cosponsors added, [10DE]

S. Res. 290—A resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, or the Night of the Broken Glass.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Hagan, and Mr. Schumer), [12NO]

Agreed to in the Senate, [12NO]

S. Res. 291—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on a nationwide moment of remembrance on Memorial Day each year, in order to appropriately honor United States patriots lost in the pursuit of peace and liberty around the world; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY, [12NO]

S. Res. 292—A resolution expressing support for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines and the

surrounding region; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Begich), [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [14NO]
Reported (no written report), [14NO]
Placed on the calendar, [14NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [14NO]

S. Res. 293—A resolution designating the week beginning on November 18, 2013, as ''National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week''.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Begich, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Tester, Mr. Franken, Mr. Levin, Mr. Moran, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Thune, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Barrasso, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. Heinrich), [13NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13NO]

S. Res. 294—A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Inhofe, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Blunt, Mr. King, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Portman, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Moran, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Cochran), [13NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [19NO]

S. Res. 295—A resolution expressing the support for the designation of October 20, 2013, as the ''National Day on Writing''.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bennet, and Ms. Landrieu), [14NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [14NO]

S. Res. 296—A resolution designating the week beginning on October 13, 2013, as ''National Wildlife Refuge Week''.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Schatz), [14NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [14NO]

S. Res. 297—A resolution congratulating the Minnesota Lynx women's basketball team on winning the 2013 Women's National Basketball Association Championship.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [14NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [14NO]

S. Res. 298—A resolution to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in United States v. Allen.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [18NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [18NO]

S. Res. 299—A resolution congratulating the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee on the celebration of its 100th anniversary and commending its significant contribution to empower and revitalize developing communities around the world; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [9DE], [10DE], [11DE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [13DE]

S. Res. 300—A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [19NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [19NO]

S. Res. 301—A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and implementation of the National Alzheimer's Project Act and the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Markey), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [20NO], [21NO]

S. Res. 302—A resolution designating December 1, 2013, as ''Drive Safer Sunday''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Pryor, and Ms. Collins), [20NO]

S. Res. 303—A resolution declaring that achieving the primary goal of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease of the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025 is an urgent national priority; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Blumenthal), [20NO]

S. Res. 304—A resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the date of the restoration by the Federal Government of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, November 22, 1983.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [20NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [20NO]

S. Res. 305—A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Begich, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Moran, Mr. Reid, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Wyden), [20NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [20NO]

S. Res. 306—A resolution designating Thursday, November 21, 2013, as ''Feed America Day''.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Begich, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Leahy), [20NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [20NO]

S. Res. 307—A resolution permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Burr), [20NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [20NO]

S. Res. 308—A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [20NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [20NO]

S. Res. 309—A resolution expressing support for improvement in the collection, processing, and consumption of recyclable materials throughout the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Casey, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Pryor), [21NO]

S. Res. 310—A resolution designating December 3, 2013, as ''National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [21NO]

S. Res. 311—A resolution calling on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to strongly oppose Russia's discriminatory law against the freedom of expression for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons and to obtain written assurance that host countries of the Olympic Games will uphold all international human rights and civil rights obligations for all persons observing or participating in the Games regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Murphy), [21NO]

S. Res. 312—A resolution calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [9DE]
Reported (no written report), [18DE]
Placed on the calendar, [18DE]

S. Res. 313—A resolution designating November 30, 2013, as ''Small Business Saturday'' and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small business; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coons, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Hatch, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Warner, Mr. Whitehouse, and Ms. Ayotte), [9DE]

S. Res. 314—A resolution commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [10DE]
Cosponsors added, [18DE]
Reported (no written report), [18DE]
Placed on the calendar, [18DE]

S. Res. 315—A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [10DE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [10DE]

S. Res. 316—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. Collins), [10DE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [18DE]

S. Res. 317—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the continuing relationship between the United States and Georgia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [11DE]
Cosponsors added, [12DE], [13DE], [17DE]

S. Res. 318—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Murphy), [11DE]
Cosponsors added, [17DE], [18DE], [19DE]
Reported (no written report), [18DE]
Placed on the calendar, [18DE]

S. Res. 319—A resolution expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovych's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Durbin), [12DE]
Cosponsors added, [13DE], [16DE], [17DE], [18DE], [19DE]
Reported (no written report), [18DE]
Placed on the calendar, [18DE]

S. Res. 320—A resolution designating December 14, 2013, as ''Wreaths Across America Day''.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. King), [13DE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13DE]

S. Res. 321—A resolution honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and expressing condolences on his passing.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Coons, Mr. Flake, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Alexander,

Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [13DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [13DE]

S. Res. 322—A resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate.

By Mr. SCHUMER, [16DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [16DE]

S. Res. 323—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on maintaining the current annual adjustment in retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. McCain, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Ms. Collins, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Portman), [18DE]

S. Res. 324—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the tragic shooting at Los Angeles International Airport on November 1, 2013, of employees of the Transportation Security Administration.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mrs. Feinstein), [18DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [18DE]

Cosponsors added, [19DE]

S. Res. 325—A resolution designating the week of December 22 through December 28, 2013, as ''National Toy Week''.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [20DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [20DE]

S. Res. 326—A resolution congratulating the 2013 Southern New Hampshire University men's soccer team on winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Men's Soccer Championship.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [20DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [20DE]

S. Res. 327—A resolution congratulating Sporting Kansas City for an outstanding 2013 season in Major League Soccer and for winning the Major League Soccer Cup 2013.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [20DE]

Agreed to in the Senate, [20DE]

HOUSE BILLS

H.R. 3—A bill to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22MY]
Received in Senate, [23MY]
Read the first time, [23MY]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [3JN]

H.R. 5—A bill to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [19JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [24JY]

H.R. 41—A bill to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the National Flood Insurance Program.
Passed House, [4JA]
Received in Senate and passed, [4JA]
Presented to the President (January 4, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–1] (signed January 6, 2013)

H.R. 45—A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.
Passed House amended, [16MY]
Received in Senate, [20MY]
Read the first time, [21MY]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [22MY]

H.R. 126—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.
Passed House, [3JN]
Received in Senate, [4JN]
Read the first time, [7JN]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [10JN]

H.R. 152—A bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15JA]
Received in Senate, [22JA]
Read the first time, [22JA]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [28JA]
Passed Senate, [28JA]
Presented to the President (January 29, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–2] (signed January 29, 2013)

H.R. 180—A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.
Passed House amended, [14MY]
Received in Senate, [15MY]
Placed on the calendar, [20DE]

H.R. 185—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the ''Paul Brown United States Courthouse''.
Passed House, [22OC]
Received in Senate, [28OC]
Passed Senate, [17DE]
Presented to the President (December 19, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–58] (signed December 20, 2013)

H.R. 225—A bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions.
Passed House, [4FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [7FE]

H.R. 235—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.
Passed House, [12FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [13FE]

H.R. 251—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [11JN]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [12JN]
Passed Senate, [10JY]
Presented to the President (July 12, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–19] (signed July 18, 2013)

H.R. 253—A bill to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [18JN]

H.R. 254—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project.
Passed House, [9AP]
Received in Senate, [10AP]
Passed Senate, [10JY]
Presented to the President (July 12, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–20] (signed July 18, 2013)

H.R. 255—A bill to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [3DE]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [9DE]

H.R. 258—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.
Passed House amended, [20MY]
Received in Senate, [21MY]
Passed Senate, [22MY]
Presented to the President (May 28, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–12] (signed June 3, 2013)

H.R. 267—A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [13FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [14FE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–38), [13MY]
Placed on the calendar, [13MY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]
Presented to the President (August 6, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–23] (signed August 9, 2013)

H.R. 271—A bill to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [22MY]
Received in Senate, [23MY]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [3JN]

H.R. 273—A bill to eliminate the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees.
Passed House, [15FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25FE]

H.R. 291—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota.
Passed House, [6MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [7MY]

H.R. 297—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.
Passed House, [4FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [7FE]

H.R. 301—A bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.
Passed House amended, [18SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [19SE]

H.R. 307—A bill to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [22JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [23JA]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [14FE]
Passed Senate amended, [27FE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [4MR]
Presented to the President (March 5, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–5] (signed March 13, 2013)

H.R. 313—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to institute spending limits and transparency requirements for Federal conference and travel expenditures, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [31JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [1AU]

H.R. 316—A bill to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.
Passed House, [12FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [13FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–69), [27JN]

H.R. 324—A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.
Passed House amended, [21MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [22MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [27JN]
Presented to the President (July 2, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–16] (signed July 12, 2013)

H.R. 325—A bill to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JA]
Received in Senate, [24JA]
Read the first time, [24JA]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [28JA]
Passed Senate, [31JA]
Presented to the President (February 4, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–3] (signed February 4, 2013)

H.R. 330—A bill to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.
Passed House, [29OC]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [30OC]

H.R. 338—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.
Passed House, [5MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [7MR]

H.R. 356—A bill to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled ''An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes''.
Passed House, [15MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [16MY]

H.R. 360—A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th commemoration of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church where the 4 little Black girls lost their lives, which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.
Passed House amended, [24AP]
Received in Senate, [25AP]
Passed Senate, [9MY]
Presented to the President (May 15, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–11] (signed May 24, 2013)

H.R. 367—A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.
Passed House amended, [2AU]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]

H.R. 384—A bill to establish the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [16MY]

H.R. 444—A bill to require that, if the President's fiscal year 2014 budget does not achieve balance in a fiscal year covered by such budget, the President shall submit a supplemental unified budget by April 1, 2013, which identifies a fiscal year in which balance is achieved, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [6FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Budget, [7FE]

H.R. 475—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines.
Passed House, [18JN]
Received in Senate and passed, [19JN]
Presented to the President (June 21, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–15] (signed June 25, 2013)

H.R. 507—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [6MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [7MY]

H.R. 520—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate, [18JN]
Placed on the calendar, [20DE]

H.R. 527—A bill to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [26AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [6MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [19SE]
House agreed to Senate amendment with an amendment (pursuant to H. Res. 354), [25SE]
Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [26SE]
Presented to the President (September 27, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–40] (signed October 2, 2013)

H.R. 570—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.
Passed House amended, [21MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [22MY]

H.R. 573—A bill to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.
Passed House, [15MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [16MY]

H.R. 588—A bill to provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [6MY]
Received in Senate, [7MY]
Passed Senate amended, [3JN]
House agreed to Senate amendment with an amendment (pursuant to H. Res. 264), [17JN]
Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [10JY]
Presented to the President (July 12, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–21] (signed July 18, 2013)

H.R. 592—A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that houses of worship are eligible for certain disaster relief and emergency assistance on terms equal to other eligible private nonprofit facilities, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [13FE]
Received in Senate, [14FE]
Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [13MR]

H.R. 623—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.
Passed House amended, [29OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [30OC]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [19DE]
Presented to the President (December 23, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–68] (signed December 26, 2013)

H.R. 634—A bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [12JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [13JN]

H.R. 667—A bill to redesignate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range.
Passed House, [25FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [26FE]

H.R. 668—A bill to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [5MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Budget, [7MR]

H.R. 671—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [4JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veteans' Affairs, [6JN]

H.R. 674—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [18JN]

H.R. 678—A bill to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [10AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [15AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–39), [13MY]
Placed on the calendar, [13MY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]
Presented to the President (August 6, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–24] (signed August 9, 2013)

H.R. 697—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [23JY]

H.R. 701—A bill to amend a provision of the Securities Act of 1933 directing the Securities and Exchange Commission to add a particular class of securities to those exempted under such Act to provide a deadline for such action.
Passed House amended, [15MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [16MY]

H.R. 723—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [11JN]
Received in Senate, [12JN]
Placed on the calendar, [20DE]

H.R. 742—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to repeal the indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities under such Acts.
Passed House, [12JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [13JN]

H.R. 749—A bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement.
Passed House, [12MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [13MR]

H.R. 756—A bill to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [17AP]

H.R. 761—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness.
Passed House amended, [18SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [19SE]

H.R. 767—A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project.
Passed House amended, [15MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [16MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [19DE]
Presented to the President (December 23, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–69] (signed December 26, 2013)

H.R. 803—A bill to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century.
Passed House amended, [15MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [18MR]

H.R. 807—A bill to require that the Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.
Passed House amended, [9MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [13MY]

H.R. 850—A bill to impose additional human rights and economic and financial sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [31JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [1AU]

H.R. 862—A bill to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [18JN]

H.R. 876—A bill to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [18JN]

H.R. 882—A bill to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [16AP]

H.R. 885—A bill to expand the boundary of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [4JN]

H.R. 890—A bill to prohibit waivers relating to compliance with the work requirements for the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [13MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [14MR]

H.R. 933—A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [6MR]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [7MR]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [12MR], [13MR]
Motion to proceed to consideration agreed to in the Senate, [13MR]
Considered, [13MR], [14MR], [18MR], [19MR], [20MR]
Senate invoked cloture, [18MR], [20MR]
Passed Senate amended, [20MR]
Title amended, [20MR]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [21MR]
Presented to the President (March 22, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–6] (signed March 26, 2013)

H.R. 967—A bill to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [17AP]

H.R. 982—A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [13NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [14NO]

H.R. 992—A bill to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities.
Passed House, [30OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [31OC]

H.R. 993—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah.
Passed House, [11JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [12JN]

H.R. 1033—A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.
Passed House, [9AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [10AP]

H.R. 1035—A bill to require a study of voluntary community-based flood insurance options and how such options could be incorporated into the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [12MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [13MR]

H.R. 1038—A bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [12JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [13JN]

H.R. 1062—A bill to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders.
Passed House amended, [17MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [20MY]

H.R. 1067—A bill to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements.
Passed House, [23AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [24AP]

H.R. 1068—A bill to enact title 54, United States Code, ''National Park Service and Related Programs'', as positive law.
Passed House amended, [23AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [24AP]

H.R. 1071—A bill to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in the production of the National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative coins.
Passed House, [24AP]
Received in Senate, [25AP]
Passed Senate, [7MY]
Presented to the President (May 9, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–10] (signed May 17, 2013)

H.R. 1073—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [20MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [21MY]

H.R. 1092—A bill to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the ''Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center''.
Passed House, [25JN]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [26JN]
Passed Senate, [24JY]
Presented to the President (August 1, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–25] (signed August 9, 2013)

H.R. 1095—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to nonprofit organizations that provide places of rest and recuperation at airports for members of the Armed Forces and their families, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [9DE]

H.R. 1105—A bill to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide a registration exemption for private equity fund advisers, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [4DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [9DE]

H.R. 1120—A bill to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as Board constituting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues a decision on the constitutionality of the appointments to the Board made in January 2012, or the adjournment sine die of the first session of the 113th Congress.
Passed House amended, [12AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [15AP]

H.R. 1151—A bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [18JN]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [19JN]
Passed Senate, [27JN]
Presented to the President (July 2, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–17] (signed July 12, 2013)

H.R. 1155—A bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [10SE]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [11SE]

H.R. 1157—A bill to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes.
Passed House, [11JN]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [12JN]

H.R. 1158—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.
Passed House, [11JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [12JN]

H.R. 1162—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office.
Passed House amended, [15AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [16AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–128), [17DE]

H.R. 1163—A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to revise requirements relating to Federal information security, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [16AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [17AP]

H.R. 1171—A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.
Passed House, [8JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9JY]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]
Presented to the President (August 6, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–26] (signed August 9, 2013)

H.R. 1204—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [9DE]

H.R. 1206—A bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [3JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [4JN]

H.R. 1241—A bill to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [3DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [9DE]

H.R. 1246—A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide that the District of Columbia Treasurer or one of the Deputy Chief Financial Officers of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia may perform the functions and duties of the Office in an acting capacity if there is a vacancy in the Office.
Passed House, [15AP]
Received in Senate, [16AP]
Passed Senate, [18AP]
Presented to the President (April 25, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–8] (signed May 1, 2013)

H.R. 1256—A bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to jointly adopt rules setting forth the application to cross-border swaps transactions of certain provisions relating to swaps that were enacted as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
Passed House amended, [12JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [13JN]

H.R. 1300—A bill to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [30JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [31JY]

H.R. 1341—A bill to require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to conduct a study of the likely effects of the differences between the United States and other jurisdictions in implementing the derivatives credit valuation adjustment capital requirement.
Passed House amended, [8JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [9JY]

H.R. 1344—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [21MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [22MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [1AU]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [2AU]
Presented to the President (August 6, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–27] (signed August 9, 2013)

H.R. 1402—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc.
Passed House amended, [10DE]
Received in Senate, [11DE]
Passed Senate, [18DE]
Presented to the President (December 19, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–59] (signed December 20, 2013)

H.R. 1405—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought.
Passed House amended, [28OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [29OC]

H.R. 1406—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.
Passed House amended, [8MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [9MY]

H.R. 1410—A bill to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts.
Passed House, [17SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [18SE]

H.R. 1411—A bill to include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [23JY]

H.R. 1412—A bill to improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [21MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [22MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [23SE]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [27SE]
Presented to the President (September 28, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–37] (signed September 30, 2013)

H.R. 1447—A bill to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [12DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [13DE]

H.R. 1526—A bill to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [20SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [23SE]

H.R. 1542—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish weapons of mass destruction intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [23JY]

H.R. 1564—A bill to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to prohibit the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or require the use of different auditors on a rotating basis.
Passed House amended, [8JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [9JY]

H.R. 1580—A bill to affirm the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance.
Passed House, [14MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [15MY]

H.R. 1582—A bill to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than $1 billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy.
Passed House amended, [1AU]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [9SE]

H.R. 1613—A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [8JY]

H.R. 1660—A bill to require the establishment of Federal customer service standards and to improve the service provided by Federal agencies.
Passed House amended, [31JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [1AU]

H.R. 1742—A bill to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [28OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [29OC]

H.R. 1765—A bill to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [26AP]
Received in Senate and passed, [30AP]
Presented to the President (April 30, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–9] (signed May 1, 2013)

H.R. 1797—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [18JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [19JN]

H.R. 1846—A bill to amend the Act establishing the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [9DE]

H.R. 1848—A bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [17JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [4OC]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [14NO]
Presented to the President (November 21, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–53] (signed November 27, 2013)

H.R. 1864—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require an Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions taken in response to making protected communications regarding sexual assault.
Passed House, [27JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Armed Services, [8JY]

H.R. 1896—A bill to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that the United States can comply fully with the obligations of the Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [18JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [19JN]

H.R. 1897—A bill to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.
Passed House amended, [1AU]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [9SE]

H.R. 1900—A bill to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects.
Passed House amended, [21NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [9DE]

H.R. 1911—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013.
Passed House amended, [23MY]
Received in Senate, [3JN]
Read the first time, [17JY]
Read the second time, [18JY]
Placed on the calendar, [18JY]
Passed Senate amended, [24JY]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [31JY]
Presented to the President (August 1, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–28] (signed August 9, 2013)

H.R. 1919—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [4JN]

H.R. 1949—A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level.
Passed House amended, [22MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [23MY]

H.R. 1960—A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [14JN]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [8JY]

H.R. 1961—A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line.
Passed House, [25SE]
Received in Senate, [26SE]
Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [20DE]

H.R. 1963—A bill to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [9DE]

H.R. 1965—A bill to streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [20NO]
Received in Senate, [21NO]
Read the first time, [21NO]
Read the second time, [9DE]
Placed on the calendar, [9DE]

H.R. 1992—A bill to amend the requirements relating to assessment of Israel's qualitative military edge over military threats, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [11DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [12DE]

H.R. 2009—A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.
Passed House, [2AU]
Received in Senate, [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [18SE]

H.R. 2011—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a two-year extension of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education.
Passed House, [28OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [29OC]

H.R. 2019—A bill to eliminate taxpayer financing of presidential campaigns and party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [11DE]
Received in Senate, [12DE]
Read the first time, [20DE]

H.R. 2052—A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment.
Passed House amended, [9SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [10SE]

H.R. 2061—A bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [18NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [19NO]

H.R. 2083—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require criminal background checks for school employees.
Passed House amended, [22OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [28OC]

H.R. 2094—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).
Passed House, [30JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [31JY]
Reported (no written report), [30OC]
Passed Senate, [31OC]
Presented to the President (November 6, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–48] (signed November 13, 2013)

H.R. 2167—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish additional requirements to improve the fiscal safety and soundness of the home equity conversion mortgage insurance program.
Passed House, [12JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [13JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [30JY]
Presented to the President (August 1, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–29] (signed August 9, 2013)

H.R. 2189—A bill to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Passed House amended, [28OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [29OC]

H.R. 2216—A bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year endings September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [4JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [6JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–48), [27JN]

H.R. 2217—A bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [6JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [7JN]
Committee on Appropriations discharged, [12JN]
Papers returned to the House, [12JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [13JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–77), [18JY]
Placed on the calendar, [18JY]

H.R. 2218—A bill to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment.
Passed House amended, [25JY]
Received in Senate, [29JY]
Read the first time, [29JY]
Read the second time, [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]

H.R. 2231—A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [8JY]

H.R. 2251—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the ''Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse''.
Passed House amended, [28SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [30SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [17DE]
Presented to the President (December 19, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–60] (signed December 20, 2013)

H.R. 2289—A bill to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA.
Passed House, [25JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [26JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [11JY]

Presented to the President (July 17, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–22] (signed July 25, 2013)

H.R. 2319—A bill to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.
Passed House amended, [11DE]
Received in Senate, [12DE]
Passed Senate, [19DE]
Presented to the President (December 23, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–70] (signed December 26, 2013)

H.R. 2337—A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado.
Passed House, [29OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [30OC]

H.R. 2353—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of vehicles on certain Wisconsin highways, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [23JY]

H.R. 2374—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [29OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [30OC]

H.R. 2383—A bill to designate the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri, and southwestern Illinois as the ''Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge''.
Passed House, [25JN]
Received in Senate, [26JN]
Passed Senate, [27JN]
Presented to the President (July 2, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–18] (signed July 12, 2013)

H.R. 2388—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [9DE]

H.R. 2397—A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [24JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [30JY]

H.R. 2449—A bill to authorize the President to extend the term of the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Civil Uses of Nuclear Energy for a period not to exceed March 19, 2016.
Passed House, [17SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [18SE]

H.R. 2481—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify and improve the election requirements for the receipt of educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Passed House amended, [28OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [29OC]

H.R. 2565—A bill to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes.
Passed House, [31JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [1AU]

H.R. 2576—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [16JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [17JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [1AU]
Presented to the President (August 6, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–30] (signed August 9, 2013)

H.R. 2600—A bill to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums.
Passed House, [26SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [27SE]

H.R. 2609—A bill making appropriations for energy and water development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [10JY]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [16JY]

H.R. 2611—A bill to designate the headquarters building of the Coast Guard on the campus located at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue Southeast in the District of Columbia as the ''Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building'', and for other purposes.
Passed House, [16JY]
Received in Senate, [17JY]
Passed Senate, [30JY]
Presented to the President (August 1, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–31] (signed August 9, 2013)

H.R. 2640—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [29OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [30OC]

H.R. 2642—A bill to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [11JY]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [16JY]
Passed Senate amended, [18JY]
Senate insisted on its amendment and asked for a conference, [18JY]
Conferees appointed, [1AU]
House agrees to Senate amendment with an amendment (pursuant to H. Res. 361), [28SE]
Senate disagreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [1OC]
Senate insisted on its amendment and asked for a conference. Conferees appointed, [1OC]
House insisted on its amendment to the Senate amendment. Agreed to a conference, [11OC]
Conferees appointed, [12OC]

H.R. 2650—A bill to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.
Passed House amended, [3DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [9DE]

H.R. 2655—A bill to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [14NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [18NO]

H.R. 2668—A bill to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate.
Passed House, [17JY]
Received in Senate, [23JY]
Read the first time, [23JY]
Read the second time, [24JY]
Placed on the calendar, [24JY]

H.R. 2719—A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [9DE]

H.R. 2728—A bill to recognize States' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation.
Passed House amended, [20NO]
Received in Senate, [21NO]
Read the first time, [20NO]
Read the second time, [9DE]
Placed on the calendar, [9DE]

H.R. 2747—A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title.
Passed House, [10SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [11SE]
Reported (no written report), [30OC]
Placed on the calendar, [30OC]
Passed Senate, [5NO]
Presented to the President (November 14, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–50] (signed November 21, 2013)

H.R. 2754—A bill to amend the Hobby Protection Act to make unlawful the provision of assistance or support in violation of that Act, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [30JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [31JY]

H.R. 2768—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights.
Passed House amended, [31JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [1AU]

H.R. 2769—A bill to impose a moratorium on conferences held by the Internal Revenue Service.
Passed House amended, [31JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [1AU]

H.R. 2775—A bill to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [12SE]
Received in Senate, [16SE]
Placed on the calendar, [18SE]
Passed Senate amended, [16OC]
House consideration of Senate amendments, [16OC]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [16OC]
Presented to the President (October 16, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–46] (signed October 17, 2013)

H.R. 2844—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.
Passed House amended, [9SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [10SE]

H.R. 2848—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [30SE]

H.R. 2871—A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the southern judicial district of Mississippi to improve judicial efficiency, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [12NO]
Received in Senate, [13NO]
Passed Senate, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 13, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–61] (signed December 20, 2013)

H.R. 2879—A bill to provide limitations on bonuses for Federal employees during sequestration, to provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service, to establish certain

procedures for conducting in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [1AU]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]

H.R. 2922—A bill to extend the authority of the Supreme Court Police to protect court officials away from the Supreme Court grounds.
Passed House, [12NO]
Received in Senate, [13NO]
Passed Senate, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 13, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–62] (December 20, 2013)

H.R. 3080—A bill to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23OC]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [28OC]
Passed Senate amended (text of S. 601 inserted in lieu), [31OC]
Senate insisted on its amendment and asked for a conference, [31OC]
Conferees appointed, [4NO]
House disagreed to Senate amendment and agreed to a conference, [14NO]
Conferees appointed, [14NO]

H.R. 3092—A bill to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [17SE]
Received in Senate, [18SE]
Passed Senate, [24SE]
Presented to the President (September 27, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–38] (signed September 30, 2013)

H.R. 3095—A bill to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [26SE]
Received in Senate, [27SE]
Passed Senate, [4OC]
Presented to the President (October 3, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–45] (signed October 15, 2013)

H.R. 3096—A bill to designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the ''Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center''.
Passed House, [27SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [27SE]

H.R. 3102—A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [19SE]
Received in Senate, [23SE]
Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [20DE]

H.R. 3174—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events in 2013, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [30SE]
Received in Senate, [1OC]
Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [20DE]

H.R. 3190—A bill to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [14OC]
Received in Senate, [15OC]
Passed Senate, [30OC]
Presented to the President (October 31, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–47] (signed October 31, 2013)

H.R. 3204—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [28SE]
Received in Senate, [30SE]
Read the first time, [4NO]
Read the second time, [5NO]
Placed on the calendar, [5NO]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [6NO], [7NO], [12NO], [13NO]
Senate invoked cloture, [12NO]
Motion to proceed to consideration agreed to, [14NO]
Considered, [14NO]
Passed Senate, [18NO]
Presented to the President (November 21, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–54] (signed November 27, 2013)

H.R. 3205—A bill to reauthorize and restructure the adoption incentives grant program, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [22OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [28OC]

H.R. 3210—A bill making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown.
Providing for consideration (H. Res. 366), [28SE]
Passed House, [28SE]
Received in Senate and passed, [30SE]
Presented to the President (September 30, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–39] (signed September 30, 2013)

H.R. 3212—A bill to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [11DE]
Received in Senate, [12DE]
Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [17DE]

H.R. 3223—A bill to provide for the compensation of furloughed Federal employees.
Passed House, [5OC]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [5OC]
Read the second time, [7OC]
Placed on the calendar, [7OC]

H.R. 3230—A bill making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period.
Passed House, [3OC]
Received in Senate, [4OC]
Read the first time, [4OC]
Read the second time, [5OC]
Placed on the calendar, [5OC]

H.R. 3233—A bill to extend the period during which Iraqis who were employed by the United States Government in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and to temporarily increase the fee or surcharge for processing machine-readable nonimmigrant visas.
Passed House, [2OC]
Received in Senate and passed, [3OC]
Presented to the President (October 3, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–42] (signed October 4, 2013)

H.R. 3302—A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, Florida, as the ''C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center''.
Passed House, [22OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [28OC]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [31OC]
Presented to the President (November 6, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–49] (signed November 13, 2013)

H.R. 3304—A bill to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor.
Passed House, [28OC]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Armed Services, [29OC]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [19NO]
House agreed to the Senate amendments with an amendment (pursuant to H. Res. 441), [12DE]
Senate consideration of House amendment to Senate amendment, [15DE], [18DE], [19DE]
Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [19DE]
Presented to the President (December 23, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–66] (signed December 26, 2013)

H.R. 3309—A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [5DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [9DE]

H.R. 3343—A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the rules regarding the determination of the compensation of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia.
Passed House, [18NO]
Received in Senate, [19NO]
Passed Senate, [20DE]
Presented to the President (December 23, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–71] (signed December 26, 2013)

H.R. 3350—A bill to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [15NO]
Received in Senate, [18NO]
Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [20DE]

H.R. 3458—A bill to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.
Passed House, [12DE]
Received in Senate and passed, [13DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–63] (signed December 20, 2013)

H.R. 3487—A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act to extend through 2018 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission, to expand such authority to certain other violations, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [18NO]
Received in Senate, [19NO]
Passed Senate, [20DE]
Presented to the President (December 23, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–72] (signed December 26, 2013)

H.R. 3509—A bill to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the status of post-earthquake recovery and development efforts in Haiti.
Passed House amended, [12DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [13DE]

H.R. 3521—A bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [10DE]
Received in Senate, [11DE]
Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [20DE]

H.R. 3547—A bill to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014.
Passed House, [2DE]
Received in Senate, [9DE]
Passed Senate amended, [12DE]

H.R. 3588—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.
Passed House, [2DE]
Received in Senate, [9DE]
Passed Senate, [17DE]
Presented to the President (December 19, 2013)

Approved [Public Law 113–64] (signed December 20, 2013)

H.R. 3626—A bill to extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years.

Passed House, [3DE]

Received in Senate and passed, [9DE]

Presented to the President (December 9, 2013)

Approved [Public Law 113–57] (signed December 9, 2013)

H.R. 3627—A bill to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes.

Passed House, [9DE]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [10DE]

H.R. 3695—A bill to provide a temporary extension of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and amendments made by that Act, as previously extended and amended and with certain additional modifications and exceptions, to suspend permanent price support authorities, and for other purposes.

Passed House amended, [12DE]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [12DE]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

H.J. Res. 59—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [20SE]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [23SE]
Consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [24SE]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [24SE]
Passed Senate amended, [27SE]
House agreed to Senate amendment with House amendment No. 1, [28SE]
House agreed to Senate amendment with House amendment No. 2, [28SE]
Senate disagreed to House amendments to Senate amendment, [30SE]
House receded from its amendments and agreed to the Senate amendment with amendment, [30SE]
Senate disagreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [30SE]
House insisted on its amendment to Senate amendment and asked for a conference (pursuant to H. Res. 368), [30SE]
Conferees appointed, [30SE]
House insisted on its amendment to Senate amendment and asked for a conference, [1OC]
Senate disagreed to a conference, [1OC]
Motion for consideration of amendments in disagreement, [2OC]
House consideration of Senate amendment, [12DE]
House receded from its amendment to the Senate amendment and agreed to a modified Senate amendment with amendment, [12DE]
Senate consideration of House amendment to Senate amendment, [15DE], [17DE], [18DE]
Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [18DE]
Presented to the President (December 19, 2013)
Approved [Public Law 113–67] (signed December 26, 2013)

H.J. Res. 70—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for National Park Service operations, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [2OC]
Received in Senate, [3OC]
Read the first time, [3OC]
Read the second time pursuant to ord. of Oct. 2, 2013, [3OC]
Placed on the calendar, [3OC]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [4OC]

H.J. Res. 71—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations of local funds of the District of Columbia for fiscal year 2014.
Passed House, [2OC]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [3OC]
Read the first time, [3OC]
Read the second time pursuant to ord. of Oct. 2, 2013, [3OC]
Placed on the calendar, [3OC]

H.J. Res. 72—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [3OC]
Received in Senate, [4OC]
Read the first time, [4OC]
Read the second time, [5OC]
Placed on the calendar, [5OC]

H.J. Res. 73—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the National Institutes of Health for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [2OC]
Received in Senate, [3OC]
Read the first time, [3OC]
Read the second time pursuant to ord. of Oct. 2, 2013, [3OC]
Placed on the calendar, [3OC]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [4OC]

H.J. Res. 75—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [4OC]
Received in Senate, [5OC]
Read the first time, [5OC]
Read the second time, [7OC]
Placed on the calendar, [7OC]

H.J. Res. 76—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the National Nuclear Security Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [11OC]
Received in Senate, [12OC]
Read the first time, [12OC]
Read the second time, [13OC]
Placed on the calendar, [13OC]

H.J. Res. 77—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the Food and Drug Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [7OC]
Received in Senate, [8OC]
Read the first time, [8OC]
Read the second time, [9OC]
Placed on the calendar, [9OC]

H.J. Res. 79—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for certain components of the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [10OC]
Received in Senate, [11OC]
Read the first time, [11OC]
Read the second time, [12OC]
Placed on the calendar, [12OC]

H.J. Res. 80—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Education, and the Indian Health Service for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
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H.J. Res. 84—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for Head Start for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [8OC]
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H.J. Res. 85—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
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H.J. Res. 89—A joint resolution making appropriations for the salaries and related expenses of certain Federal employees during a lapse in funding authority for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended (text of H.R. 3273 added), [8OC]
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Dept. of Agriculture: authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm (see S. 751), [17AP]
———establish a market-driven inventory system for farmers and ranchers (see S. 746), [17AP]
———establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]
———expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans (see S. 784), [23AP]
———expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
———improve Federal dairy programs (see S. 605), [19MR] (see S. 670), [9AP]
———improve the crop insurance program (see S. 677), [9AP]
———include California as a separate Federal milk marketing order upon the petition and approval of California dairy producers (see S. 663), [22MR]
———modernize conservation programs, protect long term investments, increase small and midsize farmer's access to programs, and prioritize modern-day conservation needs (see S. 923), [9MY]
———modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
———provide for the conduct of activities to detect, and respond in a timely manner to, threats to animal health (see S. 859), [6MY]
———reduce crop insurance premium subsidies (see S. 446), [5MR]
———remove authority of the Agricultural Marketing Service to inspect apples (see S. 694), [10AP]
———terminate certain direct payments to farmers (see S. 334), [14FE]
Dept. of Defense: authorize long-term contracts for procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels (see S. 389), [26FE]
Dept. of the Interior: release reversionary interest in certain land conveyed to Oregon for establishment of Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (see S. 1437), [1AU]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
———make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [24JA]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MR]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———establish a regulatory review process for proposed rules dealing with agricultural entities (see S. 1466), [1AU]
———prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [14FE]
———prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [23JY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
———require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Federal aid programs: permanently suspend application of certain price support authority (see S. 956), [15MY]
———reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
———restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits to farmers (see S. 281), [12FE]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
Government regulations: require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [31JY]
Immigration: provide a special rule for the period of admission of certain nonimmigrants employed as sheepherders, goat herders, or dairy farmers (see S. 292), [13FE]
Land use: provide for crop production on native sod (see S. 801), [24AP]
Maple syrup: support production research and education, sustainability of maple syrup resources, promotion of maple products, and access to lands for maple sugaring activities (see S. 879), [7MY]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [7MR]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Programs: reauthorize (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Taxation: establish dairy farm savings accounts (see S. 493), [7MR]
———expand the types of livestock for which bonus depreciation is available (see S. 494), [7MR]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [1AU]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal estate and gift taxes (see S. 1402), [31JY]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]
Cloture motions
Programs: reauthorize (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Motions
Programs: reauthorize (S. 954), [15MY]
Reports filed
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1244) (S. Rept. 113–46), [27JN]
Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954), [14MY]
———Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954) (S. Rept. 113–88), [9SE]
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]

AGRICULTURE REFORM, FOOD, AND JOBS ACT
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 2642, provisions, [1AU], [1OC]
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]
Cloture motions
Enact (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Motions
Enact (S. 954), [15MY]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954), [14MY]
———Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954) (S. Rept. 113–88), [9SE]

AIR FORCE *see* **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

AIR POLLUTION *related term(s)* **CLEAN AIR ACT; ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT; POLLUTION**
Bills and resolutions
Clean Energy Consortia: establish (see S. 1698), [13NO]
Dept. of Education: promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 1781), [9DE]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
———prohibit awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or financial assistance under the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity to occur outside the U.S. (see S. 558), [13MR]
———provide adequate data, modeling, and support in the development of a State implementation plan under the Clean Air Act (see S. 319), [13FE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 1536), [23SE]
———require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
International relations: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 107), [23JA] (see S. 163), [28JA]
Mining and mineral resources: protect miners from black lung disease (see S. 1416), [31JY]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
Taxation: oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
Transportation: provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]

AIRCRAFT *see* **COMMON CARRIERS**

AIRLINES AND AIRPORTS *see* **AVIATION**

ALABAMA
Bills and resolutions
Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 869), [7MY]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 93), [23JA]

GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
University of Alabama: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 19), [28JA]

ALASKA
Bills and resolutions
Air Force: retain current leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson AFB, AK, and require reports on proposed activities at such installation (see S. 152), [24JA]
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for the settlement of certain claims (see S. 14), [26FE] (see S. 340), [14FE]
Anchorage, AK: convey certain property from the U.S. to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (see S. 235), [7FE]
———provide for unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city for purposes of economic development by conveying Federal reversion interest to the city (see S. 182), [30JA]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
Arctic Ocean: provide for research, monitoring, and observation (see S. 272), [11FE] (see S. 1344), [23JY]
Arctic regions: expedite development of Arctic deepwater ports (see S. 428), [28FE]
———study mental, behavioral, and physical health problems, institute Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Arctic health assessment program, and create NIH ''Arctic Desk'' (see S. 271), [11FE]
Armed Forces: increase mileage reimbursement rate for members during permanent change of station and authorize transport of vehicles of members stationed on nonforeign areas outside the continental U.S. (see S. 613), [19MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [10OC]
Dept. of State: establish a U.S. Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs (see S. 270), [11FE]
Dept. of the Interior: issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas in, and acquire land from Doyon Tourism, Inc., for Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
———issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipeline transportation utility systems in nonwilderness areas within the Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
———provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 165), [28JA]
Faber, Michael G.: relief (see S. 1605), [29OC]
Fish and fishing: prohibit Federal agencies from requiring seafood to be certified as sustainable by a third party nongovernmental organization (see S. 1521), [18SE]
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve: allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Hunan Tlingit people (see S. 156), [28JA]
Medicare: extend the Frontier Extended Stay Clinic demonstration in Alaska (see S. 239), [7FE]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 155), [28JA]
National forests: establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees for cabins in Alaska (see S. 736), [16AP]
———exempt lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]
Native Americans: enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes relative to enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, improve quality of life in rural Alaska, and reduce alcohol and drug abuse (see S. 1474), [1AU]
Petroleum: require oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported onshore by pipeline and provide for sharing of certain Outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone (see S. 199), [31JA]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Roads and highways: establish Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridor (see S. 181), [30JA]
Taxation: allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food (see S. 910), [8MY]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts (see S. 1650), [5NO]
Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station, Talkeetna, AK: designate (see S. 157), [28JA]
Reports filed
Alaska Subsistence Structure Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 736) (S. Rept. 113–67), [27JN]
Arctic Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1344) (S. Rept. 113–117), [6NO]
Denali National Park Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 157) (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]
Huna Tlingit Traditional Gull Egg Use Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 156) (S. Rept. 113–51), [27JN]
Mount Denali Designation: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 155) (S. Rept. 113–93), [10SE]
Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization and Jobs Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 340) (S. Rept. 113–98), [10SE]

ALASKA ADJACENT ZONE SAFE OIL TRANSPORT AND REVENUE SHARING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 199), [31JA]

ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Faber, Michael G.: relief (see S. 1605), [29OC]
Native Americans: provide for the settlement of certain claims (see S. 14), [26FE] (see S. 340), [14FE]
Reports filed
Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization and Jobs Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 340) (S. Rept. 113–98), [10SE]

ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM
Bills and resolutions
Anchorage, AK: convey certain property from the U.S. to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (see S. 235), [7FE]

ALASKA SUBSISTENCE STRUCTURE PROTECTION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 736) (S. Rept. 113–67), [27JN]

AL-ASSAD, BASHAR (PRESIDENT, SYRIA)
Bills and resolutions
Syria: condemn violence, use of chemical weapons, and human rights violations and call for Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity (see S. Res. 219), [9SE]

ALBUQUERQUE, NM
Bills and resolutions
GSA: convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, NM, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation (see S. 898), [8MY]

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes relative to enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, improve quality of life in rural Alaska, and reduce alcohol and drug abuse (see S. 1474), [1AU]
Business and industry: exempt aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs (see S. 1457), [1AU]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
Dept. of Transportation: withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Taxation: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1531), [19SE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———reduce tax on beer (see S. 958), [15MY]
Reports filed
Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 689), [11AP]

ALEXANDER, LAMAR ***(a Senator from Tennessee)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [12NO]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
Animals: improve sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees (see S. 1561), [30SE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [19MR]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Commission on Effective Regulation and Assessment Systems for Public Schools: establish (see S. 1010), [22MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [19MR]
Corps of Engineers: provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [18MR]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [29OC]
Dept. of Education: create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies (see S. 1052), [23MY]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]

———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682), [9AP] (see S. 1003), [21MY]
Dept. of Energy: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
———strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (see S. 1356), [24JY]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [1AU]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [1AU]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Economy: provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
Egypt: restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [4FE]
EPA: prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
FDA: encourage use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs (see S. Res. 97), [16AP]
———strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
Firearms: improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [10AP]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [24AP]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [29OC]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [24AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [18JN]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [31JY]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Chess Week: designate (see S. Res. 266), [4OC]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [18NO]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [30SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [30SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [4NO]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [9AP]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [19DE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [31OC]
———make permanent rule providing 5-year amortization of expenses incurred in creating or acquiring music or music copyrights (see S. 1326), [18JY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [1AU]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [30OC]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [13JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Appalachian Regional Commission: add Hickman, Perry, and Wayne Counties, TN, to the Appalachian region (see S. 1646), [5NO]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
Corps of Engineers: prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
Dept. of Education: ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
Dept. of HHS: reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: notify taxpayers each time the taxpayers' information is accessed by the IRS (see S. 1489), [10SE]
———reimburse States that use State funds to operate national parks during the Government shutdown (see S. 1572), [15OC]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
Medicare: delay implementation of round 2 of the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Acquisition Program for competitive acquisition areas in Tennessee (see S. 1265), [27JN]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1785), [10DE]
NLRB: prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
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exchange plans and disclose premium and cost-sharing information prior to enrollment (see S. 1849), [18DE]
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AMERICA INVENTS ACT
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Patents: promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]

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National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [9MY]

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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS DAYS
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AMERICAN MANUFACTURING EFFICIENCY AND RETRAINING INVESTMENT COLLABORATION ACHIEVEMENT (AMERICA) WORKS ACT
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National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 149), [20MY]

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT
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Dept. of Agriculture: extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [31OC]
Taxation: strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]

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Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, NY, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1389), [30JY]
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AMERICAN SAVINGS PROMOTION ACT
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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT *related term(s)* **DISABLED**
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Disabled: require captioning and video description at certain movie theaters (see S. 555), [13MR]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 26), [21NO]

AMERICA'S CUP EVENT AUTHORITY LLC
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San Francisco, CA: tribute to Oracle Team USA for winning the America's Cup sailing competition (see S. Res. 286), [5NO]

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Bills and resolutions
Land use: provide for unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city for purposes of economic development by conveying Federal reversion interest to the city (see S. 182), [30JA]
Public lands: convey certain property from the U.S. to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (see S. 235), [7FE]

ANDERSON, MICHAEL P.
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Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]

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Puppies: provide further protection (see S. 395), [27FE]

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Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [25AP]
Amtrak: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1710), [14NO]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Armed Forces: require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 1550), [24SE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: provide for the conduct of activities to detect, and respond in a timely manner to, threats to animal health (see S. 859), [6MY]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 847), [25AP]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
EPA: prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [23JY]
FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
———reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs (see S. 622), [20MR]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [12MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve

Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [31JY]
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Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
Research: improve sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees (see S. 1561), [30SE]
Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [16MY]
———protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [18JY] (see S. 1660), [6NO]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [29JA]
Taxation: expand the types of livestock for which bonus depreciation is available (see S. 494), [7MR]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [1AU]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 950), [14MY] (see S. 1171), [17JN]
Wildlife: establish improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent introduction and establishment in the U.S. of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites (see S. 1153), [12JN]
———prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [29JY]
———prohibit import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species (see S. 1463), [1AU]
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Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 171), [29JA] (see S. 1541, 1543), [24SE]
———appropriate funds necessary to ensure that U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen who are appointed as Navy Reserve midshipmen continue to receive pay during a Government shutdown (see S. 1568), [7OC]
———exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872, 1880), [19DE]
———provide for enhanced reimbursement of National Guard and Reserve members for certain travel expenses (see S. 378), [25FE]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1856; S. Res. 323), [18DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
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———clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
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———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [30JA]
———ensure effective control over the congressional budget process (see S. 280), [12FE]
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———limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
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———reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes (see S. 268), [11FE]
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———replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
———require the President to submit a budget to Congress listing current fiscal year spending levels for proposed programs and separate amounts for proposed spending increases (see S. 1314), [17JY] (see S. 1321), [18JY]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
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———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
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———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [7MR]
———award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [13FE]
———establish Federal-State partnership to increase higher education funding and need-based student financial aid (see S. 1874), [19DE]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
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———authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [10OC]
———eliminate the prerequisite of direct appropriations relative to collection of health data and modify standards for measuring sexual orientation and gender identity (see S. 989), [20MY]
———reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
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———prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
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———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
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———reimburse States that use State funds to operate national parks during the Government shutdown (see S. 1572), [15OC]
Dept. of Transportation: establish an Emergency Transportation Safety Fund (see S. 911), [9MY]
———obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]
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———provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts (see S. 932), [13MY]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [12JN]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [10AP]
———support university law school programs designed to provide legal assistance to veterans (see S. 1042), [23MY]
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Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
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District of Columbia: make local funds available during any portion of the fiscal year at the rate of operations provided under the local budget act if the regular appropriation bill has not yet become law (see S. 1571), [12OC]
Economy: provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
———require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress (see S. 1835), [17DE]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 1245), [27JN]
EPA: rescind funds made available if certain deadlines are not met (see S. 318), [13FE]
Essex National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1186), [19JN]
Eximbank: abolish (see S. 1102), [6JN]
FAA: exempt from reduction under any order issued to carry out a sequestration (see S. 817), [25AP]
Federal agencies and departments: allow interagency transfers of funds to provide more flexibility for the agency to comply with a sequestration order (see S. 465), [5MR] (see S. 1017), [22MY]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 1231), [26JN]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [11JY]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21MY]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [21MR]
Federal employees: end the defined benefit portion of the Federal Employee Retirement System for any individual hired after a certain date (see S. 1678), [12NO]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for official portraits of Members of Congress or heads of executive or legislative branch agencies or offices (see S. 1820), [12DE]
———provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
FEMA: improve the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 996), [21MY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Firearms: provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect and prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes (see S. 82), [23JA]
Forests: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]

FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
———replace the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau with a 5-person commission, bring the Bureau into the regular appropriations process, and provide for a safety and soundness check (see S. 205), [31JA]
Government: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 625), [20MR]
———prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
———provide for continuing operations in a fiscally responsible manner (see S. 83), [23JA]
Government Transformation Commission: establish (see S. 1297), [16JY]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1138), [11JN]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 108), [23JA]
———limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 1095), [4JN]
Intelligence services: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1681), [12NO]
Legislative branch of the Government: making appropriations (see S. 1283), [11JY]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
———require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
NASA: authorize programs (see S. 1317), [17JY]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [26FE]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 969), [16MY]
New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route: reauthorize (see S. 797), [24AP]
NLRB: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: reauthorize (see S. 1339), [23JY]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [30SE]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]
Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (see S.J. Res. 26), [28OC]
———establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt ceiling (see S. 57), [22JA]
———prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 92), [23JA]
———provide a process for ensuring the U.S. does not default on its obligations by making permanent authority for Congress to disapprove a debt ceiling increase instead of approving it (see S. 1598), [29OC]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (see S. 1569), [8OC]
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———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 978), [16MY] (see S. 988), [20MY]
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———prohibit use of funds for U.S. participation in joint military exercises if Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (see S. 984), [16MY]
———reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
Freedom of religion: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms and urge repeal of blasphemy laws (see S. Res. 69), [7MR]
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 856), [6MY] (see S. 960), [15MY]
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———conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the Ka'u Coast in Hawaii as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1432), [1AU]
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Arctic Ocean: provide for research, monitoring, and observation (see S. 272), [11FE] (see S. 1344), [23JY]
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Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
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Public lands: facilitate efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land (see S. 339), [14FE]
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———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
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Bills and resolutions
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Reports filed
Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia Establishment: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 653), [18DE]
ASIAN AMERICANS
Bills and resolutions
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES
Bills and resolutions
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]
ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 150), [14MR]
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA NATIONS (ASEAN)
Bills and resolutions
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Reports filed
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]
ATOMIC ENERGY *see* **NUCLEAR ENERGY**
AUBURN, NY
Bills and resolutions
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
Reports filed
Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]
AUTHORS *see* **LITERATURE**
AUTOMOBILES *see* **MOTOR VEHICLES**
AVIATION
Bills and resolutions
Air Force: retain current leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson AFB, AK, and require reports on proposed activities at such installation (see S. 152), [24JA]
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Civil liberties: protect individual privacy against unwarranted governmental intrusion through the use of domestic unmanned aerial vehicles commonly called drones (see S. 1016), [22MY]
Dept. of Defense: authorize long-term contracts for procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels (see S. 389), [26FE]
———limit retirement of A–10 aircraft (see S. 1764), [21NO]
———rescind amounts appropriated for the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) (see S. 680), [9AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MR]
Dept. of Transportation: modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1692), [13NO]
———prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]
Disabled: improve accessibility of entertainment programming provided by air carriers on passenger flights by making captioning and video description available for visually-displayed entertainment programming (see S. 556), [13MR]
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial: designate (see S. 59), [22JA]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Egypt: prohibit sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 201), [31JA]
———restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]

FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
———issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 1495), [11SE]
———issue regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas of Los Angeles County, CA (see S. 208), [4FE]
———provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 1639), [4NO]
Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Immigration: prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 300), [13FE]
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]
NASA: authorize programs (see S. 1317), [17JY]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National security: prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [7MR]
———require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [23MY]
Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [23MY]
Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, Nashua, NH: designate (see S. 540), [12MR]
Privacy: prohibit use of unmanned aircraft systems by private persons to conduct surveillance of other private persons (see S. 1057), [23MY]
Safety: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
———reform and improve the oversight of passenger and baggage screening at domestic commercial airports by private screening companies (see S. 697), [10AP]
Transportation Security Administration: establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee (see S. 1804), [11DE]
———facilitate air passenger screening of severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1403), [31JY]
———implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs (see S. 1893), [20DE]
———prohibit airplane passengers from bringing small knives aboard a passenger aircraft (see S. 1008), [22MY]
———provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1367), [25JY]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [14FE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [13FE]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2011: President Obama, [10SE]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [18JY], [23JY], [25JY], [31JY]
Reports filed
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2217) (S. Rept. 113–77), [18JY]
Dept. of State Development of a Strategy To Obtain Observer Status for Taiwan at the Triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 113–42), [13JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1243) (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 59) (S. Rept. 113–50), [27JN]
Small Airplane Revitalization Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1072) (S. Rept. 113–108), [17SE]

AWARDS, MEDALS, PRIZES
Appointments
Congressional Award Board, [24JA]
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [6MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers (see S. Con. Res. 25), [13NO]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]
Congressional Award Act: reauthorize (see S. 1348), [23JY]
Conway, Thomas M.: award Navy Cross posthumously (see S. Res. 197), [17JY]
Cowley, R. Adams: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1345), [23JY]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [4FE]
Cushing, Alonzo H.: award the Medal of Honor for acts of valor during the Civil War (see S. 1258), [27JN]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
Dept. of Education: establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial: designate (see S. 59), [22JA]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 397), [27FE]
Immigration: deem any person who has received an award from the U.S. Armed Forces for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat to have satisfied certain requirements for naturalization (see S. 1059), [23MY]
Little Rock, AR: treat Armed Forces members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 993), [21MY]
Motley, Constance Baker: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1150), [12JN]
Nicklaus, Jack: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1040), [23MY]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 457), [5MR]
Peralta, Rafael: award Medal of Honor posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 9), [19MR]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [1AU]
Science: establish a position of Science Laureate of the U.S. (see S. 899), [8MY]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [13FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 1688), [13NO]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [19DE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23AP]
Cloture motions
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Motions
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [19DE]
Reports filed
Congressional Award Act Reauthorization: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1348) (S. Rept. 113–109), [23SE]
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 59) (S. Rept. 113–50), [27JN]

AYOTTE, KELLY *(a Senator from New Hampshire)*
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [8MY]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [30JA]
Armed Forces: require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [11MR]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [10OC]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [25JY]
———require the President to submit a budget to Congress listing current fiscal year spending levels for proposed programs and separate amounts for proposed spending increases (see S. 1321), [18JY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [3OC]

Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [8MY]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Conservation of energy: facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants relative to energy efficiency in buildings (see S. 1191), [19JN]
———promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [15MY]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY] (see S. 1392), [31JY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [31OC]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [7MY]
———improve sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities (see S. 1775), [21NO]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
Dept. of Education: make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [24JN]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [17SE]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [19DE]
———require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [26SE]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [13NO]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
———set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [14NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: ensure veterans have access to services in at least one departmental full-service hospital or comparable contract services in their State (see S. 49), [22JA]
Diseases: foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [9JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [25JY]
Employment: provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 1626), [30OC]
EPA: repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [29OC]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [9JY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 1231), [26JN]
———improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [31JY]
———modify appointment of Inspectors General (see S. 1366), [25JY]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21NO]
———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1611), [30OC]
Federal employees: provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [10SE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [10SE]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [22MY]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [27SE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [17AP]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [31JY]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [30JA]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [9SE]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [18JN]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [25JY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [21MY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [1AU]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2), [23JA]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [6MY]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [3JN]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [24SE]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [22MY]
———maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 987), [30SE]
NLRB: reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [9JY]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [12NO]

———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [7NO]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [17DE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [1AU]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [23JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [12OC]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [12NO]
Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, Nashua, NH: designate (see S. 540), [12MR]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1398), [30JY]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Science: establish a position of Science Laureate of the U.S. (see S. 899), [8MY]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [17DE]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 1179), [18JN]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Southern New Hampshire University: tribute to men's soccer team (see S. Res. 326), [20DE]
States: prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]
Strategic Defense Initiative: anniversary (see S. Res. 82), [20MR]
Syria: impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [17DE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [16DE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [17DE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Thresher (U.S.S.): anniversary of sinking (see S. Res. 94), [9AP]
Transportation Security Administration: facilitate air passenger screening of severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1403), [31JY]
———provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1367), [25JY]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [22JA]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [12NO]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
Budget: eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [30JA]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
———replace current fiscal year sequestration (see S. 18), [27FE]
CBO: provide a macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation (see S. 184), [30JA]
Dept. of Defense: limit retirement of A–10 aircraft (see S. 1764), [21NO]
———rescind amounts appropriated for the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) (see S. 680), [9AP]
Dept. of Transportation: delay implementation of regulation changing the hours-of-service rule for commercial truck drivers pending a GAO assessment of such regulation (see S. 1891), [20DE]
———reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 1553), [26SE]
ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [11FE]
FCC: provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 1766), [21NO]
Federal employees: eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
Fish and fishing: permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs (see S. 221), [4FE]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [9AP]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [31JY]
New Hampshire: anniversary of the loss of the State symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain (see S. Res. 127), [25AP]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [1AU]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
Transportation Security Administration: implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs (see S. 1893), [20DE]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]

AYOUB, AMY
Appointments
Commission To Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, [7MR]

BA, AL-HOUSSEYNOU
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 79), [23JA]

BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Budget: eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [30JA]
———exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
———replace current fiscal year sequestration (see S. 18), [27FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (see S. 16), [27FE] (see S. 799), [24AP]
———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
Dept. of Defense: provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any issued orders (see S. 1438), [1AU]
———reduce budget sequestration cuts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 but implement such cuts over the duration of sequestration (see S. 1841), [17DE]
FDA: exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [31JY]
Federal agencies and departments: allow interagency transfers of funds to provide more flexibility for the agency to comply with a sequestration order (see S. 465), [5MR] (see S. 1017), [22MY]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
Members of Congress: require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), [27FE]

BALANCING FOOD, FARM, AND THE ENVIRONMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 923), [9MY]

BALDWIN, TAMMY ***(a Senator from Wisconsin)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [18MR], [8AP], [9JY]
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
National Council on the Arts, [30JA]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 638), [21MR]
Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [11JN]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [20DE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [7JN]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston

Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [30JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25AP]
Colleges and universities: require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [7JN]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [28OC]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [1AU]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [28OC]
Cushing, Alonzo H.: award the Medal of Honor for acts of valor during the Civil War (see S. 1258), [27JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm (see S. 751), [20MY]
———expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [22MY]
———improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [20MY]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [12SE]
Dept. of Defense: improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [10JN]
———limit retirement of A–10 aircraft (see S. 1764), [21NO]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [10JN]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [10JN]
Dept. of Education: award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [9MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [18NO]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [19DE]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [9OC]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [29OC]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [16JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [10JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26SE]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [28OC]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [13MY]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [7NO]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [11DE]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [4OC]
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [1AU]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
Foreign trade: include the cost of paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods in the calculation of normal value of a product (see S. 1801), [11DE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [14FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [10SE]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [29OC]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [11JN]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [25AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [11JN]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [11JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [7NO]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [22MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 993), [12JN]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [28OC]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 310), [21NO]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [3JN]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [30SE]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [7JN]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [3JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [3JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [9DE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [31JY]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [25JY]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 506), [3JN]

———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———reduce tax on beer (see S. 958), [15MY]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [23JY]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [14NO]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [18DE]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [7NO]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [28JA]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [13NO]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [8MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Dept. of HHS: increase access to Medicare data (see S. 1758), [21NO]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [19SE]
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
Privacy: strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Roads and highways: ensure currently-operating trucks can continue to use the future Interstate 41 in Wisconsin (see S. 1299), [16JY]
SBA: enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program and provide for a small business early-stage investment program (see S. 1285), [11JY]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 1552), [26SE]
Television: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1789), [10DE]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]

BALTIMORE, MD
Bills and resolutions
Baltimore Ravens (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 35), [14FE]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 103), [23JA]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 770), [18AP]

BALTIMORE RAVENS (FOOTBALL TEAM)
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 35), [14FE]

BANGLADESH, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]
Messages
Generalized System of Preferences Beneficiary Developing Country Suspension for Bangladesh: President Obama, [27JN]
Reports filed
Condemn Political Violence, Provide Fair Elections, Support Dialogue Between Political Factions, Judicial Independence, Human Rights, and Grameen Bank Independence in Bangladesh: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 318), [18DE]

BANKING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 985), [16MY]

BANKRUPTCY
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (S. 3545) (see S. 1427), [1AU]
Education: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
Financial institutions: provide a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt (see S. 1861), [19DE]
Mining and mineral resources: protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]

BANKS *see* **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

BARRASSO, JOHN ***(a Senator from Wyoming)***
Appointments
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Conferee: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [9MY]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: balance through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending (see S. 547), [13MR] (see S. 1436), [1AU]
———constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [18JN]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [30OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [9AP]
Dept. of HHS: prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in Wyoming (see S. 130), [24JA]
———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
———limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 1479), [1AU]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [4JN]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [20NO]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 523), [12MR]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and

serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [12SE]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [27JN]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [23AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [7MY]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
Forest Service: revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]
Forests: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 1300), [1AU]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [7FE]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [18JY]
GAO: require a study and report on the costs of Federal regulations (see S. 536), [11AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [1AU]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [6MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [6NO]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [14MR]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [7FE]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [1AU]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [15JY]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [19JN]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 149), [20MY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [23MY]
NLRB: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [7FE]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: notify World Trade Organization if members fail during consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (see S. 355), [14FE]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period for health exchange plans and disclose premium and cost-sharing information prior to enrollment (see S. 1849), [18DE]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1154), [12JN] (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [29OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [12OC]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 57), [26FE]
SBA: increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 936), [18SE]
———require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [11AP]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [23JY]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [30JA]
States: prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]
———recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 1743), [20NO]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [1AU]
Taxation: constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———improve access to health care by expanding health savings accounts (see S. 1031), [23MY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [20MY]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 950), [23MY] (see S. 1171), [17JN]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]

———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [11JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal reclamation law (see S. 306), [13FE]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 1800), [11DE]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold long-standing State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
EPA: prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [6MR]
NLRB: delay enforcement of any rulings until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments of certain members (see S. 180), [30JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
Social Security: provide for a phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 1311), [17JY]
———provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements (see S. 767), [18AP]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]

BASEL III IMPACT STUDY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 737), [16AP]

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Bills and resolutions
Corps of Engineers: modify the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf of Mexico to Baton Rouge, LA, navigation project (see S. 574), [14MR]

BAUCUS, MAX ***(a Senator from Montana)***
Appointments
Committee on Taxation (Joint), [26FE]
Conferee: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
———H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to international conferences, meetings, and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements, [13MR]
Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China, [7FE]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [18NO]
Afterschool Alliance (organization): support goals and ideals of Lights on Afterschool! event (see S. Res. 274), [16OC]
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 634), [21MR]
———extend duration of Physical Disability Board of Review and expand authority of Board to review the separation of members on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability (see S. 628), [20MR]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [7FE]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [6MR]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [17AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [10AP]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [11DE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Consumers: require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [13NO]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [22MR]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [7FE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [17JN]
Dept. of Defense: close and consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and facilities and relocate overseas missions to U.S. installations prior to any domestic base realignment and closure (see S. Res. 132), [8MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
Dept. of Education: amend the Small, Rural School Achievement Program and the Rural and Low-Income School Program (see S. 1222), [25JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [5MR]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [17AP]
Dept. of HHS: authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [12OC]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———provide for participation in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program of certain specialists needed to respond to environmental public health emergencies (see S. 426), [28FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [12JN]
Dept. of the Interior: grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
———increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [16JY]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [21MR]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Federal agencies and departments: improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [31JY]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [2OC]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
———revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]

Forests: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP] (see S. 1300), [18JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [24JY]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [8AP]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Montana: sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System (see S. 37), [13FE]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [25AP]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [31OC]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 149), [20MY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Native Americans: deem certain claims presented to an Indian Health Service contracting officer pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act as timely presented (see S. 385), [26FE]
———extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 161), [28JA]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [21MY]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 1575), [16OC]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [8AP]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [29OC] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (see S. 1569), [8OC]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [4JN]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [4MR]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Taxation: strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [8AP]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [14FE]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [10AP]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [14FE]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Vietnamese Conflict: anniversary of withdrawal of U.S. combat troops (see S. Res. 280), [31OC]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [24JA]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [19MR]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Agriculture: make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [24JA]
BLM: withdraw and reserve certain lands for exclusive military use as part of the Limestone Hills Training Area in Montana (see S. 1169), [13JN]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 434), [4MR]
Committee on Finance (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 59), [27FE] (see S. Res. 249), [19SE]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans (see S. 784), [23AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorize long-term contracts for procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels (see S. 389), [26FE]
Dept. of Education: establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [4JN]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1357), [24JY]
Dept. of the Interior: establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures by corporations or labor organizations intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [28JA]
Executive departments: require transparency in meeting Federal goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
Families and domestic relations: increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1870, 1877), [19DE]
———reauthorize and restructure adoption incentives payments (see S. 1870, 1876), [19DE]
Foreign trade: reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 662), [22MR]
Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1331), [18JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Medicare: repeal sustainable growth rate payment system for physicians and improve beneficiary access (see S. 1871), [19DE]
Montana: withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1870, 1878), [19DE]
Taxation: extend the work opportunity credit for employers of recently discharged veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
———include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines (see S. 391), [27FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [12MR]
Veterans: improve coordination of Federal veteran job training services (see S. 140), [24JA]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23AP]

Cloture motions

Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [15DE], [17DE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]

Motions

Budget: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling and hold salaries of Members of Congress in escrow upon failure to agree to a budget resolution (H.R. 325), [31JA]

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Activities During the 112th Congress: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–5), [21MR]
Expenditures: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. Res. 59), [27FE]
———Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. Res. 249), [19SE]
Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate Payment System for Physicians Repeal and Beneficiary Access Improvement: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1871), [19DE]
Supporting At-Risk Children Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]

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C.W. Bill Young Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center: designate (see S. 1576), [28OC]

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Bills and resolutions

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Bills and resolutions
California Coastal National Monument: designate Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (see S. 61), [22JA]
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area: authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access (see S. 486), [7MR]
Corps of Engineers: provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
Topsail, NC: revise boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06 (see S. 533), [12MR]
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Preserving Public Access to Cape Hatteras Beaches Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 486) (S. Rept. 113–102), [10SE]
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BEGICH, MARK ***(a Senator from Alaska)***
Appointments
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Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [14NO]
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Air Force: retain current leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson AFB, AK, and require reports on proposed activities at such installation (see S. 152), [29JA]
Alaska: establish Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridor (see S. 181), [30JA]
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for the settlement of certain claims (see S. 14), [26FE] (see S. 340), [14FE]
Anchorage, AK: convey certain property from the U.S. to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (see S. 235), [7FE]
———provide for unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city for purposes of economic development by conveying Federal reversion interest to the city (see S. 182), [30JA]
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [26JN]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [11SE]
———enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses relative to mortgages (see S. 1593), [28OC]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [29JY]
———extend duration of Physical Disability Board of Review and expand authority of Board to review the separation of members on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability (see S. 628), [20MR]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [7FE]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [7MR]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [13MR]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 20), [11JY]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [9AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [31OC]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [15JY]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [15MY]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
———lease tidelands and submerged lands under control of the Coast Guard for periods longer than five years (see S. 1609), [29OC]
———making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members (see S.J. Res. 24), [10OC]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
———support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [1AU]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [4NO]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Consumers: enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1538), [23SE]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [17JY]
Credit: provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [11DE]
———require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [18JN]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [17JY]
Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
———produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [17SE]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [3JN]
———establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 868), [26JN]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———rescind amounts appropriated for the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) (see S. 680), [9AP]
Dept. of Education: award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [25AP]
———award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [13FE]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [5MR]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [15MY]
———provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development (see S. 1113), [7JN]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
———promote mapping and development of U.S. geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells (see S. 362), [14FE]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer edu-

cation information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
———authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [10OC]
———authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [30OC]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [9SE]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [6JN]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [20JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [28OC]
Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of State: enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [21MY]
Dept. of the Interior: issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas in, and acquire land from Doyon Tourism, Inc., for Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [4FE]
———issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipeline transportation utility systems in nonwilderness areas within the Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [4FE]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [9DE]
———prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize transport of individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 455), [5MR]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [13JN]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for benefit purposes (see S. 690), [24AP]
———enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 430), [26JN]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 1602), [6NO]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1588), [28OC]
———expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [26JN]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
———improve dental health care (see S. 1586), [4NO]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———improve Health Professionals Education Assistance Program (see S. 845), [7MY]
———improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [13JN]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 200), [4FE]
———issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans (see S. 778), [23AP]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1556), [27SE]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [21MR]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [31JY]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 1573), [16OC]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [10AP]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [26JN]
———repeal time limitations on eligibility for use of All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program benefits and improve veterans education outreach (see S. 863), [6MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [9MY]
———treat certain misfiled documents as motions for reconsideration of decisions by the Board of Veterans Appeals (see S. 939), [14MY]
Diseases: provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [13MY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [14NO]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18JN]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [14FE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [17JY]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [27JN]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [4FE]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Federal agencies and departments: exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [23AP]
———improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [24SE]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [21MR]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [4OC]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [25AP]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
Fish and fishing: allow fishermen who hold capital construction fund accounts to make a penalty-free withdrawal from such accounts without requiring reinvestment in the fishing industry (see S. 551), [13MR]
———establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [12FE]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [31JY]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
———restrict conflicts of interest on the boards of directors of Federal Reserve banks (see S. 1018), [22MY]
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve: allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Hunan Tlingit people (see S. 156), [30JA]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [30SE]

Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [8JY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [16DE]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [19MR]
———authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [13MY]
———exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]
———permit individuals to renew certain health insurance offered in the individual or small group markets and provide that such individuals would not be subject to the individual mandate penalty (see S. 1699), [14NO]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [22MR]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [14MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [13JN]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [15JY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [15AP]
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 117), [23JA]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12NO]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [9SE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [8MY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [20NO]
———extend the Frontier Extended Stay Clinic demonstration in Alaska (see S. 239), [7FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [4JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [16DE]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [14MY]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [15AP]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [30JA]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [6MY]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Motor vehicles: provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 155), [10AP]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [21JN]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National MPS Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [29JY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [6MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [7JN]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]
NOAA: limit maritime liens on fishing licenses (see S. 542), [13MR]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [4NO]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [10JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [13JN]
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation: authorize establishment of a commemorative work in the District of Columbia (see S. 230), [4MR]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [18DE]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [13NO]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
———establish partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore and the Federal Government (see S. 630), [20MR] (see S. 1273), [10JY]
Privacy: reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [25JN]
Professional Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [9JY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: permit Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased (see S. Res. 7), [22JA]
———reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [13JN]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [23JY]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [13MR]
Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [10DE]
———protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food (see S. 910), [8MY]
———allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
———clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [10DE]

———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [10SE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [10JY]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1624), [6NO]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [17DE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [16DE]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [29OC]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [1AU]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [3JN]
———provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat (see S. 1194), [20JN]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———reduce tax on beer (see S. 958), [15MY]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 1533), [19SE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [21MY]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Transportation Security Administration: establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee (see S. 1804), [11DE]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
Veterans: appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [30SE]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [26FE]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of Dept. of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 257), [25AP]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [13JN]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [23JA]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]
Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station, Talkeetna, AK: designate (see S. 157), [4FE]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [13FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [6MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Alaska: enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes relative to enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, improve quality of life in rural Alaska, and reduce alcohol and drug abuse (see S. 1474), [1AU]
———exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]
———require oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported onshore by pipeline and provide for sharing of certain Outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone (see S. 199), [31JA]
Arctic Ocean: provide for research, monitoring, and observation (see S. 272), [11FE] (see S. 1344), [23JY]
Arctic regions: expedite development of Arctic deepwater ports (see S. 428), [28FE]
———study mental, behavioral, and physical health problems, institute Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Arctic health assessment program, and create NIH ''Arctic Desk'' (see S. 271), [11FE]
Armed Forces: increase mileage reimbursement rate for members during permanent change of station and authorize transport of vehicles of members stationed on nonforeign areas outside the continental U.S. (see S. 613), [19MR]
———provide for enhanced reimbursement of National Guard and Reserve members for certain travel expenses (see S. 378), [25FE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Coast Guard: improve quality of life for members and families through expanded child care availability, increased educational opportunities, and eased transition to post-service life (see S. 1760), [21NO]
Dept. of Defense: close and consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and facilities and relocate overseas missions to U.S. installations prior to any domestic base realignment and closure (see S. Res. 132), [8MY]
Dept. of Education: establish a new counseling program (see S. 282), [12FE]
———establish a program to provide professional development activities for educators (see S. 441), [4MR]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 439), [4MR]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———provide for loan forgiveness for early childhood educators (see S. 440), [4MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———establish a public-private partnership program to provide child care (see S. 442), [4MR]
———include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1815), [12DE]
Dept. of State: establish a U.S. Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs (see S. 270), [11FE]
Dept. of the Interior: increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow public access to departmental research (see S. 877), [7MY]
———carry out a program of outreach for veterans (see S. 1558), [27SE]
———expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [12FE]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts (see S. 932), [13MY]
———require recipients of per diem payments for provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided (see S. 1580), [28OC]
Disasters: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1819), [12DE]
FCC: suspend and revise proposed rule that revised Universal Service fund distribution to rural carriers and encourage investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure (see S. 1858), [18DE]
FDA: require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [7FE]
Federal agencies and departments: promote strategic sourcing principles (see S. 1304), [16JY]
Fish and fishing: prevent escapement of genetically altered salmon (see S. 246), [7FE]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
Health: Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program funding (see S. 1333), [18JY]
Immigration: authorize issuance of H2O nonimmigrant visas for aliens temporarily performing labor in the seafood processing industry (see S. 518), [11MR]
National Guard Educational Foundation: include among youth and charitable organizations eligible for National Guard assistance (see S. 926), [9MY]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
Native Americans: deem certain claims presented to an Indian Health Service contracting officer pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act as timely presented (see S. 385), [26FE]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [23MY]
Olympic Games: discourage ambush marketing by entities that adversely effect the ability of Team USA to attract sponsorships (see S. Res. 289), [7NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 1575), [16OC]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1330), [18JY]
———increase qualified health plan options by offering plans with lower premiums but requiring higher out-of-pocket costs (see S. 1729), [19NO]
Public buildings: allow traditional foods to be served at public facilities (see S. 1374), [25JY]
Rural areas: improve housing for educators, public safety officers, and medical providers, and their households (see S. 386), [26FE]
Small business: make enrollment in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program available when fewer than 2 qualified health plans are offered through the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) (see S. 1327), [18JY]
Social Security: improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [13FE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]
Strategic Defense Initiative: anniversary (see S. Res. 82), [20MR]
Tariff: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 1839), [17DE]
Taxation: adjust limits on expensing of certain depreciable business assets (see S. 1298), [16JY]

———modify the small employer health insurance credit (see S. 1325), [18JY]
———provide a credit for early childhood education professional school personnel, expand deduction for expenses to early childhood education teachers, and modify credit for dependent care services (see S. 438), [4MR]
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Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
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Agriculture: provide for crop production on native sod (see S. 801), [24AP]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [17JN]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 1541), [24SE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [30JY]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [9SE]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [21MR]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [7FE]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [9OC]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [14MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [24JY]
Dept. of Education: establish an alternative accountability model for elementary and secondary schools to measure student progress (see S. 943), [14MY]
———establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [9JY]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [5MR]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [10SE]
———provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development (see S. 1113), [7JN]
———recruit, prepare, and support principals through capacity-building measures that will improve student academic achievement in high-need schools (see S. 840), [25AP]
Dept. of HHS: assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care (see S. 466), [18SE]
———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [10SE]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [12SE]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [11FE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [28OC]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [12NO]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [9SE]
Dept. of the Interior: designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, CO, as wilderness (see S. 341), [14FE]
———improve support facilities for national historic sites operated by the National Park Service (see S. 1071), [23MY]
———provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: reimburse States that use State funds to operate national parks during the Government shutdown (see S. 1572), [16OC]
Dept. of Transportation: obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [18AP]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [22AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [31JY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: streamline Federal job training system, steer training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide State access to National Directory of New Hires (see S. 804), [24AP]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
Forest Service: convey Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, CO (see S. 1305), [16JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [14MR]
Immigration: reform (see S. 744), [16AP] (see S. 744), [17AP]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [13MR]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]

Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [25JN]
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [26FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: allow certain critical access and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy available physician requirements for emergency medical conditions (see S. 328), [14FE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [1AU]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Mining and mineral resources: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]
———facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 295), [14NO]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Lineman Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [10AP]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [27JN]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [21MY]
Olympic Games: discourage ambush marketing by entities that adversely effect the ability of Team USA to attract sponsorships (see S. Res. 289), [7NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [18DE]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [1AU]
PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Dept. of Veterans Affairs Clinic, Colorado Springs, CO: designate (see S. 1606), [30OC]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [11JY]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [23AP]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [20JN]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [21MR]
Taxation: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [7OC]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [13MY]
———reduce tax on beer (see S. 958), [15MY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [9JY]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [22JA]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Budget: exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]
Commission on Effective Regulation and Assessment Systems for Public Schools: establish (see S. 1010), [22MY]
Conservation of energy: facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants relative to energy efficiency in buildings (see S. 1191), [19JN]
Credit: require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: provide for the conduct of activities to detect, and respond in a timely manner to, threats to animal health (see S. 859), [6MY]
Dept. of Education: create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies (see S. 1052), [23MY]
Dept. of Energy: establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deduct amounts for repayment from the last months of educational assistance entitlement in cases of overpayments under Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 930), [13MY]
———improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs (see S. 1216), [25JN]
Disasters: provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters (see S. 243), [7FE]
Education: promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18AP]
FDA: strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
Federal agencies and departments: require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1611), [30OC]
FEMA: establish pilot program to provide for wildfire mitigation grants (see S. 1428), [1AU]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
Forests: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP]
GAO: report on the impact of certain mental and physical trauma on the discharge of Armed Forces members for misconduct (see S. 1668), [7NO]
Pike National Historic Trail: provide for a study (see S. 524), [12MR]
San Juan National Forest: designate certain Hermosa Creek watershed lands as wilderness (see S. 841), [25AP]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [1AU]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 1103), [6JN]
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Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]

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Children and youth: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [6MR]

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Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]

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Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy: establish (see S. 1021), [22MY]

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Armed Forces: exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872, 1880), [19DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1856; S. Res. 323), [18DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
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American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Dept. of the Interior: increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve: allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Hunan Tlingit people (see S. 156), [28JA]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 89), [23JA]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 969), [16MY]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts (see S. 1650), [5NO]
———protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]
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Bills and resolutions
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]

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Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
———prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [22JA] (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of HHS: reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [23JA]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]

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———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]

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Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [4JN]
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [29OC]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [8JY]
———allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 634), [21MR]
———extend duration of Physical Disability Board of Review and expand authority of Board to review the separation of members on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability (see S. 628), [15AP]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [7FE]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers: designate segments for study for potential addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 349), [14FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [17JN]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]

Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [18NO]
Buy American Act: ensure that all items for sale in National Park Service or National Archives and Records Administration gift shops are produced in the U.S. (see S. 1384), [29JY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
———extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [7FE]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Colleges and universities: require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [13MY]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [27JN]
———establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Conway, Thomas M.: award Navy Cross posthumously (see S. Res. 197), [18JY]
Courts: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 673), [9AP]
———exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [28JA]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [11MR]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [12NO]
———include farmed shellfish as specialty crops (see S. 754), [24AP]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 521), [11MR]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [7MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [15MY]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 1066), [29JY]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [14MY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [3JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [3JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [8AP]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [28FE]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [25JY]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [28FE]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
———provide incentives to States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at polls and simplify voter registration (see S. 85), [23JA]
———provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug takeback program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
———strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [27FE]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [8MY]
———establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a Veterans Conservation Corps (see S. 1262), [13NO]
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [23JY]
———prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [16DE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow public access to departmental research (see S. 877), [8MY]
———authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE] (see S. 1740), [9DE]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11MR]
———consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]
———expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [12FE]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [8MY]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———improve Health Professionals Education Assistance Program (see S. 845), [8MY]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 825), [16JY]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [21MR]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [4NO]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 1573), [16OC]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [23JY]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [23JY]
Depts. of Labor and Commerce: establish Made in America Incentive Grant Program (see S. 63), [22JA]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]

Diseases: strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [21NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [6MY]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [9MY]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [20JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Executive departments: require transparency in meeting Federal goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (see S. 140), [28JA]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [4FE]
———allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1253), [27JN]
FCC: allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide subscribers a la carte video programming, penalize broadcasters for downgrading services, and eliminate sports blackout rule (see S. 912), [23JY]
———direct wireless providers to permit the unlocking of mobile devices (see S. 481), [6MR]
FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [24JN]
———improve safety of dietary supplements by requiring manufacturers to register supplement products with the FDA and amending labeling requirements (see S. 1425), [1AU]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [15MY]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [12DE] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards (see S. 1867), [19DE]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [18MR]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 480), [8AP]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [7FE] (see S. 443), [4MR]
———prohibit purchase and possession by non-immigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [4JN]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [20MY]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [12FE]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [9AP]
FTC: prescribe regulations on the collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 418), [28FE]
———prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [16MY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [10SE]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [9AP]
Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [25JY]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 397), [4JN]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Hurricanes: provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 803), [24AP]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
———authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Information technology: promote public awareness of cybersecurity (see S. 1638), [31OC]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [23MY]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13MR]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [11MR]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [26FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [14MY]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [22MY]
———authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 117), [24JA]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [16JY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [18JN]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [7MR]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [8MY]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [11JN]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [17AP]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [15AP]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [7FE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]

Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [20MR]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [29JY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 91), [22MR]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [3JN]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [17JN]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [7MY]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [9AP]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [21MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
———provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis (see S. 1025), [22MY]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [24JA]
Senior citizens: establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and provide quality assurance for home and community-based services (see S. 998), [21MY]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [29JY]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [15AP]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 1207), [20JN]
———promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [1AU]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1476), [1AU]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [21MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [18MR]
———extend the work opportunity credit for employers of recently discharged veterans (see S. 140), [28JA]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [12DE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [14FE]
———provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 194), [31JA]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [13MY]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 826), [25AP]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
Telephones: prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills (see S. 1144), [12JN]
Ukraine: support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [17DE]
Veterans: appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [30SE]
———improve coordination of Federal veteran job training services (see S. 140), [28JA]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [20JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [8MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [6MY]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
———prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service (see S. 1281), [11JY]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [24JN]
Coltsville National Historical Park: establish (see S. 615), [19MR]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Dept. of Defense: afford crime victims in the military the same basic rights as civilians under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1041), [23MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]
———establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 1653), [5NO]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 1602), [29OC]
———repeal time limitations on eligibility for use of All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program benefits and improve veterans education outreach (see S. 863), [6MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
———treat certain misfiled documents as motions for reconsideration of decisions by the Board of Veterans Appeals (see S. 939), [14MY]
Economy: provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and work-based training for unemployed adults and youth (see S. 1383), [29JY]

Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [29JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property and establish a right of action to enforce compliance with such protections (see S. 1761), [21NO]
Motley, Constance Baker: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1150), [12JN]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 162), [4JN]
National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 104), [22AP]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Privacy: prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 26), [21NO]
Public safety officers: extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers (see S. 876), [7MY]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts and require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball (see S. 1721), [18NO]
Syria: impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1160), [13JN]
———allow manufacturing businesses to establish tax-free manufacturing reinvestment accounts to assist them in providing for new equipment and facilities and workforce training (see S. 1651), [5NO]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1624), [30OC]
Wildlife: prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [29JY]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 171), [13JN]

Bills and resolutions relative to

Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al. (see S. Res. 124), [25AP]

Cloture motions

Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [15DE], [17DE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [14NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]

BLUNT, ROY ***(a Senator from Missouri)***

Appointments

Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Senate National Security Working Group, [12MR]

Attendance

Present, [3JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [9AP]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Agriculture: make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [24JA]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [10DE]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [29OC]
Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [23JY]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. Res. 323), [18DE]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [18DE]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [6MR]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Bridges: increase percentage of funds set aside for off-system bridges (see S. 1504), [12SE]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [7MY]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [19MR]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Consumers: require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [10SE]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [29JA]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [20JN]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [4JN]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 273), [16OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [28FE]
———establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation (see S. 1468), [1AU]
———produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [22MY]
Dept. of Defense: improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———limit retirement of A–10 aircraft (see S. 1764), [21NO]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
Dept. of Education: allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 756), [17AP]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [23JY]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development pro-

grams for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [11MR]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [8JY]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [11FE]
———establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [12JN]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [22MY]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [16MY]
———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [17DE]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of HUD: develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
———reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 576), [20MY]
Dept. of Justice: increase authorization for Children's Advocacy Centers (see S. 1799), [11DE]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [21MR]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [9MY]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [1AU]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Disasters: extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster (see S. 1274), [10JY]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [31JY]
———reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
Egypt: restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [11FE]
Families and domestic relations: enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 1527), [19SE]
FDA: exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [31JY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [1AU]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [11JN]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [30SE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
———provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [18SE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [12DE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [27JN]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [23JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Health care professionals: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 1152), [12JN]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [8AP]
Information technology: promote public awareness of cybersecurity (see S. 1638), [31OC]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [9SE]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [9DE]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [16MY]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [13NO]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [8AP]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [4NO]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [5MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [19JN]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [11JN]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [9JY]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [18MR]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [7FE]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [26FE]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [12JN]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Motor vehicles: provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [8AP]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [11JN]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 111), [24AP]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national

manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [3JN]
NLRB: delay enforcement of any rulings until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments of certain members (see S. 180), [31JA]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [25JN]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [20MR]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [7NO]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [24JY]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [6NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [17SE]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [29OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [23JY]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [16OC]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Privacy: require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice in the case of a breach of security involving such information (see S. 1193), [20JN]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JY] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 1390), [30JY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 121), [25AP]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [6MR]
St. Louis, MO: designate as the National Chess Capital (see S. Res. 102), [18AP]
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge, St. Louis, MO: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]
Tariff: footwear (see S. 1633), [31OC]
———make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 1839), [17DE]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [12NO]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies (see S. 1346), [23JY]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [15OC]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 1133), [11JN]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 838), [25AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 1056), [23MY]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1287), [11JY]
———reduce tax on beer (see S. 958), [15MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [27JN]
U.N.: promote transparency, accountability, and reform (see S. 1313), [1AU]
———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: reevaluate recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer in consultation with appropriate specialists (see S. Res. 251), [7NO]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [27FE]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [23MY]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [19NO]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [22AP]
———repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [18DE]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [22MY]
Dept. of HHS: raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [13MY]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [23SE]
Federal agencies and departments: exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]
———provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [21NO]
Health: improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 961), [15MY]
National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 172), [17JN] (see S. Res. 201), [25JY]
NLRB: prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]

Petroleum: grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [19DE]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023 (S. Con. Res. 8), [22MR]
BOATS *see* **SHIPS AND VESSELS**
BOMBINGS *see* **TERRORISM**
BONNEVILLE UNIT CLEAN HYDROPOWER FACILITATION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 26) (S. Rept. 113–16), [22AP]
BOOKER, CORY A. ***(a Senator from New Jersey)***
Attendance
Present, [31OC]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [4NO]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [12NO] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [14NO]
BOOKS *see* **LITERATURE**
BOOZMAN, JOHN ***(a Senator from Arkansas)***
Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [22MY]
Conferee: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [7NO]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [6MR]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act: provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any issued orders (see S. 1438), [1AU]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [17DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [10OC]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [29JA] (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [19MR]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [18MR]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [19MR]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [4FE]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 1445), [3OC]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [3JN]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [21MY]
———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [16DE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [4NO]
Dept. of Justice: establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 1722), [19NO]
———provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [13MY]
———establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [6MY]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [19DE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 1625), [30OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [12FE]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts (see S. 932), [13MY]
———specify requirements for updating the Office of Rural Health strategic plan for improving access to, and quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas (see S. 1411), [31JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [12MR]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [20MR]
———change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MR]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [4NO]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [4JN]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [25JY]
———prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [19MR]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]

FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [18JY]
FDA: exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [7OC]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———report on responses to Inspector General recommendations on cost-saving measures or reimbursement for poor contractor performance, cost overruns, or other reasons (see S. 664), [22AP]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24SE]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [27JN]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [25AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16MY]
Firearms: limit amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [6MY]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
———provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect and prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes (see S. 82), [14FE]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [22AP]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [11AP]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [7FE]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [17JY]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [12DE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 1544), [24SE]
Immigration: clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 301), [13FE]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [1AU]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [18AP]
———eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [18DE]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [20DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [14MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [19NO]
———prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [20MY]
———prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [20MY]
Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [7MY]
———strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [12MR]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [12DE] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [16AP]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [24JY]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [24JY]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
Monuments and memorials: ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the U.S. Armed Forces may contain religious symbols (see S. 705), [11AP]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 214), [1AU]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [19JN]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [18JY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
National Toy Week: designate (see S. Res. 325), [20DE]
NLRB: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [7FE]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [18SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [24JY]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [23JY]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [6NO]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [19SE]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [5MR]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [24JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [4FE]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [4MR]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Science: establish a position of Science Laureate of the U.S. (see S. 899), [8MY]

Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [23JY]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [1AU]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [23AP]
———clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 91), [7FE]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [12NO]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [17JY]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1260), [27JN]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [8MY]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [17JY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
———restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [31JY]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [17SE]
Veterans: appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [1OC]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
Vietnam: impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses against nationals of Vietnam or their families (see S. 929), [23JY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [18DE]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 970), [16MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [3JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen who are appointed as Navy Reserve midshipmen continue to receive pay during a Government shutdown (see S. 1568), [7OC]
Corps of Engineers: include as a Federal land management agency (see S. 400), [28FE]
Dept. of Defense: improve the Transition Assistance Program (see S. 889), [7MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [10AP]
EPA: provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 1853), [18DE]
Federal agencies and departments: modify appointment of Inspectors General (see S. 1366), [25JY]
Little Rock, AR: treat Armed Forces members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]
Mayflower, AR: exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the pipeline oil spill (see S. 1350), [24JY]
Medicaid: require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 1655), [6NO]
National Desert Storm Memorial Association: authorize to establish National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in the District of Columbia (see S. 995), [21MY]
Taxation: repeal estate and gift taxes (see S. 1402), [31JY]
Veterans: require college courses that are approved for purposes of Dept. of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 257), [7FE]
Vietnam: promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [5NO]
Volunteer workers: clarify that volunteers at children's consignment events are not employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 1656), [6NO]

BORDER PATROL AGENT PAY REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1691), [13NO]

BORDER PROTECTION *see* **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 744), [16AP]
Cloture motions
Enact (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Motions
Enact (S. 744), [6JN], [13JN], [19JN], [20JN], [21JN], [25JN]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744) (S. Rept. 113–40), [7JN]

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
Bills and resolutions
Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans: designate to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to the Western Balkans: President Obama, [17JN]

BOSTON, MA
Bills and resolutions
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Crime: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]

BOSTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]

BOSTON RED SOX (BASEBALL TEAM)
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]

BOXER, BARBARA ***(a Senator from California)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [29OC]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [17DE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [28JA]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare

Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [4JN]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [31OC]
Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [13MY]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Credit: establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 673), [9AP]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [10JY]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [18JN]
———require inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers (see S. 471), [6MR]
Crime: reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [28OC]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [14MY]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 1659), [12DE]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [19SE]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [22MY]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [19DE]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [17DE]
Dept. of HUD: reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [13FE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MY]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [12OC]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the national parks (see S. 225), [4FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by or on behalf of State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in financial recovery from earthquakes and related events (see S. 1813), [12DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [5MR]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [23MY]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
Diseases: foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [6MY]
———improve diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (see S. 908), [11JN]
———reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [28FE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
———statehood (see S. 132), [24JA]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [1AU]
Education: require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
———ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 1508), [17SE]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
FAA: issue regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas of Los Angeles County, CA (see S. 208), [4FE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [1AU]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [11DE]
Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [11FE]
———establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [7MR]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
FRS: restrict conflicts of interest on the boards of directors of Federal Reserve banks (see S. 1018), [22MY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Haiti: recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [31JA]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]

Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
———expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [21MY]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [16MY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [25FE]
———exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Interagency Council on Healthy Housing: establish (see S. 291), [13FE]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [17DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [26FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [22MY]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [22MY]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [22MY]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [6MY]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [16AP]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National MPS Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [27JN]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [21MY]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [5NO]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 457), [5MR]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [28OC]
Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [14MY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [12JN] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [20MY]
Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Sacramento, CA: authorize improvements to flood damage reduction facilities adjacent to the American and Sacramento Rivers (see S. 197), [31JA]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 228), [4FE]
San Francisco, CA: tribute to Oracle Team USA for winning the America's Cup sailing competition (see S. Res. 286), [5NO]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 224), [4FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [13MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25AP]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [20JN]
Social Security: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [22AP]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [11JN]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [6MY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [7MY]
———make permanent rule providing 5-year amortization of expenses incurred in creating or acquiring music or music copyrights (see S. 1326), [18JY]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [27JN]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [8AP]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [11AP]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [23MY]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747), [21NO] (see S. 1845), [19DE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [27FE]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reem-

ployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [28FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [4FE]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [18NO]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [29OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [12MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
Yosemite National Park: modify boundaries (see S. 781), [23AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Advisory Council on Human Trafficking: establish (see S. 121), [23JA]
Afterschool Alliance (organization): support goals and ideals of Lights on Afterschool! event (see S. Res. 274), [16OC]
AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [23JA]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area: designate (see S. 483), [6MR]
California Coastal National Monument: designate Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (see S. 61), [22JA]
Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 45), [26FE] (see S. Res. 236), [17SE]
Contracts: limit taxpayer-funded salaries of Government contractors (see S. 1192), [19JN]
Dept. of Defense: reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
Dept. of HHS: establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 739), [16AP]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: implement standards for short-term custody of individuals held in Bureau of Customs and Border Protection facilities (see S. 1817), [12DE]
Dept. of Justice: strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [24JA]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1219), [25JN]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———provide with a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of Soledad Canyon, CA, mining contracts (see S. 771), [18AP]
Dept. of Transportation: modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1692), [13NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial: designate (see S. 59), [22JA]
Drugs: establish a commission to coordinate efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse (see S. 1277), [10JY]
Education: reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [14FE]
EPA: award grants to individuals that may be affected by a reported disease cluster (see S. 53), [22JA]
———investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children (see S. 50), [22JA]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Firearms: establish minimum standards for States that allow carrying of concealed firearms (see S. 147), [24JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [23JA]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
GSA: improve energy and water efficiency of Federal buildings (see S. 52), [22JA]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [5MR]
Members of Congress: prohibit from receiving pay whenever the U.S. cannot satisfy obligations because public debt ceiling has been reached (see S. 1142), [12JN]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
National Guard: allow Federal reimbursement of States that choose to use National Guard troops to enhance school safety (see S. 145), [24JA]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 149), [20MY]
Public debt: establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt ceiling (see S. 57), [22JA]
———provide a process for ensuring the U.S. does not default on its obligations by making permanent authority for Congress to disapprove a debt ceiling increase instead of approving it (see S. 1598), [29OC]
Schools: make grants available to local governments to place law enforcement officers in schools (see S. 148), [24JA]
Taxation: allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 56), [22JA]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 58), [22JA]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]
Western States Trail: study for potential designation as a national historic trail (see S. 60), [22JA]
Wildlife: prohibit import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species (see S. 1463), [1AU]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [15DE], [17DE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
Reports filed
Expenditures: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. Res. 45), [26FE]
———Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. Res. 236), [17SE]
Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [17AP]

BOYS TOWN, NE
Bills and resolutions
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]

BOYS TOWN (ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Coins: mint in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]

BRIDGES *related term(s)* **ROADS AND HIGHWAYS**
Bills and resolutions
Appropriations: increase percentage of funds set aside for off-system bridges (see S. 1504), [12SE]
Corps of Engineers: provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
Dept. of Transportation: establish an Emergency Transportation Safety Fund (see S. 911), [9MY]
———obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge, St. Louis, MO: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]
Transportation: provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest: convey a small parcel of land to Brigham Young University (see S. 28), [22JA]
Reports filed
Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 28) (S. Rept. 113–92), [10SE]

BRITISH-AMERICAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP
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BROADCASTING *see* **RADIO; TELEVISION**
BROCKPORT, NY
Bills and resolutions
Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building: designate (see S. 668), [8AP]
Reports filed
Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building, Brockport, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 668), [31JY]
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BROWN, DAVID M.
Bills and resolutions
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
BROWN, PAUL
Bills and resolutions
Paul Brown U.S. Courthouse, Sherman, TX: designate (see S. 1594), [29OC]
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Conferee: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China, [7FE]
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Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: provide for crop production on native sod (see S. 801), [24AP]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
———restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits to farmers (see S. 281), [12FE]
American College of Surgeons Days: designate (see S. Res. 217), [1AU]
American Dental Hygienists' Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 182), [21JN]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [17SE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [12NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [24JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [27JN]
———establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Credit: exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [28JA]
———prohibit distribution of checks or other negotiable instruments as part of a creditor solicitation to extend credit and limit consumer liability in conjunction with such solicitations (see S. 187), [30JA]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
———require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [28OC]
———prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [5NO]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (see S. 821), [25AP]
———expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [23MY]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 1066), [27JN]
———establish national program for arts and technology (see S. 1055), [23MY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [11AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [23SE]
———conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [9JY]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [13MY]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Labor: provide grants for an Urban Jobs Program (see S. 655), [15MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program of outreach for veterans (see S. 1558), [27SE]
———improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [15JY]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 825), [7NO]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [13JN]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [8JY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———increase access to adult education to provide for economic growth (see S. 1400), [30JY]
———support the community schools model (see S. 844), [25AP]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [18DE]
Executive Office of the President: require development of a National Manufacturing Strategy (see S. 544), [13NO]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———allow use of prize-linked savings accounts to encourage personal savings (see S. 1597), [29OC]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Foreign aid: provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [12JN]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property and establish a right of action to enforce compliance with such protections (see S. 1761), [21NO]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [27FE]

———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 600), [18MR]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [26FE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77), [5MR]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [25FE]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [25JY]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [11AP]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [20MR]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [20MY]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 295), [14NO]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [31JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [28OC]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 91), [22MR]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 104), [22AP]
Nicklaus, Jack: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1040), [23MY]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [7MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [14NO]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [16DE]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [7MR] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [3JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN] (see S. 1878), [19DE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [18JY]
———provide for a phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 1311), [17JY]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [4NO]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [23AP]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 835), [25AP]
———make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [18SE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [17DE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [11DE]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1287), [11JY]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [23MY]
Tubman, Harriet: tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747, 1797), [11DE]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [8JY]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [29OC]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [17SE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [19NO]
War of 1812: anniversary of Battle of Lake Erie (see S. Res. 153), [27JN]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Wildlife: prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [29JY]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9MY]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Aviation: reform and improve the oversight of passenger and baggage screening at domestic commercial airports by private screening companies (see S. 697), [10AP]
Business and industry: promote industry growth and competitiveness and improve worker training, retention, and advancement (see S. 1226), [26JN]
Colleges and universities: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 1266), [27JN]
Dakar, Maha: relief (see S. 580), [14MR]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Commerce: establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation (see S. 1468), [1AU]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a study of the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, OH, and associated locations to assess potential inclusion in the National Park System (see S. 331), [14FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a continuing medical education program for medical professionals to

increase knowledge and recognition of conditions common to veterans and their families (see S. 1863), [19DE]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 515), [11MR]
———include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects (see S. 1540), [24SE]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1556), [27SE]
———provide additional assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program to veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) (see S. 514), [11MR]
———provide veterans, when they electronically file claims for benefits, with notice that relevant services may be available to them from veterans service organizations (see S. 1295), [15JY]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Financial institutions: expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1806), [12DE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
———set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks (see S. 798), [24AP]
Flag—U.S.: require purchase of domestically made U.S. flags for use by the Federal Government (see S. 1214), [24JN]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [25JY]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Medicare: count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [14MR]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [23MY]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: reauthorize (see S. 1339), [23JY]
Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 57), [26FE]
Ships and vessels: extend exemption from fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line (see S. 1022), [22MY]
Taxation: facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 1368), [25JY]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Appropriations: making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]

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———replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
Dept. of Defense: reduce budget sequestration cuts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 but implement such cuts over the duration of sequestration (see S. 1841), [17DE]
Federal agencies and departments: allow interagency transfers of funds to provide more flexibility for the agency to comply with a sequestration order (see S. 465), [5MR] (see S. 1017), [22MY]
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Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
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Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), [26FE]
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Conferees: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
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Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 625), [20MR]
———making continuing (see S.J. Res. 23), [2OC]
———provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
———require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress (see S. 1835), [17DE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen who are appointed as Navy Reserve midshipmen continue to receive pay during a Government shutdown (see S. 1568), [7OC]
———exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872, 1880), [19DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1856; S. Res. 323), [18DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act: provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any issued orders (see S. 1438), [1AU]
CBO: provide a macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation (see S. 184), [30JA]
Coast Guard: making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members (see S.J. Res. 24), [10OC]
Congress: ensure effective control over the congressional budget process (see S. 280), [12FE]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]
Constitutional amendments: balance (see S.J. Res. 1), [22JA] (see S.J. Res. 6), [29JA] (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE] (see S.J. Res. 20), [11JY]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
———reduce budget sequestration cuts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 but implement such cuts over the duration of sequestration (see S. 1841), [17DE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [10OC]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
District of Columbia: make local funds available during any portion of the fiscal year at the rate of operations provided under the local budget act if the regular appropriation bill has not yet become law (see S. 1571), [12OC]
Economy: eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [30JA]
———prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
———provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
FAA: exempt from reduction under any order issued to carry out a sequestration (see S. 817), [25AP]
FDA: exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [31JY]
Federal agencies and departments: allow interagency transfers of funds to provide more flexibility for the agency to comply with a sequestration order (see S. 465), [5MR] (see S. 1017), [22MY]

———close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1792), [10DE]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 1231), [26JN]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21MY]
Federal budget: exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
———exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
———limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
———replace current fiscal year sequestration (see S. 18), [27FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (see S. 16), [27FE] (see S. 799), [24AP]
———require the President to submit a budget to Congress listing current fiscal year spending levels for proposed programs and separate amounts for proposed spending increases (see S. 1314), [17JY] (see S. 1321), [18JY]
———setting forth for 2013–2023 (see S. Con. Res. 8), [18MR]
———setting forth for 2014–2023 (see S. Con. Res. 14), [22AP]
———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
Federal employees: eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
———prohibit performance awards in the Senior Executive Service during sequestration periods (see S. 986), [16MY]
———provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 101), [23JA]
Government: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [13MR]
———prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
———provide for continuing operations in a fiscally responsible manner (see S. 83), [23JA]
Government Transformation Commission: establish (see S. 1297), [16JY]
Members of Congress: prohibit from receiving pay whenever the U.S. cannot satisfy obligations because public debt ceiling has been reached (see S. 1142), [12JN]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
———require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
National objectives: balance through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending (see S. 547), [13MR] (see S. 1436), [1AU]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
———withhold salary of the Director, Deputy Director, and Deputy Director for Management upon failure to submit the President's budget to Congress (see S. 620), [20MR]
Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (see S.J. Res. 26), [28OC]
———establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt ceiling (see S. 57), [22JA]
———prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 92), [23JA]
———provide a process for ensuring the U.S. does not default on its obligations by making permanent authority for Congress to disapprove a debt ceiling increase instead of approving it (see S. 1598), [29OC]
———require annual budget submission by the President provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit (see S. 581), [14MR]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (see S. 1569), [8OC]
Securities: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
Senate Rules: prevent creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs (see S. Res. 110), [24AP]
Social Security: establish a procedure to safeguard trust funds (see S. 110), [23JA]
Taxation: reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes (see S. 268), [11FE]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
Veterans: appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [30SE]
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Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE], [27SE], [15DE], [17DE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Federal budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
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Motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [23SE], [24SE], [27SE], [30SE], [1OC], [15DE], [17DE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), [12MR]
Federal budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), [26FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), [27FE]
———setting forth for 2013–2023 (S. Con. Res. 8), [21MR], [22MR]
———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling and hold salaries of Members of Congress in escrow upon failure to agree to a budget resolution (H.R. 325), [31JA]
Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (S.J. Res. 26), [29OC]
———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), [10OC], [11OC], [12OC], [13OC], [14OC], [15OC], [16OC]
Reports filed
Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–3), [13MR]
Inquiry Into U.S. Costs and Allied Contributions To Support the U.S. Military Presence Overseas: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–12), [15AP]
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BUFFALO SOLDIERS IN THE NATIONAL PARKS STUDY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 225), [4FE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 225) (S. Rept. 113–53), [27JN]

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES
Bills and resolutions
Explosives: strengthen enforcement of background checks relative to the use of explosive materials (see S. 792), [23AP]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
Faber, Michael G.: relief (see S. 1605), [29OC]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
Native Americans: anniversary of restoration of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (see S. Res. 304), [20NO]
———extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 161), [28JA]
———provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (see S. 1132), [11JN]

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
Bills and resolutions
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Bills and resolutions
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area: designate (see S. 483), [6MR]
California Coastal National Monument: designate Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (see S. 61), [22JA]
Cibola National Forest: add the Crest of Montezuma and transfer management from BLM to the Forest Service (see S. 1829), [16DE]
Claims: provide small miner waivers from claim maintenance fees for a period of time after written receipt of defects is provided to the claimant to cure defects or pay the claim maintenance fee (see S. 366), [14FE]

Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 1414), [31JY]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 1415), [31JY]
———convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in Wyoming (see S. 130), [24JA]
———ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 473), [6MR]
———modify Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project (see S. 244), [7FE]
———provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]
———provide with a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of Soledad Canyon, CA, mining contracts (see S. 771), [18AP]
———release reversionary interest in certain land conveyed to Oregon for establishment of Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (see S. 1437), [1AU]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 1479), [1AU]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Forests: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP] (see S. 1300), [16JY]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 1054), [23MY]
Lincoln County, NV: facilitate planning, permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects (see S. 1640), [4NO]
Montana: withdraw and reserve certain lands for exclusive military use as part of the Limestone Hills Training Area (see S. 1169), [13JN]
———withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]
Nevada: provide for land conveyances for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area: designate (see S. 342), [14FE]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
———improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
———provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]
San Juan Islands National Conservation Area: establish (see S. 497), [7MR]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [18JY] (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Utah: convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (see S. 1732), [19NO]
Wilderness areas: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Reports filed
Dept. of the Interior Pilot Project Offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project Modification: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 244) (S. Rept. 113–22), [22AP]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 368) (S. Rept. 113–61), [27JN]
North Fork Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 255) (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]
Oregon Treasures Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 353) (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]
Pine Forest Range Recreation Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 342) (S. Rept. 113–59), [27JN]
Powell Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 130) (S. Rept. 113–18), [22AP]

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
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Dept. of the Interior: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 510), [7MR]
———facilitate development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project (see S. 26), [22JA]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 1245), [27JN]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
Hermiston, OR: participate in water recycling and reuse project (see S. 693), [10AP]
Hydroelectric power: authorize conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal reclamation law (see S. 306), [13FE]
Idaho: reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (see S. 276), [11FE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (see S. 275), [11FE]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
Native Americans: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 434), [4MR]
New Mexico: transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District (see S. 284), [12FE]
Provo River Project Transfer Act: clarify certain property descriptions (see S. 211), [4FE]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act: reauthorize (see S. 659), [22MR]
South Dakota: facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System (see S. 684), [9AP]
Water: require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 1800), [11DE]
Reports filed
American Falls Reservoir Hydroelectric Project Deadline for Commencement of Construction Reinstatement and Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 276) (S. Rept. 113–24), [22AP]
Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 26) (S. Rept. 113–16), [22AP]
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]
Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 678), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 678) (S. Rept. 113–39), [3JN]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 306), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 306) (S. Rept. 113–35), [3JN]
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1245) (S. Rept. 113–47), [27JN]
Fort Sumner Project Title Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 284) (S. Rept. 113–56), [27JN]
Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System Completion Facilitation: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 684) (S. Rept. 113–74), [15JY]
Provo River Project Transfer Act Clarification of Certain Property Descriptions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 211) (S. Rept. 113–52), [27JN]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 659) (S. Rept. 113–73), [15JY]

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Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 678), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 678) (S. Rept. 113–39), [3JN]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 306), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 306) (S. Rept. 113–35), [3JN]

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TRANSPARENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1800), [11DE]

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
Bills and resolutions
American Community Survey: make participation voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions (see S. 530), [12MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]

BURGESS, JAMES R., JR.
Bills and resolutions
James R. Burgess Jr., Post Office Building, Champaign, IL: designate (see S. 796), [24AP]
Reports filed
James R. Burgess Jr., Post Office Building, Champaign, IL: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 796), [31JY]

BURMA, UNION OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign aid: place conditions on assistance relative to human rights (see S. 1885), [20DE]

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Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1885), [20DE]

BURR, RICHARD ***(a Senator from North Carolina)***
Attendance
Present, [28JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Animals: improve sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees (see S. 1561), [1OC]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Armed Forces: leave no member unaccounted for in the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan (see S. Res. 109), [19JN]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [7MR]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [13MR]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Collector Car Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 176), [19JN]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [21MR]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [28FE]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [23JA] (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [8AP]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [19SE]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [21MY]
Dept. of Education: ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682), [9AP] (see S. 1003), [21MY]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [1OC]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [19MR]
———reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [18NO]
Dept. of Justice: protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [12NO]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [14NO]
———require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 825), [25AP]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 944), [14MY]
Diseases: foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [7OC]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [5NO]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [8AP]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
FDA: strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [29OC]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [25AP]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [23JY]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [9AP]
Insurance: preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [24JN]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [26JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [10SE]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [4FE]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [24JN]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National cemeteries: provide authority to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery and disinter remains of Michael L. Anderson from Fort Custer National Cemetery (see S. 1471), [1AU]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 173), [18JN]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Infant Mortality Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 258), [24SE]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [18JN]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [27SE]

NLRB: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [10SE]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [30JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [4NO]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [19DE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [12JN] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [28JA]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 307), [20NO]
Social Security: provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements (see S. 767), [23AP]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [13MR]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [31JY]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [31JY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [18SE]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [3JN]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 1103), [6JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [11DE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [10JY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Veterans: clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [11AP]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 1171), [19DE]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area: authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access (see S. 486), [7MR]
Dept. of Commerce and the Workforce: establish (see S. 1836), [17DE]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
Dept. of Justice: report on State law penalties for certain child abusers and expand the predicate for increased penalties for domestic assaults against children (see S. 1778), [9DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———ensure an up-to-date policy on reporting of cases of infectious diseases and require an independent assessment of Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers (see S. 1589), [28OC]
———implement mental health care and rehabilitation program for veterans with service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or related substance use disorder (see S. 819), [25AP]
———issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans (see S. 778), [23AP]
———modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
———reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 543), [13MR]
———review the dialysis pilot program and submit a report to Congress before expanding such program (see S. 1547), [24SE]
Federal employees: end the defined benefit portion of the Federal Employee Retirement System for any individual hired after a certain date (see S. 1678), [12NO]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 67), [5MR]
Military and Veteran Caregiver Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [7MR]
Monuments and memorials: ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the U.S. Armed Forces may contain religious symbols (see S. 705), [11AP]
Native Americans: provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (see S. 1132), [11JN]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 79), [18MR]
Taxation: provide for reporting and disclosure by State and local public employee retirement pension plans (see S. 779), [23AP]
Veterans: require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses (see S. 492), [7MR]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [28FE]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023 (S. Con. Res. 8), [22MR]
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BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY *related term(s)* **CORPORATIONS**
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits to farmers (see S. 281), [12FE]
Alcoholic beverages: exempt aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs (see S. 1457), [1AU]
American Infrastructure Investment Fund: establish (see S. 387), [26FE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 638), [21MR]
Arctic regions: expedite development of Arctic deepwater ports (see S. 428), [28FE]
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Aviation: reform and improve the oversight of passenger and baggage screening at domestic commercial airports by private screening companies (see S. 697), [10AP]
Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
———exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
———limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
———reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes (see S. 268), [11FE]
———replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
Buy American Act: ensure that all items for sale in National Park Service or National Archives and Records Administration gift shops are produced in the U.S. (see S. 1384), [29JY]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]

Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
———provide for youth jobs (see S. 1170), [13JN]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25AP]
Clean Energy Consortia: establish (see S. 1698), [13NO]
Colleges and universities: restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [12MR]
———support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [8JY]
Coltsville National Historical Park: establish (see S. 615), [19MR]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on JP Morgan Chase & Co., ''whale trades'' and risks and abuses of derivatives (see S. Res. 300), [19NO]
———authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on offshore profit shifting and the U.S. Tax Code (see S. Res. 62), [27FE]
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Conservation of energy: encourage benchmarking and disclosure of energy information for commercial buildings (see S. 1206), [20JN]
———facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants relative to energy efficiency in buildings (see S. 1191), [19JN]
———promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [18AP]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Consumers: enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1538), [23SE]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [27JN]
———ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 98), [23JA]
———establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
———increase contracting goals for service-disabled veteran-owned small business and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 259), [7FE]
———limit taxpayer-funded salaries of Government contractors (see S. 1192), [19JN]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 99), [23JA]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 359), [14FE]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [18JN]
———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
———require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Corps of Engineers: establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects (see S. 566), [14MR]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [21MR]
———provide for Federal civil liability for trade secret misappropriation in certain circumstances (see S. 1770), [21NO]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
———improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 949), [14MY] (see S. 1577), [28OC]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [16DE]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [13JN]
———prohibit distribution of checks or other negotiable instruments as part of a creditor solicitation to extend credit and limit consumer liability in conjunction with such solicitations (see S. 187), [30JA]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
———require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [23MY]
Crime: ensure prisoners do not profit from their violent acts through the sale of ''murderabilia'' by restricting mailing and delivery privileges of prisoners for commercial purposes (see S. 1549), [24SE]
———increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]
———prohibit and deter theft of metal (see S. 394), [27FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: include California as a separate Federal milk marketing order upon the petition and approval of California dairy producers (see S. 663), [22MR]
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations for the SelectUSA Initiative (see S. 1608), [29OC]
———authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the International Trade Administration Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1748), [20NO]
———enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [28FE]
———establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation (see S. 1468), [1AU]
———produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [22MY]
Dept. of Commerce and the Workforce: establish (see S. 1836), [17DE]
Dept. of Defense: authorize long-term contracts for procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels (see S. 389), [26FE]
———provide for proper reimbursement for assistance provided to nongovernmental entertainment-oriented media producers (see S. 1669), [7NO]
———require a study on the use of the Russian RD–180 rocket engine and the cost effectiveness of building the engines in the U.S. (see S. 1679), [12NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———provide new program review requirements relative to colleges and universities (see S. 406), [28FE]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 1659), [6NO]
Dept. of Energy: establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]
———establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1501), [12SE]
———improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [23MY]
———promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
Dept. of HHS: establish a public-private partnership program to provide child care (see S. 442), [4MR]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
Dept. of HUD: develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
Dept. of Labor: address the skills gap by providing recommendations to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities and employer participation in education and workforce training (see S. 1619), [30OC]
———establish pilot programs to provide employers who employ certain veterans and Armed Forces members wage subsidies and provide career transition services to young veterans (see S. 922), [9MY]
———extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1357), [24JY]
———list employers that relocate call centers overseas, make such companies ineligible for Federal grants and loans, and require call center employees to disclose their physical location (see S. 1565), [30SE]
———require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [5MR]
———require State workforce agencies and employers to certify the active recruitment of Americans for job placement prior to hiring H–2B nonimmigrant workers (see S. 891), [8MY]
———strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling (see S. 598), [18MR]
———provide with a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of Soledad Canyon, CA, mining contracts (see S. 771), [18AP]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: allow reliance on State examinations for certain financial institutions in order to assist immigrant communities in making remittances to their countries of origin (see S. 1840), [17DE]
———establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by or on behalf of State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in financial recovery

from earthquakes and related events (see S. 1813), [12DE]
Dept. of Transportation: delay implementation of regulation changing the hours-of-service rule for commercial truck drivers pending a GAO assessment of such regulation (see S. 1891), [20DE]
———improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [23JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow use of educational assistance funds to defray training costs associated with purchasing certain franchise enterprises (see S. 938), [14MY]
———enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 430), [28FE]
Depts. of Labor and Commerce: establish Made in America Incentive Grant Program (see S. 63), [22JA]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA): extend preferential tariff treatment for certain textile goods imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1136), [11JN]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
———permit voluntary economic activity (see S. 1004), [21MY]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
———provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and work-based training for unemployed adults and youth (see S. 1383), [29JY]
Education: increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [12FE]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures by corporations or labor organizations intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [28JA]
———require disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity (see S. 791), [23AP]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
———allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
———clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
———develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the U.S. and encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries (see S. 1615), [30OC]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [12NO]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
———permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 1248), [27JN]
———promote industry growth and competitiveness and improve worker training, retention, and advancement (see S. 1226), [26JN]
———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 1626), [30OC]
———streamline Federal job training system, steer training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide State access to National Directory of New Hires (see S. 804), [24AP]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 1781), [9DE]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
———require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [11FE]
Executive departments: require transparency in meeting Federal goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
Executive Office of the President: require development of a National Manufacturing Strategy (see S. 544), [13MR]
Eximbank: abolish (see S. 1102), [6JN]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
———extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
Fab Foundation: provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a network of digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools (see S. 1705), [14NO]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [4FE]
———allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 846), [25AP] (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FCC: allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide subscribers a la carte video programming, penalize broadcasters for downgrading services, and eliminate sports blackout rule (see S. 912), [9MY]
———direct wireless providers to permit the unlocking of mobile devices (see S. 481), [6MR]
———increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace (see S. 1680), [12NO]
———prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 874), [7MY]
———provide that certain uses of a patent or copyright in compliance with an order for emergency communications services shall be construed as use or manufacture for the U.S. (see S. 1478), [1AU]
FDA: encourage use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs (see S. Res. 97), [15AP]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
———exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [31JY]
———strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
Federal agencies and departments: require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 523), [12MR]
Federal employees: provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1746), [20NO]
Federal Helium Reserve: complete privatization in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting taxpayer interests (see S. 1513), [17SE]
———improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [23AP]
FEMA: extend phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties (see S. 1075), [23MY]
———improve the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 996), [21MY]
Financial institutions: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 685), [9AP]
———advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24JY]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [15AP]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———provide a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt (see S. 1861), [19DE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
———require a quantitative impact study on cumulative effect of the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets (see S. 737), [16AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]
———restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 985), [16MY]
———revise certain regulations governing financial assistance for swaps entities (see S. 474), [6MR]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [29JA]
———ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
———ensure that individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and require a background check for every firearm sale (see S. 374), [25FE]
———establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
Fish and fishing: allow fishermen who hold capital construction fund accounts to make a penalty-free withdrawal from such accounts without requiring reinvestment in the fishing industry (see S. 551), [13MR]
———permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs (see S. 221), [4FE]

———prohibit Federal agencies from requiring seafood to be certified as sustainable by a third party nongovernmental organization (see S. 1521), [18SE]
Flag—U.S.: require purchase of domestically made U.S. flags for use by the Federal Government (see S. 1214), [24JN]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [9AP]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 178), [30JA]
———create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [11AP]
———include the cost of paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods in the calculation of normal value of a product (see S. 1801), [11DE]
———reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 662), [22MR]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [25JY]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
———restrict conflicts of interest on the boards of directors of Federal Reserve banks (see S. 1018), [22MY]
FTC: prescribe regulations on the collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 418), [28FE]
———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 1830), [16DE]
GAO: assess Army study on the combat vehicle industrial base (see S. 1727), [19NO]
———report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
———require a study and report on the costs of Federal regulations (see S. 536), [12MR]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Health: assist survivors of stroke in returning to work (see S. 1026), [22MY]
———provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 1544), [24SE]
Housing: enable Federal and State chartered banks and thrifts to meet the credit needs of homebuilders, and provide liquidity and ensure stable credit for meeting the need for new homes (see S. 1002), [21MY]
———ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Immigration: authorize issuance of H2O nonimmigrant visas for aliens temporarily performing labor in the seafood processing industry (see S. 518), [11MR]
———establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [30JA]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 600), [18MR]
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [21MR]
———require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [18AP]
———require issuers of long-term care insurance to establish third party review processes for disputed claims (see S. 1481), [1AU]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13MR]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [6MR]
Mayflower, AR: exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the pipeline oil spill (see S. 1350), [24JY]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77, 117), [23JA]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Minimum wage: increase, and extend increased expensing limitations for depreciable business assets and treatment of certain property as section 179 property (see S. 1737), [19NO]
———increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
———protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
NOAA: limit maritime liens on fishing licenses (see S. 542), [13MR]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Olympic Games: discourage ambush marketing by entities that adversely effect the ability of Team USA to attract sponsorships (see S. Res. 289), [7NO]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 712), [11AP]
———improve transitional program covered business method patents (see S. 866), [6MY]
Patents: add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits to deter abusive litigation (see S. 1013), [22MY]
———combat cyber espionage of intellectual property of U.S. persons (see S. 1111), [6JN]
———promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
———provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 780), [23AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 1723), [19NO]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1330), [18JY] (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE] (see S. 1671), [7NO]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 701), [10AP] (see S. 1188), [19JN]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———provide that the individual mandate shall not be construed as a tax (see S. 560), [14MR]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [11JN]

———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
———expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
———prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
———promote domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies (see S. 656), [22MR]
———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
Privacy: limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements (see S. 1168), [13JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Professional Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: prohibit from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or the use of different auditors on a rotating basis (see S. 1526), [19SE]
———promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 1390), [30JY]
SBA: enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program and provide for a small business early-stage investment program (see S. 1285), [11JY]
———expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 206), [31JA]
———increase Government-wide small business contracting level and the contracting goal for businesses owned by veterans, women, and economically disadvantaged individuals (see S. 196), [31JA]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 537), [12MR]
———require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 286), [12FE]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 1725), [19NO]
———protect investors by fostering transparency and accountability of attorneys in private securities litigation (see S. 652), [22MR]
———protect transactions in the U.S. from enforcement of certain excise taxes imposed by foreign governments (see S. 1257), [27JN]
———provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 1179), [18JN]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts and require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball (see S. 1721), [18NO]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 1810), [12DE]
States: recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 1743), [20NO]
Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act: modify requirements regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms (see S. 716), [11AP]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 79), [18MR]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [7MR]
Taxation: adjust limits on expensing of certain depreciable business assets (see S. 1298), [16JY]
———allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans (see S. 1015), [22MY]
———allow manufacturing businesses to establish tax-free manufacturing reinvestment accounts to assist them in providing for new equipment and facilities and workforce training (see S. 1651), [5NO]
———apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations (see S. 479), [6MR]
———constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
———deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 1654), [5NO]
———disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil (see S. 599), [18MR]
———eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 1833), [17DE]
———eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, prevent U.S. tax avoidance, and eliminate tax loopholes for big oil companies (see S. 250), [7FE]
———exclude major professional sports leagues from qualifying as tax-exempt organizations (see S. 1524), [18SE]
———expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1476), [1AU]
———expand the types of livestock for which bonus depreciation is available (see S. 494), [7MR]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———extend certain expiring tax provisions relative to small businesses (see S. 1498), [12SE]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [24AP]
———extend the parity between exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits (see S. 1882), [20DE]
———extend the work opportunity credit for employers of recently discharged veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1624), [30OC]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [1AU]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions (see S. 410), [28FE]
———impose an ad valorem excise tax on certain passenger cruise voyages (see S. 1450), [1AU]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 56), [22JA]
———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 1713), [14NO]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 1658), [6NO]
———make permanent rule providing 5-year amortization of expenses incurred in creating or acquiring music or music copyrights (see S. 1326), [18JY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1855), [18DE]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 606), [19MR]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 1395), [30JY]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses (see S. 1342), [23JY]
———prevent avoidance of tax by insurance companies through reinsurance with non-taxed affiliates (see S. 991), [20MY]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 838), [25AP]
———provide a credit for employer-provided job training (see S. 1409), [31JY]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 136), [24JA]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1260), [27JN]
———provide a tax incentive for installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property (see S. 775), [22AP]
———provide an income tax credit for increased payroll (see S. 115), [23JA]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [28FE]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [14FE]

———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1085), [3JN]
———provide that income attributable to certain passenger cruises beginning or ending in the U.S. be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. (see S. 1449), [1AU]
———reduce maximum rate on income of corporations (see S. 151), [24JA]
———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
———regulate payroll tax deposit agents (see S. 900), [8MY]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 1533), [19SE]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1163), [13JN]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 467), [5MR] (see S. 517), [11MR]
Telecommunications: require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Telephones: prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills (see S. 1144), [12JN]
———restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Veterans: clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
———technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 42), [22JA]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
Workforce Investment Act: integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards (see S. 882), [7MY]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
World War II: ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
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Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
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Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Taxation: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
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Communicating Lender Activity Reports From the SBA (CLEAR SBA) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 537) (S. Rept. 113–91), [10SE]
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 42), [31OC]
Employment Non-Discrimination Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 815) (S. Rept. 113–105), [12SE]
Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 761), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 761) (S. Rept. 113–37), [3JN]
Geothermal Production Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 363) (S. Rept. 113–72), [15JY]
Helium Stewardship Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 783) (S. Rept. 113–83), [29JY]
Increasing American Jobs Through Greater Exports to Africa Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 718) (S. Rept. 113–103), [10SE]
Justice for Former American Hostages in Iran Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 559) (S. Rept. 113–104), [12SE]
Metal Theft Prevention Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 394), [17JN]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers Reform Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 534) (S. Rept. 113–82), [29JY]
Protecting Responsible Gun Sellers Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 374), [12MR]
Small Airplane Revitalization Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1072) (S. Rept. 113–108), [17SE]
U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperation Improvement: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1491), [19DE]
Violent Content Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 134) (S. Rept. 113–126), [17DE]

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Business and industry: ensure that all items for sale in National Park Service or National Archives and Records Administration gift shops are produced in the U.S. (see S. 1384), [29JY]

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Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area: designate (see S. 483), [6MR]
California Coastal National Monument: designate Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (see S. 61), [22JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: include California as a separate Federal milk marketing order upon the petition and approval of California dairy producers (see S. 663), [22MR]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1219), [25JN]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———provide with a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of Soledad Canyon, CA, mining contracts (see S. 771), [18AP]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
Inyo National Forest: facilitate a land exchange involving certain non-Federal lands (see S. 1888), [20DE]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Sacramento, CA: authorize improvements to flood damage reduction facilities adjacent to the American and Sacramento Rivers (see S. 197), [31JA]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 228), [4FE]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 224), [4FE]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in R. Wayne Patterson v. U.S. Senate, et. al (see S. Res. 185), [24JN]
Western States Trail: study for potential designation as a national historic trail (see S. 60), [22JA]
Yosemite National Park: modify boundaries (see S. 781), [23AP]

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Bills and resolutions
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CAMBODIA, KINGDOM OF
Bills and resolutions
Elections: suspend military assistance until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the parliamentary elections and election reforms are implemented (see S. Res. 271), [16OC]
Foreign aid: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]

CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1207), [20JN]

CAMP LEJEUNE, NC
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]

CAMPBELL, KRYSTLE
Bills and resolutions
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston

Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

Bills and resolutions

Designate (see S. Res. 259), [24SE]

CANADA

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Bills and resolutions

Colleges and universities: establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1822), [12DE]

Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]

Dept. of Homeland Security: provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 1812), [12DE]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown to track possible exposure to toxins (see S. 1892), [20DE]

Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 847), [25AP]

Montana: withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]

OAS: support revitalization and reform (see S. 793), [24AP]

Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]

World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23AP]

Motions

OAS: support revitalization and reform (S. 793), [24SE]

Reports filed

North Fork Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 255) (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]

OAS Revitalization and Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 793) (S. Rept. 113–43), [13JN]

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Reports filed

Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 316) (S. Rept. 113–69), [27JN]

CANTON, OH

Bills and resolutions

Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]

CANTWELL, MARIA ***(a Senator from Washington)***

Appointments

U.S. Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]

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Present, [3JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]

Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]

Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [15MY]

Alpine Lakes Wilderness: expand to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic (see S. 112), [23JA]

Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [19MR]

Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [11AP]

Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]

BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [4NO]

Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]

———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]

Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]

Cargo transportation: establish a Maritime Goods Movement User Fee and provide grants for international maritime cargo improvements (see S. 1509), [17SE]

Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]

Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [28OC]

Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]

———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]

———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [23MY]

Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [8JY]

Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [18JY]

Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]

———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]

Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]

Dept. of Agriculture: improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]

———repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]

Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [13MY]

———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [18JN]

Dept. of Education: establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [7MY]

———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [9JY]

———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [24SE]

Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]

———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [28OC]

———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]

Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1357), [29OC]

Dept. of the Interior: prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]

Dept. of Transportation: modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1692), [13NO]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [20MY]

District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]

Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]

Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]

Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [17JN]

Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]

———improve early learning opportunities for pre-kindergarten children (see S. 1697), [20NO]

Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]

Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]

Fish and fishing: allow fishermen who hold capital construction fund accounts to make a penalty-free withdrawal from such accounts without requiring reinvestment in the fishing industry (see S. 551), [13MR]

———establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]

Gonzaga University: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [31JA]

Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]

Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]

Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]

Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]

Illabot Creek: designate segment as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 383), [26FE]

Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [27FE]

Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [23JA]

Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [20MY]

———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [20MY]

———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [18MR]

Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [31JY]

Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]

Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [11JN]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [13MR]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [16AP]
Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in Glacier Peak Wilderness (see S. 404), [28FE]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [21MY]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [1AU]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [14MY]
Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [7MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [10SE]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [20NO]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (see S. 906), [8MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [12MR]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 1133), [11JN]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [19JN]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [23MY]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [23JA] (see S. 47), [22JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [13MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
Coast Guard: making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members (see S.J. Res. 24), [10OC]
Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 52), [26FE] (see S. Res. 239), [18SE]
Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Dept. of the Interior: provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
Gonzaga University: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [31JA]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Native Americans: settle claims of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation concerning contributions to production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam (see S. 1448), [1AU]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
San Juan Islands National Conservation Area: establish (see S. 497), [7MR]
Tariff: footwear (see S. 1633), [31OC]
Taxation: make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 41), [22JA]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Reports filed
Expenditures: Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 52), [26FE]
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CANYON MOUNTAIN LAND CONVEYANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
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CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND PENALTY RELIEF ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 551), [13MR]

CAPITOL BUILDING AND GROUNDS
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Emancipation Hall: authorize use for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers (see S. Con. Res. 25), [13NO]
———authorize use for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 10), [22MR]
———authorize use for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass (see S. Con. Res. 16), [16MY]
Hazardous substances: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: authorize the Architect of the Capitol to transfer the catafalque from the Capitol Visitor Center to the Senate Chamber for use during memorial services (see S. Con. Res. 18), [4JN]
———hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
Legislative branch of the Government: making appropriations (see S. 1283), [11JY]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 307), [20NO]
Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room: designate (see S. Res. 76), [13MR]
Reports filed
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CAPTIONING AND IMAGE NARRATION TO ENHANCE MOVIE ACCESSIBILITY (CINEMA) ACT
Bills and resolutions
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CAPTIVE WILDLIFE SAFETY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Wildlife: prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [29JY]

CARBON COUNTY, UT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 510), [7MR]

CARDIN, BENJAMIN L. ***(a Senator from Maryland)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [12AU]
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Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [13JN]
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [6JN]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1641), [4NO]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
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———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Burma: place conditions on assistance relative to human rights (see S. 1885), [20DE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
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Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]

———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [7MY]
Colleges and universities: require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [13JN]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [24JN]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Cowley, R. Adams: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1345), [23JY]
Credit: provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
———prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [28OC]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 273), [16OC]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [23SE]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [13MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [11JN]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [6NO]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———make grants to support fire safety education programs on college campuses (see S. 750), [20MY]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [7FE]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [9AP]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [11JN]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [10JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
———statehood (see S. 132), [17AP]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [11SE]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [24JN]
———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———support the community schools model (see S. 844), [15JY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [23JY]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [12JN]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [29OC]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [3JN]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [10SE]
———provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
———require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [11AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Haiti: measure progress of recovery and development efforts following earthquake (see S. 1104), [6JN]
———recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [14NO]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [4MR]
———extend period when Iraqis employed by the U.S. in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and temporarily increase fee or surcharge for processing certain nonimmigrant visas (see S. 1566), [30SE]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [8AP]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [11JN]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [5MR]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Kenya: congratulate commitment to peaceful elections, call for justice for victims of political violence, and support democratic reforms (see S. Res. 90), [22MR]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [26SE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Lewis, Representative: commemorate anniversary of chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (see S. Res. 170), [19JN]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 527), [12MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [4NO]
Medicare: count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [23SE]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [4NO]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [9SE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [11MR]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 41), [25FE]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 85), [20MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [15JY]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [25JN]

National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 172), [18JN] (see S. Res. 201), [25JY]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 91), [22MR]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [7MY]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [2OC]
Peace Officers Memorial Day: observance (see S. Res. 140), [14MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [9DE]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [9DE]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [9MY]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1595), [29OC]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [14MR]
———enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program (see S. 511), [14MR]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [14MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [4JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 997), [21MY]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [8AP]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 835), [25AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [24JY]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [15AP]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1624), [30OC]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
———make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [12NO]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [9MY]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 1133), [11JN]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [10JN]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
Thailand: anniversary of diplomatic relations (see S. Res. 77), [21MR]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [13JN]
———support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [18DE]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [25FE]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [16AP]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [23JA]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [4FE]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [7NO]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [18MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23MY]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]

Bills and resolutions introduced

American Dental Hygienists' Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 182), [21JN]
Baltimore Ravens (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 35), [14FE]
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission: extend (see S. 476), [6MR]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]
Dept. of HHS: provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
Dept. of Justice: make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs (see S. 1418), [1AU]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 103), [23JA]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 770), [18AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education (see S. 1643), [4NO]
Diseases: improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 608), [19MR]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 1508), [17SE]
FCC: provide that certain uses of a patent or copyright in compliance with an order for emergency communications services shall be construed as use or manufacture for the U.S. (see S. 1478), [1AU]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Medicare: encourage use of dispensing techniques that foster efficiency and reduce wasteful dispensing of outpatient prescription drugs in long-term care facilities (see S. 1493), [10SE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [20MR]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [14FE]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [31JY]
National Infant Mortality Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 258), [24SE]
National Minority Health Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 145), [16MY]
National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 969), [16MY]
Syria: condemn violence, use of chemical weapons, and human rights violations and call for Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity (see S. Res. 219), [9SE]

Taxation: clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 952), [14MY]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 1224), [26JN]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———expand rehabilitation credit (see S. 1141), [11JN]
———increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements (see S. 966), [15MY]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1855), [18DE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
———tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 970), [16MY]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [27SE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Labor: require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [5MR]

CAREGIVERS EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 851), [25AP]
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CARGO TRANSPORTATION *related term(s)* **AVIATION; MERCHANT MARINE INDUSTRY; RAILROADS; SHIPPING INDUSTRY; TRANSPORTATION; TRUCKING INDUSTRY**
Bills and resolutions
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 638), [21MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
Dept. of Transportation: delay implementation of regulation changing the hours-of-service rule for commercial truck drivers pending a GAO assessment of such regulation (see S. 1891), [20DE]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1692), [13NO]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 1625), [30OC]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 178), [30JA]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 1854), [18DE]
———ensure currently-operating trucks can continue to use the future Interstate 41 in Wisconsin (see S. 1299), [16JY]
Taxation: establish a Maritime Goods Movement User Fee and provide grants for international maritime cargo improvements (see S. 1509), [17SE]

CARIBBEAN NATIONS
Bills and resolutions
Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
Foreign aid: provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
Haiti: measure progress of recovery and development efforts following earthquake (see S. 1104), [6JN]
———recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 969), [16MY]
OAS: support revitalization and reform (see S. 793), [24AP]
Motions
OAS: support revitalization and reform (S. 793), [24SE]
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OAS Revitalization and Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 793) (S. Rept. 113–43), [13JN]
Recognize Anniversary of Earthquake in Haiti, Honor Victims and Responders, and Reaffirm Support and Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 12), [14FE]

CAROLINE COUNTY, MD
Bills and resolutions
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
Reports filed
Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]

CARPER, THOMAS R. ***(a Senator from Delaware)***
Appointments
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Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [23JA]
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 625), [20MR]
Armed Forces: require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [18MR]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [18MR] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Campus Fire Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 259), [24SE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [17SE]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [17JN]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [18MR]
———prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [30SE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [3JN]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
District of Columbia: make local funds available during any portion of the fiscal year at the rate of operations provided under the local budget act if the regular appropriation bill has not yet become law (see S. 1571), [12OC]
Federal agencies and departments: require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [12DE]

Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [12OC]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [12OC]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
Health: limit establishment of standards or duties of care owed by health care providers to patients in medical malpractice or medical product liability actions or claims (see S. 1769), [21NO]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [20MY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [13MY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [19DE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health (see S. 1228), [30JY]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [24SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [23JY]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [17JN]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [5MR]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [22MR]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [20DE]
Veterans: improve veterans service organizations' access to Federal surplus personal property (see S. 573), [14MR]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [31JA]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
White Clay Creek: designate additional segments and tributaries as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 393), [27FE]
Wilmington, DE: tribute to August Quarterly Festival (see S. Res. 199), [30JY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [8MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [4JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 54), [26FE] (see S. Res. 234), [17SE]
Congressional Award Act: reauthorize (see S. 1348), [23JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
———statehood (see S. 132), [24JA]
Federal agencies and departments: improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [24JY]
First State National Historical Park: establish (see S. 347), [14FE]
Medicare: include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the ''Medicare and You Handbook'' and coordinate programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1184), [19JN]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 1486), [1AU]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Taxation: provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1163), [13JN]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
Reports filed
Congressional Award Act Reauthorization: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1348) (S. Rept. 113–109), [23SE]
Expenditures: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 234), [17SE]
———Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 54), [26FE]
Federal Real Property Asset Management Reform Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1398) (S. Rept. 113–122), [19NO]
First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr., Post Office Building, Hazlehurst, MS: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1093), [31JY]
Formerly Owned Resources for Veterans To Express Thanks for Service (FOR VETS) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1171), [31JY]
GAO Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1162) (S. Rept. 113–128), [17DE]
James R. Burgess Jr., Post Office Building, Champaign, IL: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 796), [31JY]
Security Clearance Oversight and Reform Enhancement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1276) (S. Rept. 113–111), [24SE]
Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office, Chadron, NE: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1499), [6NO]
Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building, Tyrone, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 233), [31JY]
Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office, Rochester, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1512), [6NO]
Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building, Brockport, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 668), [31JY]
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 885), [31JY]

CARSON, RACHEL
Bills and resolutions
Rachel Carson Nature Trail: designate (see S. 704), [11AP]

CARSON NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 312) (S. Rept. 113–58), [27JN]

CARTER COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]

CASEY, ROBERT P., JR. ***(a Senator from Pennsylvania)***
Appointments
Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
Alcoholic beverages: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1531), [16OC]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
———leave no member unaccounted for in the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan (see S. Res. 109), [24AP]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [23AP]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [21MY]

Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Business and industry: promote industry growth and competitiveness and improve worker training, retention, and advancement (see S. 1226), [27JN]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [24SE]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [30JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [16MY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [24JN]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [3JN]
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA: designate (see S. 229), [7FE]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [24SE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (see S. 821), [25AP]
———expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [29JY]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [4JN]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [4JN]
———provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime (see S. 1078), [18SE]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [17SE]
———Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program funding (see S. 1333), [18JY]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [1AU]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [15MY]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [12SE]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]
Dept. of HUD: increase portion of Community Development Block Grant Program assistance that may be used to provide public services (see S. 855), [10JY]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [14MR]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: ensure an up-to-date policy on reporting of cases of infectious diseases and require an independent assessment of Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers (see S. 1589), [7NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [31JY]
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [26SE]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Families and domestic relations: reauthorize and restructure adoption incentives payments (see S. 1876), [19DE]
———remove barriers to the adoption of children in foster care through reauthorization and improvement of the adoption incentives program (see S. 1511), [17SE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Federal agencies and departments: permit agencies to count certain contracts toward certain small business contracting goals (see S. 1190), [19JN]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [2OC]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [27JN]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [7NO] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Firearms: prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [7MY]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [17JN]
GAO: assess Army study on the combat vehicle industrial base (see S. 1727), [19NO]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [8MY]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [18MR]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [11MR]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [23JY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [23JY]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [21MR]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [10AP]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [17AP]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [15AP]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [25AP]
———protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [12SE]
———protect miners from black lung disease (see S. 1416), [4NO]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
———provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 89), [21MR]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [28OC]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]

Navy: encourage to commission the U.S.S. *Somerset* (LPD–25) in Philadelphia, PA (see S. Res. 63), [28FE]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [17DE]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [11JN]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [7MY]
Public safety officers: extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers (see S. 876), [20DE]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [10DE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [20JN]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [13JN] (see S. 1878), [19DE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [26JN]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [21MY]
Syria: impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
———provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 960), [22MY]
Taxation: extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [1AU]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [29JY]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 1395), [30JY]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1085), [3JN]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [17JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]
Veterans: reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5, 47), [22JA]
Water: exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
White Clay Creek: designate additional segments and tributaries as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 393), [9AP]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [15MY]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 143), [24JA]
———prohibit Federal funding of abortions (see S. 142), [24JA]
Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [21MY]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [17AP]
Bridges: increase percentage of funds set aside for off-system bridges (see S. 1504), [12SE]
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [12NO]
Civil War—U.S.: anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg (see S. Res. 192), [27JN]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
Corps of Engineers: provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
Courts: protect State and local witnesses from tampering and retaliation (see S. 901), [8MY]
Crime: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]
———extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [31OC]
Dept. of Education: award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [7MR]
———establish national program for arts and technology (see S. 1055), [23MY]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 144), [24JA]
———establish an interagency coordinating committee on pulmonary hypertension (see S. 1453), [1AU]
———prevent abuse of dextromethorphan by restricting over-the-counter sales and bulk distribution (see S. 644), [21MR]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
Dept. of Labor: list employers that relocate call centers overseas, make such companies ineligible for Federal grants and loans, and require call center employees to disclose their physical location (see S. 1565), [30SE]
Dept. of Transportation: foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1264), [27JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: make certain clarifications and improvements in academic and vocational counseling programs (see S. 1682), [12NO]
———report cases of certain infectious diseases at departmental medical facilities (see S. 875), [7MY]
Employment: permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 1248), [27JN]
Erie, PA: recognize for its critical role in the development and construction of the fleet of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry during the War of 1812 (see S. Res. 155), [23MY]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 1495), [11SE]
Gettysburg National Military Park: revise boundaries to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, PA, and limit means of acquiring such property (see S. 782), [23AP]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [20MR]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 295), [14NO]
National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 106), [23AP]
National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 117), [25AP]
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) to raise money for the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Four Diamonds Fund (see S. Res. 68), [6MR]
Power resources: promote domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies (see S. 656), [22MR]
Rachel Carson Nature Trail: designate (see S. 704), [11AP]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [28FE]
Sullivan, Leon: issue commemorative postage stamp (see S. Con. Res. 23), [1AU]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 219), [4FE]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [19MR]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans (see S. 1015), [22MY]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———provide an income tax credit for increased payroll (see S. 115), [23JA]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 1056), [23MY]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
Cloture motions
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]

Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Education: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]

CEMETERIES AND FUNERALS *related term(s)* **NATIONAL CEMETERIES**
Bills and resolutions
Coast Guard: making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members (see S.J. Res. 24), [10OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: conduct study relative to claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans (see S. 1755), [21NO]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 200), [31JA]
Forest Service: convey certain parcels of land to Fruit Heights, UT (see S. 509), [7MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: authorize the Architect of the Capitol to transfer the catafalque from the Capitol Visitor Center to the Senate Chamber for use during memorial services (see S. Con. Res. 18), [4JN]
———hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
National cemeteries: provide authority to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery and disinter remains of Michael L. Anderson from Fort Custer National Cemetery (see S. 1471), [1AU]
Reports filed
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2216) (S. Rept. 113–48), [27JN]

CEMEX (COMPANY)
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: provide with a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of Soledad Canyon, CA, mining contracts (see S. 771), [18AP]

CENSUS
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of the Census: make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions (see S. 530), [12MR]
Housing Act: revise census data and population requirements for areas to be considered rural areas (see S. 766), [18AP]

CENSUS BUREAU *see* **BUREAU OF THE CENSUS**

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
Bills and resolutions
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [10DE]
Arctic regions: study mental, behavioral, and physical health problems, institute Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Arctic health assessment program, and create NIH ''Arctic Desk'' (see S. 271), [11FE]
Children and youth: establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
Dept. of HHS: expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1223), [26JN]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]
———provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Diseases: expand research and awareness activities relative to scleroderma (see S. 1239), [27JN]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [8MY]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]
Reduce Preterm Labor, Delivery, and Risk of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Complications Due to Pregnancy, and Reduce Infant Mortality Caused by Prematurity: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 252), [14FE]

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program funding (see S. 1333), [18JY]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12JN]
Medicare Integrity Program: improve operations of recovery auditors to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [22MY]

CENTRAL AMERICA
Bills and resolutions
Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA): extend preferential tariff treatment for certain textile goods imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1136), [11JN]
OAS: support revitalization and reform (see S. 793), [24AP]
Tariff: trousers, breeches, or shorts imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1883), [20DE]
Motions
OAS: support revitalization and reform (S. 793), [24SE]
Reports filed
OAS Revitalization and Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 793) (S. Rept. 113–43), [13JN]

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Bills and resolutions
Intelligence services: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1681), [12NO]
———enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
National security: require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [23MY]
Pakistan: prohibit assistance until Shakeel Afridi is freed (see S. 164), [28JA]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Reports filed
Intelligence Services Appropriations: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1681), [12NO]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1681) (S. Rept. 113–120), [13NO]

CHADRON, NE
Bills and resolutions
Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office: designate (see S. 1499), [12SE]
Reports filed
Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office, Chadron, NE: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1499), [6NO]

CHAFEE, JOHN H. ***(a former Senator from Rhode Island)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park: establish and dedicate to John H. Chafee (see S. 371), [14FE]
Reports filed
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park Establishment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 371) (S. Rept. 113–62), [27JN]

CHAFFEE COUNTY, CO
Bills and resolutions
Public lands: designate certain Federal land as a national monument and as wilderness (see S. 1794), [10DE]

CHAMBLISS, SAXBY ***(a Senator from Georgia)***
Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [16MY]
Conferee: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [14NO]
———exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1880), [19DE]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [7FE]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [13MR]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]

———ensure effective control over the congressional budget process (see S. 280), [12FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [18JN]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Courts: clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review (see S. 478), [6MR]
Credit: provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [9SE]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [1AU]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [13FE]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [23JA] (see S. 369), [14FE]
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [8AP]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 521), [7JN]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [8MY]
———improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [9AP]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [14NO]
Dept. of Energy: modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [9AP]
———require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: notify taxpayers each time the taxpayers' information is accessed by the IRS (see S. 1489), [30SE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE]
———authorize transport of individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 455), [5MR]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [7JN]
———clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [22AP]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve oversight of educational assistance (see S. 1717), [14NO]
Diseases: support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [20NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [9SE]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
Economy: provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [31OC]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [5MR]
EPA: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [6MY]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [27JN]
———prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [12SE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [23AP]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [28FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [21MR]
Federal employees: end the defined benefit portion of the Federal Employee Retirement System for any individual hired after a certain date (see S. 1678), [12NO]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [19NO]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [27JN]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [15AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [23MY]
Firearms: improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [10AP]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [16AP]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
———provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [5NO]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [31JY]
GAO: require a study and report on the costs of Federal regulations (see S. 536), [21MR]
Government regulations: require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Insurance: preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [4JN]
Iran: ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [12DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [15MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [3JN]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [12SE]
———prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [15MY]
———prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [15MY]
———prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [16MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [9AP]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [24AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Lewis, Representative: commemorate anniversary of chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (see S. Res. 170), [19JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [4FE]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [12JN]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]

National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [14NO]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 162), [4JN]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 106), [23AP]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 14), [24JA]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
NLRB: prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [9MY]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [18JN]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [4MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [10SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [19DE]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [10SE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [16JY]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [21MR]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [23SE]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [26FE]
———clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [12JN] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [24JA]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [21MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Snowden, Edward: call for Russia to turn over Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities and consider all economic and diplomatic options when pursuing him (see S. Res. 198), [23JY]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [23JY]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [23SE]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [21MY]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [18JN]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: reevaluate recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer in consultation with appropriate specialists (see S. Res. 251), [6NO]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [9SE]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [10AP]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [15AP]
———repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [9MY]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [6MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [8MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. Res. 323), [18DE]
Taxation: repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]

CHAMPAIGN, IL
Bills and resolutions
James R. Burgess Jr., Post Office Building: designate (see S. 796), [24AP]
Reports filed
James R. Burgess Jr., Post Office Building, Champaign, IL: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 796), [31JY]

CHAMPION HILL, MS
Bills and resolutions
Vicksburg National Military Park: authorize acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond, MS, for addition (see S. 305), [13FE]
Reports filed
Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond Battlefields Addition Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 305) (S. Rept. 113–57), [27JN]

CHAMPION HILL, PORT GIBSON, AND RAYMOND BATTLEFIELDS ADDITION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 305) (S. Rept. 113–57), [27JN]

CHARITIES *related term(s)* **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**
Bills and resolutions
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [19NO]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]
Dept. of Agriculture: increase purchase of Kosher and Halal food and modify labeling of the commodities list under the Emergency Food Assistance Program to assist food banks in obtaining such foods (see S. 811), [25AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day: designate (see S. Res. 87), [21MR] (see S. Res. 93), [8AP]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 173), [18JN]
National Guard Educational Foundation: include among youth and charitable organizations eligible for National Guard assistance (see S. 926), [9MY]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) to raise money for the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Four Diamonds Fund (see S. Res. 68), [6MR]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Philippines: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan (see S. 1821), [12DE]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 307), [20NO]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1160), [13JN]
———allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food (see S. 910), [8MY]
———allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1772), [21NO]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [12MR]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 1395), [30JY]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat (see S. 1194), [20JN]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
———treat payments by charitable organizations to certain firefighters as exempt payments (see S. 1115), [7JN] (see S. 1689), [13NO]

Veterans: improve veterans service organizations' access to Federal surplus personal property (see S. 573), [14MR]
Reports filed
Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1302), [30OC]
Formerly Owned Resources for Veterans To Express Thanks for Service (FOR VETS) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1171), [31JY]
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Ships and vessels: commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [24JN]
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Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
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Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
EPA: reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
National security: enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy: establish (see S. 1021), [22MY]
Syria: call for Syria to become a signatory to, and comply with, the Chemical Weapons Convention and if such actions do not occur by a certain date, all elements of national power will be considered by the U.S. (see S.J. Res. 22), [10SE]
———condemn violence, use of chemical weapons, and human rights violations and call for Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity (see S. Res. 219), [9SE]
———impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
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Armed Forces: authorize use against Syria in response to use of chemical weapons (S.J. Res. 21), [9SE], [10SE]
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Armed Forces Use Against Syria in Response to Use of Chemical Weapons: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S.J. Res. 21), [6SE]
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Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]
Dept. of Justice: provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 1602), [29OC]
———modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
EPA: clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 1781), [9DE]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
National security: enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Safety: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Taxation: provide a credit for production of renewable chemicals (see S. 1267), [27JN]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 1889), [20DE]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
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Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
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Chicago Blackhawks (hockey team): tribute (see S. Res. 187), [26JN]
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Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [18SE]
Disasters: extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster (see S. 1274), [11JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Federal agencies and departments: provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park: adjust boundaries to include Hinchliffe Stadium (see S. 1189), [19JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
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CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: allow use of Child Care and Development Block Grant Program funds to improve child safety and reduce incidence of preventable infant deaths in child care settings (see S. 1494), [11SE]
———authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
———ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 834), [25AP]
———improve the quality of infant and toddler care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1065), [23MY]
———reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
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Bills and resolutions
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Appointments
Commission To Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, [7MR], [9MY]
Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, [23MY]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Advisory Council on Human Trafficking: establish (see S. 121), [23JA]

Afterschool Alliance (organization): support goals and ideals of Lights on Afterschool! event (see S. Res. 274), [16OC]
Armed Forces: educate potential military recruits on healthy body weight and facilitate and encourage exercise by opening military base sports and exercise facilities to youth (see S. 976), [16MY]
———pay monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant (see S. 1076), [23MY]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [6MR]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [17AP]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]
Citizenship: constitutional amendment to restrict citizenship of individuals born in the U.S. to those with one parent that is a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or active member of the U.S. military (see S.J. Res. 4), [23JA]
Coast Guard: improve quality of life for members and families through expanded child care availability, increased educational opportunities, and eased transition to post-service life (see S. 1760), [21NO]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
Congressional Award Act: reauthorize (see S. 1348), [23JY]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Crime: clarify the range of conduct punished as sex trafficking (see S. 1354), [24JY]
———enhance penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors (see S. 1686), [12NO]
———express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [22JA] (see S. 369), [14FE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
———save money and reduce tragedies through teen dating abuse prevention grants (see S. 129), [24JA]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 756), [17AP]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 1129), [11JN]
———authorize grant program to promote physical education, activity, fitness, and nutrition, and ensure healthy students (see S. 1033), [23MY]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [7MR]
———award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [13FE]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———ensure decisions to award grants or other assistance to States or local agencies are not contingent upon adoption of specific educational curricula (see S. 1890), [20DE]
———establish, enhance, and increase access to early childhood parent education and family engagement programs (see S. 1674), [7NO]
———establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]
———establish a comprehensive literacy program (see S. 758), [18AP]
———establish a new counseling program (see S. 282), [12FE]
———establish a partnership program in foreign languages (see S. 1036), [23MY]
———establish an alternative accountability model for elementary and secondary schools to measure student progress (see S. 943), [14MY]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
———establish national program for arts and technology (see S. 1055), [23MY]
———establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [4JN]
———help States develop and improve qualifications and training of early childhood educator workforce (see S. 1673), [7NO]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [14FE]
———improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards and develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts (see S. 940), [14MY]
———improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools by authorizing school turnaround grants and reward schools that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps (see S. 578), [14MR]
———improve programs operated by local educational agencies with high numbers of children from low-income families (see S. 1110), [6JN]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 1062), [23MY]
———improve teacher and principal quality (see S. 1063), [23MY]
———improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———integrate engineering education into elementary and secondary instruction and curriculum and support research on engineering education (see S. 1178), [18JN]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students (see S. 870), [7MY]
———modify the High School Graduation Initiative (School Dropout Prevention Program) (see S. 1109), [6JN]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
———provide education for homeless children and youths (see S. 833), [25AP]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
———provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development (see S. 1113), [7JN]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
———recruit, prepare, and support principals through capacity-building measures that will improve student academic achievement in high-need schools (see S. 840), [25AP]
———support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]
Dept. of HHS: allow use of Child Care and Development Block Grant Program funds to improve child safety and reduce incidence of preventable infant deaths in child care settings (see S. 1494), [11SE]
———authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
———authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 144), [24JA]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 13), [26FE]
———better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of victims under adoption assistance and foster care programs (see S. 1823), [13DE]
———ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 834), [25AP]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———establish a public-private partnership program to provide child care (see S. 442), [4MR]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [28FE]
———improve and enhance research and programs on childhood cancer survivorship (see S. 1247), [27JN]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———improve the quality of infant and toddler care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1065), [23MY]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]
———provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary education system (see S. 1259), [27JN]
———publish physical activity guidelines (see S. 531), [12MR]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
———reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]

———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of Justice: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 1722), [19NO]
———increase authorization for Children's Advocacy Centers (see S. 1799), [11DE]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [16JY]
———report on State law penalties for certain child abusers and expand the predicate for increased penalties for domestic assaults against children (see S. 1778), [9DE]
———strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [24JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: furnish case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam and certain Korean war veterans born with spina bifida or certain birth defects (see S. 832), [25AP]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
———improve benefits and assistance to surviving spouses of veterans (see S. 735), [16AP]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 125), [25AP]
Diseases: provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [8MY]
Economy: provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and work-based training for unemployed adults and youth (see S. 1383), [29JY]
Education: establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools (see S. 1293), [11JY]
———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
———promote advanced placement and International Baccalaureate programs (see S. 1082), [23MY]
———promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [14FE]
———support the community schools model (see S. 844), [25AP]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
———provide for youth jobs (see S. 1170), [13JN]
EPA: award grants to individuals that may be affected by a reported disease cluster (see S. 53), [22JA]
———investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children (see S. 50), [22JA]
Families and domestic relations: encourage the placement of children in foster care with siblings (see S. 1786), [10DE]
———enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 1527), [19SE]
———establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1203), [20JN]
———improve outcomes for youth at risk for sex trafficking (see S. 1518), [18SE]
———increase effectiveness of State child support enforcement programs (see S. 1763), [21NO]
———increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1870, 1877), [19DE]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]
———reauthorize and restructure adoption incentives payments (see S. 1870, 1876), [19DE]
———remove barriers to the adoption of children in foster care through reauthorization and improvement of the adoption incentives program (see S. 1511), [17SE]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [11JY]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [4FE]
———allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 846), [25AP] (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
Foreign aid: express that foreign assistance for child welfare should adhere to the goals of the U.S. Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity (see S. Res. 190), [27JN]
Foreign countries: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
Growth Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 242), [19SE]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
———establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
———improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]
———improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [13FE]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 1546), [24SE]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 392), [27FE]
Immigration: clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 301), [13FE]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 108), [23JA]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]
International Year of Statistics: designate (see S. Res. 150), [21MY]
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]
Medicaid: extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 1672), [7NO]
Mental health: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day: designate (see S. Res. 87), [21MR] (see S. Res. 93), [8AP]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Chess Week: designate (see S. Res. 266), [4OC]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 173), [18JN]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [26FE]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 85), [20MR]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Guard: allow Federal reimbursement of States that choose to use National Guard troops to enhance school safety (see S. 145), [24JA]
National Guard Educational Foundation: include among youth and charitable organizations eligible for National Guard assistance (see S. 926), [9MY]
National Holoprosencephaly Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 152), [22MY]
National Infant Mortality Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 258), [24SE]
National Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 148), [16MY]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 80), [19MR]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]
National Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 116), [25AP]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 162), [4JN]
National Runaway Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 308), [20NO]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 27), [7FE]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [25AP]
National Toy Week: designate (see S. Res. 325), [20DE]
National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 104), [22AP]

Native Americans: improve education (see S. 1131), [11JN]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) to raise money for the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Four Diamonds Fund (see S. Res. 68), [6MR]
Postage and stamps: issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1047), [23MY]
Privacy: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 61), [27FE]
Red Ribbon Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 279), [31OC]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 278), [30OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [28FE]
———encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 88), [23JA]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
———make grants available to local governments to place law enforcement officers in schools (see S. 148), [24JA]
———provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis (see S. 1025), [22MY]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 111), [23JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
———strengthen nutrition education for elementary and secondary school students to promote healthy eating choices through developmentally appropriate lessons and activities integrated into the school day (see S. 274), [11FE]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN] (see S. 1870, 1878), [19DE]
———improve enforcement, collection, and administration of child support payments (see S. 508), [7MR]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
Sports: reduce sports-related concussions in youth (see S. 1014), [22MY]
St. Louis, MO: designate as the National Chess Capital (see S. Res. 102), [18AP]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 79), [18MR]
Taxation: clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 91), [23JA]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 86), [23JA]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 56), [22JA]
———provide a credit for costs of certain infertility treatments (see S. 881), [7MY]
———provide a credit for early childhood education professional school personnel, expand deduction for expenses to early childhood education teachers, and modify credit for dependent care services (see S. 438), [4MR]
———provide deduction for itemizers and non-itemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 87), [23JA]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 1056), [23MY]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Women: provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
Cloture motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [6JN], [13JN], [19JN], [20JN], [21JN], [25JN]
Reports filed
Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744) (S. Rept. 113–40), [7JN]
Congressional Award Act Reauthorization: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1348) (S. Rept. 113–109), [23SE]
Dept. of HHS Graduate Medical Education Programs in Children's Hospitals Support Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1557), [30OC]
Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1417), [19DE]
Reduce Preterm Labor, Delivery, and Risk of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Complications Due to Pregnancy, and Reduce Infant Mortality Caused by Prematurity: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 252), [14FE]
School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]
School Safety Enhancements Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 146), [12MR]
Strengthening America's Schools Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1094) (S. Rept. 113–113), [11OC]
Supporting At-Risk Children Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]
Violent Content Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 134) (S. Rept. 113–126), [17DE]
Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 131) (S. Rept. 113–106), [17SE]

CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]

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Appointments
Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China, [7FE]
U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, [16DE], [19DE]
U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group, [21MR]
Bills and resolutions
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 107), [23JA] (see S. 163), [28JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]
Hong Kong: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 703), [11AP]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Reports filed
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]

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CHIROPRACTORS *see* **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

CHRIS STEVENS, SEAN SMITH, TYRONE WOODS, AND GLEN DOHERTY EMBASSY SECURITY AND PERSONNEL PROTECTION ACT *see* **EMBASSY SECURITY AND PERSONNEL PROTECTION ACT**

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CHURCH PLAN CLARIFICATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
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CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES *related term(s)* **RELIGION**
Bills and resolutions
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow coverage of church plans (see S. 1164), [13JN]
Taxation: clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 952), [14MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [19DE]

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Observance (see S. Res. 122), [25AP]

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CITIZENS UNITED (ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]

CITIZENSHIP
Bills and resolutions
Afridi, Shakeel: relief (see S. 158), [28JA]
Constitutional amendments: restrict citizenship of individuals born in the U.S. to those with one parent

that is a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or active member of the U.S. military (see S.J. Res. 4), [23JA]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [5MR]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
———clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 301), [13FE]
———deem any person who has received an award from the U.S. Armed Forces for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat to have satisfied certain requirements for naturalization (see S. 1059), [23MY]
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]

CIVIL LIBERTIES *related term(s)* **CIVIL RIGHTS; HUMAN RIGHTS**

Bills and resolutions

Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 143), [24JA]
———prohibit Federal funding of abortions (see S. 142), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Arab countries: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms and urge repeal of blasphemy laws (see S. Res. 69), [7MR]
Armed Forces: notify members of the availability of mental health services and related privacy rights (see S. 1703), [14NO]
———prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service (see S. 1281), [11JY]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
Aviation: prohibit use of unmanned aircraft systems by private persons to conduct surveillance of other private persons (see S. 1057), [23MY]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Burma: place conditions on assistance relative to human rights (see S. 1885), [20DE]
Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Consumers: enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1538), [23SE]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Courts: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [13JN]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: afford crime victims in the military the same basic rights as civilians under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1041), [23MY]
Dept. of HHS: remove Social Security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to beneficiaries (see S. 612), [19MR]
Dept. of Justice: improve administration of grants to States under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and ensure that all criminal defendants receive adequate representation (see S. 597), [18MR]
———provide effective criminal prosecutions and increase penalties for tax return identity thefts (see S. 149), [24JA]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: notify taxpayers each time the taxpayers' information is accessed by the IRS (see S. 1489), [10SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
Employment: permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 1248), [27JN]
EPA: prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [23JY]
FAA: provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 1639), [4NO]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
Firearms: provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect and prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes (see S. 82), [23JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Foreign countries: repeal violation of sovereign nations' laws and privacy matters (see S. 887), [7MY]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
FRS: provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
FTC: prescribe regulations on the collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 418), [28FE]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [11DE]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Immigration: reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
Indonesia: allow Indonesian citizens fleeing religious persecution to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims (see S. 295), [13FE]
Information technology: specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
———condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [24SE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [23MY]
Kenya: congratulate commitment to peaceful elections, call for justice for victims of political violence, and support democratic reforms (see S. Res. 90), [22MR]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Monuments and memorials: ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the U.S. Armed Forces may contain religious symbols (see S. 705), [11AP]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 1477), [1AU]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Parlak, Ibrahim: relief (see S. 75), [23JA]

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———extend protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to electronic communications information and require specific court-issued warrants to obtain such information (see S. 1037), [23MY]
———improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]
———limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements (see S. 1168), [13JN]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
———protect individual privacy against unwarranted governmental intrusion through the use of domestic unmanned aerial vehicles commonly called drones (see S. 1016), [22MY]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice in the case of a breach of security involving such information (see S. 1193), [20JN]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Schools: express support for prayer at school board meetings (see S. Res. 11), [23JA]
Senior citizens: establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and provide quality assurance for home and community-based services (see S. 998), [21MY]
Syria: condemn violence, use of chemical weapons, and human rights violations and call for Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity (see S. Res. 219), [9SE]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
———support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]
Vietnam: impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses against nationals of Vietnam or their families (see S. 929), [9MY]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 143), [16MY]
Reports filed
Assault Weapons Ban: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 150), [14MR]
Call for End to Ongoing Conflict and Support International Efforts Toward Long-Term Peace, Stability, and Observance of Human Rights in Democratic Republic of the Congo: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 144), [25JN]
Call for Release of Yulia Tymoshenko, Urge European Union To Include Release as Criterion for Signing Certain Agreements, and Encourage Strong Relationship With Europe by Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 165), [25JN]
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Continued Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 75), [18DE]
Condemn Political Violence, Provide Fair Elections, Support Dialogue Between Political Factions, Judicial Independence, Human Rights, and Grameen Bank Independence in Bangladesh: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 318), [18DE]
Congratulate Commitment to Peaceful Elections, Call for Justice for Victims of Political Violence, and Support Democratic Reforms in Kenya: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 90), [17AP]
Electronic Communications Privacy Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607), [25AP]
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]
Improve Privacy of Electronic Communications: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 113–34), [16MY]
Support Sovereignty and Closer Relations With Europe, Condemn Violence Against Peaceful Protesters, and Urge a Peaceful Solution to Political and Economic Crisis in Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 319), [18DE]
Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 143), [22MY]

CIVIL RIGHTS *related term(s)* **CIVIL LIBERTIES; COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS; DISCRIMINATION; HUMAN RIGHTS; RACIAL RELATIONS**
Appointments
Commission on Civil Rights, [21NO]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass (see S. Con. Res. 16), [16MY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Congressional Gold Medal: award to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]
Courts: prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 38), [22JA]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [13JN]
Dept. of Education: collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 1790), [10DE]
———prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
———prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25AP]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 397), [27FE]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Lewis, Representative: commemorate anniversary of chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (see S. Res. 170), [13JN]
Loyola University Chicago: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
Mississippi State University: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
Motley, Constance Baker: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1150), [12JN]
Randolph, A. Philip: tribute (see S. Res. 218), [9SE]
Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
———tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
Cloture motions
Employment: prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Motions
Employment: prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [31OC], [6NO]
Reports filed
Employment Non-Discrimination Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 815) (S. Rept. 113–105), [12SE]

Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]

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Bills and resolutions
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]

CIVIL SERVICE *see* **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

CIVIL WARS
Bills and resolutions
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]

CIVIL WAR—U.S. *related term(s)* **WAR**
Bills and resolutions
Battle of Gettysburg: anniversary (see S. Res. 192), [27JN]
Cushing, Alonzo H.: award the Medal of Honor for acts of valor during the Civil War (see S. 1258), [27JN]
Gettysburg National Military Park: revise boundaries to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, PA, and limit means of acquiring such property (see S. 782), [23AP]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1785), [10DE]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 1718), [18NO]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
———tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
Vicksburg National Military Park: authorize acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond, MS, for addition (see S. 305), [13FE]
Reports filed
Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond Battlefields Addition Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 305) (S. Rept. 113–57), [27JN]
Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]

CIVILIAN PROPERTY REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]

CLAIMS
Bills and resolutions
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for the settlement of certain claims (see S. 14), [26FE] (see S. 340), [14FE]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 1427), [1AU]
BLM: provide small miner waivers from claim maintenance fees for a period of time after written receipt of defects is provided to the claimant to cure defects or pay the claim maintenance fee (see S. 366), [14FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 434), [4MR]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [22MY]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (House): authorize release of records on review of disability claims adjudications made in the SSA Huntington, WV, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (see S. Res. 315), [10DE]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Courts: provide for Federal civil liability for trade secret misappropriation in certain circumstances (see S. 1770), [21NO]
Dept. of HHS: increase access to Medicare data (see S. 1758), [21NO]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Dept. of the Interior: settle water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community (see S. 1394), [30JY]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 1420), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [9MY]
———modify method of determining whether Filipino veterans are U.S. residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation (see S. 1559), [27SE]
———prohibit medical exam requests of veterans who have submitted sufficient evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals and improve efficiency of disability claims processing (see S. 935), [13MY]
———provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved (see S. 1148), [12JN]
———provide veterans, when they electronically file claims for benefits, with notice that relevant services may be available to them from veterans service organizations (see S. 1295), [15JY]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [9AP]
———treat certain misfiled documents as motions for reconsideration of decisions by the Board of Veterans Appeals (see S. 939), [14MY]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
Health: limit establishment of standards or duties of care owed by health care providers to patients in medical malpractice or medical product liability actions or claims (see S. 1769), [21NO]
———reduce health care and insurance costs through medical malpractice tort reform (see S. 44), [22JA]
Indonesia: allow Indonesian citizens fleeing religious persecution to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims (see S. 295), [13FE]
Insurance: require issuers of long-term care insurance to establish third party review processes for disputed claims (see S. 1481), [1AU]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13MR]
Medicaid: require a certain medical loss ratio percentage for Medicaid managed care plans (see S. 1787), [10DE]
Medicare: establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [7FE]
Native Americans: deem certain claims presented to an Indian Health Service contracting officer pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act as timely presented (see S. 385), [26FE]
———settle claims of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation concerning contributions to production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam (see S. 1448), [1AU]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements (see S. 1447), [1AU]
Patents: add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits to deter abusive litigation (see S. 1013), [22MY]
———deter abusive patent litigation by awarding the prevailing party reasonable fees and expenses and allowing the defendant to request the alleging party post a bond to cover certain costs (see S. 1612), [30OC]
Taxation: exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 1224), [26JN]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
World War II: ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Reports filed
Justice for Former American Hostages in Iran Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 559) (S. Rept. 113–104), [12SE]
Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization and Jobs Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 340) (S. Rept. 113–98), [10SE]
Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2747), [30OC]

CLAIMS PROCESSING IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 928), [9MY]

CLARK, LAUREL B. SALTON
Bills and resolutions
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]

CLARK, PATRICIA
Bills and resolutions
Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, Nashua, NH: designate (see S. 540), [12MR]

CLARK COUNTY, NV
Bills and resolutions
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 1054), [23MY]
Three Kids Mine Project Site: provide for conveyance of certain Federal land for environmental remediation and reclamation (see S. 343), [14FE]

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION *related term(s)* **ESPIONAGE**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Federal agencies and departments: reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]

———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Snowden, Edward: call for Russia to turn over Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities and consider all economic and diplomatic options when pursuing him (see S. Res. 198), [18JY]
Reports filed
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION PROCEDURES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Privacy: strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
CLEAN AIR ACT *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**
Bills and resolutions
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 1781), [9DE]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———prohibit awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or financial assistance under the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity to occur outside the U.S. (see S. 558), [13MR]
———provide adequate data, modeling, and support in the development of a State implementation plan under the Clean Air Act (see S. 319), [13FE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
———require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Transportation: provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
CLEAN AND FAIR ELECTIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 9), [22JA]
CLEAN CRUISE SHIP ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1359), [24JY]
CLEAN ENERGY CONSORTIA
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 1698), [13NO]
CLERGY *see* **RELIGION**
CLIMATE *see* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT; WEATHER**
CLIMATE PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 332), [14FE]
CLINICS *see* **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**
CLOTHING INDUSTRY
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 1412), [31JY]
Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA): extend preferential tariff treatment for certain textile goods imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1136), [11JN]
Tariff: trousers, breeches, or shorts imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1883), [20DE]
CÔTE D'IVOIRE, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Tape, Guy P.: relief (see S. 593), [18MR]
Toto, Lou N.R.: relief (see S. 593), [18MR]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Côte D'Ivoire: President Obama, [4FE]
COAL *related term(s)* **POWER RESOURCES**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
———provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
Mining and mineral resources: facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
———protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
———prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
Taxation: extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
COAST GUARD *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**
Appointments
U.S. Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
Bills and resolutions
Appropriations: making continuing for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members (see S.J. Res. 24), [10OC]
Crime: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
EPA: establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
Members: improve quality of life for members and families through expanded child care availability, increased educational opportunities, and eased transition to post-service life (see S. 1760), [21NO]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Public lands: lease tidelands and submerged lands under control of the Coast Guard for periods longer than five years (see S. 1609), [29OC]
Ships and vessels: extend exemption from fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line (see S. 1022), [22MY]
Reports filed
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2217) (S. Rept. 113–77), [18JY]
COASTAL ZONES
Bills and resolutions
Arctic Ocean: provide for research, monitoring, and observation (see S. 272), [11FE] (see S. 1344), [23JY]
California Coastal National Monument: designate Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (see S. 61), [22JA]
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area: authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access (see S. 486), [7MR]
Coast Guard: lease tidelands and submerged lands under control of the Coast Guard for periods longer than five years (see S. 1609), [29OC]
Corps of Engineers: provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the Ka'u Coast in Hawaii as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1432), [1AU]
———include Lease Sale 220 in the Outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012–2017 and revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area (see S. 1024), [22MY]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling (see S. 598), [18MR]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Fish and fishing: develop a fishery management plan for Gulf of Mexico red snapper (see S. 1161), [13JN]
———grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 747), [17AP]
———permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs (see S. 221), [4FE]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Hurricanes: provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 803), [24AP]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day: designate (see S. Res. 204), [30JY]
New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route: reauthorize (see S. 797), [24AP]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
States: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]

Taxation: disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil (see S. 599), [18MR]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Topsail, NC: revise boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06 (see S. 533), [12MR]
Reports filed
Address Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Through Research, Monitoring, and Mitigation To Help Communities Detect, Control, and Mitigate Such Events: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1254) (S. Rept. 113–121), [18NO]
Arctic Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1344) (S. Rept. 113–117), [6NO]
Preserving Public Access to Cape Hatteras Beaches Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 486) (S. Rept. 113–102), [10SE]
COATS, DANIEL ***(a Senator from Indiana)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [28FE]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [30JA]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [26FE]
Dept. of Commerce and the Workforce: establish (see S. 1836), [17DE]
Dept. of Education: provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
Dept. of Energy: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
Dept. of HHS: award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 13), [26FE]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MR]
———establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [15MY]
———require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [26SE]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [17SE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
FCC: prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 874), [7MY]
FDA: exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [31JY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [24AP]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
Federal employees: provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [4NO]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [22MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [11DE]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [21MY]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [20DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [18MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [12DE] (see S. 1712), [11DE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
NLRB: reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [12SE]
———disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 27), [31OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [30JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [4NO]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1154), [27JN] (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [29OC]
Petroleum: grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Privacy: require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice in the case of a breach of security involving such information (see S. 1193), [20JN]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [12JN] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Ships and vessels: provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients (see S. 1683), [13NO]
States: prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]
Taxation: oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [29JA]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of

waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Budget: require annual budget submission by the President provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit (see S. 581), [14MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm (see S. 751), [17AP]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
National cemeteries: provide authority to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery and disinter remains of Michael L. Anderson from Fort Custer National Cemetery (see S. 1471), [1AU]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
Ships and vessels: provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients (see S. 12), [26FE]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
COBURN, TOM ***(a Senator from Oklahoma)***
Attendance
Present, [28JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [14MY]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [18AP]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [30JA]
Arab countries: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms and urge repeal of blasphemy laws (see S. Res. 69), [6MY]
Armed Forces: require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [15AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [16DE]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [16OC]
———rescind amounts appropriated for the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) (see S. 680), [16AP]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Dept. of HHS: establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
Dept. of State: require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 543), [13MR]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Egypt: restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [5MR]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [5MR]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [27JN]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
———improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [24JY]
———improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21NO]
———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1611), [30OC]
Federal employees: end the defined benefit portion of the Federal Employee Retirement System for any individual hired after a certain date (see S. 1678), [12NO]
———prohibit performance awards in the Senior Executive Service during sequestration periods (see S. 986), [16MY]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for official portraits of Members of Congress or heads of executive or legislative branch agencies or offices (see S. 1820), [12DE]
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: improve attorney accountability to reduce frivolous lawsuits (see S. 1288), [11JY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [19NO]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [27SE]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [7MY]
———require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [14MY]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [12MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [19DE]

Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: adjust part B and D premiums for high-income beneficiaries (see S. 1198), [20JN]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [7FE]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [30JA]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2), [23JA]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
Money: improve circulation of $1 coins in order to phase out production of $1 bills (see S. 1105), [6JN]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 173), [18JN]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
Nicklaus, Jack: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1040), [23MY]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 1723), [20DE]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [10SE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 701), [7JN]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 1486), [1AU]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [29JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [31JA]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Taxation: oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [8MY]
———provide for reporting and disclosure by State and local public employee retirement pension plans (see S. 779), [23AP]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [25JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682), [9AP] (see S. 1003), [21MY]
Dept. of HHS: prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
FDA: encourage use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs (see S. Res. 97), [15AP]
Federal agencies and departments: provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 1099), [6JN]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
———make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 1045), [23MY]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [1AU]
Medicaid: repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of non-essential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 417), [28FE]
OPM: require submittal of an annual report on the use of official time by Federal employees (see S. 1338), [23JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
Senate Rules: prevent creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs (see S. Res. 110), [24AP]
Taxation: exclude major professional sports leagues from qualifying as tax-exempt organizations (see S. 1524), [18SE]
———prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions (see S. 118), [23JA]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
COCHRAN, THAD ***(a Senator from Mississippi)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
Senate National Security Working Group, [12MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [12DE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Afterschool Alliance (organization): support goals and ideals of Lights on Afterschool! event (see S. Res. 274), [16OC]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [30JA]
———provide for automatic continuing resolutions, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 29), [31JA]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [21MR]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [31JY]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [15JY]
Children and youth: issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1047), [23MY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of

a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [4FE]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [31JA]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [11JN]
———reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [4OC]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [12MR]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [23JA] (see S. 369), [14MR]
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [18DE]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [9DE]
Dept. of Education: award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 918), [4JN]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [10JY]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [5MR]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [9DE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [30SE]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
Dept. of Labor: authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1227), [26JN]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [25AP]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [24SE]
Dept. of the Interior: grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
———limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [23MY]
———require Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote artificial reefs (see S. 1079), [12JN]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [9AP]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [19JN]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [23MY]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [28FE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
EPA: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MR]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [6NO]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [17JN]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [25JY]
Fahey, John: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 28), [11DE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [24JY]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [28FE]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
FEMA: delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [6JN]
———delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [27JN]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [18AP]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [24JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [23JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [17DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [18MR]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [10OC]
———prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [12JN]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [25AP]
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Lavizzo-Mourey, Risa: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 29), [11DE]
Loyola University Chicago: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [13FE]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [14MY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [26JN]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [8MY]
Mississippi State University: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [23JA]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [9MY]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1OC]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [16JY]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry

out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [23SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1154), [12JN] (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [29OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [24SE]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [14FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [28FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Science: establish a position of Science Laureate of the U.S. (see S. 899), [8MY]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 1725), [11DE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [1AU]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [21MR]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [8MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [9OC]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [12DE]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 1395), [30JY]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [10JN]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [24JN]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [19MR]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [15AP]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 1171), [17JN]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [12DE]
———permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [24AP]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [23MY]
Workforce Investment Act: integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards (see S. 882), [7MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [13FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [16MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Dept. of Education: ensure decisions to award grants or other assistance to States or local agencies are not contingent upon adoption of specific educational curricula (see S. 1890), [20DE]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [14FE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to Mississippi parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway (see S. 304), [13FE]
First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr., Post Office Building, Hazlehurst, MS: designate (see S. 1093), [4JN]
Iuka, MS: approve transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties (see S. 212), [4FE]
Medicare: permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump (see S. 914), [9MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
Roads and highways: waive certain vehicle weight limitations on any segment of U.S. Route 78 in Mississippi that is designated as part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1289), [11JY]
Vicksburg National Military Park: authorize acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond, MS, for addition (see S. 305), [13FE]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]

COCKRELL, ALVIN C., JR.
Bills and resolutions
First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr., Post Office Building, Hazlehurst, MS: designate (see S. 1093), [4JN]
Reports filed
First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr., Post Office Building, Hazlehurst, MS: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1093), [31JY]

COINS
Bills and resolutions
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: terminate the U.S. Mint Presidential $1 Coin Program (see S. 94), [23JA]
Money: improve circulation of $1 coins in order to phase out production of $1 bills (see S. 1105), [6JN]
———treat gold and silver coins used as legal tender in the same manner as U.S. currency (see S. 768), [18AP]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [13JN]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]

COLE, BRUCE
Appointments
National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, [23AP]

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING *related term(s)* **LABOR UNIONS**
Bills and resolutions
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1556), [27SE]
Federal employees: eliminate use of official time (see S. 785), [23AP]
———limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]

COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 176), [19JN]

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES *related term(s)* **EDUCATION; SCHOOLS**
Appointments
Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, [5MR], [1AU]
Gallaudet University Board of Trustees, [30JA]

U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
U.S. Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
Bills and resolutions
AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [23JA]
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 634), [21MR]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1399), [30JY]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
Business and industry: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [8JY]
Campus Fire Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 259), [24SE]
Coast Guard: improve quality of life for members and families through expanded child care availability, increased educational opportunities, and eased transition to post-service life (see S. 1760), [21NO]
Credit: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 1266), [27JN]
———provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death or disability of the student borrower (see S. 1773), [21NO]
Crime: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
———require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
Dept. of Commerce: establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation (see S. 1468), [1AU]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 1066), [23MY]
———award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 918), [9MY]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———establish a Pay It Forward model for funding postsecondary education that requires students to pay a percentage of their income back into the fund upon graduation (see S. 1884), [20DE]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
———establish Federal-State partnership to increase higher education funding and need-based student financial aid (see S. 1874), [19DE]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [11AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [14FE]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 1062), [23MY]
———improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, increasing cap on subsidized loans, and refinancing current fixed-rate loans (see S. 909), [8MY]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 1704), [14NO]
———make grants to support fire safety education programs on college campuses (see S. 750), [17AP]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
———provide education for homeless children and youths (see S. 833), [25AP]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1873), [19DE]
———provide for loan forgiveness for early childhood educators (see S. 440), [4MR]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [8MY]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
———provide new program review requirements relative to colleges and universities (see S. 406), [28FE]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682), [9AP] (see S. 1003), [21MY]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 1659), [6NO]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [9MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 144), [24JA]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 1060), [23MY]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [21MR]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [19MR]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]
Dept. of Justice: establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 1722), [19NO]
Dept. of the Interior: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 1838), [17DE]
———release reversionary interest in certain land conveyed to Oregon for establishment of Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (see S. 1437), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11MR]
———deduct amounts for repayment from the last months of educational assistance entitlement in cases of overpayments under Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 930), [13MY]
———extend Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education (see S. 1643), [4NO]
———improve Health Professionals Education Assistance Program (see S. 845), [25AP]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———provide additional assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program to veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) (see S. 514), [11MR]
———provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program who are pursuing education programs (see S. 262), [7FE]
———repeal time limitations on eligibility for use of All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program benefits and improve veterans education outreach (see S. 863), [6MY]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 944), [14MY]
———support university law school programs designed to provide legal assistance to veterans (see S. 1042), [23MY]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve oversight of educational assistance (see S. 1717), [14NO]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]
———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [12FE]
———promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18AP]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Emporia State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 33), [13FE]
Federal aid programs: restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [12MR]
Financial institutions: require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Gonzaga University: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [31JA]
Health care professionals: establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools

operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1822), [12DE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
Kansas State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 34), [13FE]
Loyola University Chicago: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
Mississippi State University: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
National Center for Campus Public Safety: establish and operate (see S. 433), [28FE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 32), [13FE]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) to raise money for the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Four Diamonds Fund (see S. Res. 68), [6MR]
Southern New Hampshire University: tribute to men's soccer team (see S. Res. 326), [20DE]
Taxation: consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses (see S. 1090), [4JN]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 86), [23JA]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 835), [25AP]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———improve and expand education savings accounts (see S. 1515), [18SE]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [22MR]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest: convey a small parcel of land to Brigham Young University (see S. 28), [22JA]
University of Alabama: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 19), [28JA]
University of Louisville: tribute to men's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
———tribute to women's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
University of Minnesota: tribute to women's hockey team (see S. Res. 123), [25AP]
University of Minnesota Duluth: observance of National Student Employment Week (see S. Res. 96), [11AP]
Veterans: require college courses that are approved for purposes of Dept. of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 257), [7FE]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 970), [16MY]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Motions
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), [10JY], [15JY], [17JY]
Reports filed
AID Expansion of Number of Scholarships Available to Pakistani Women Under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 120), [10OC]
Veterans' Educational Transition Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 944) (S. Rept. 113–123), [9DE]
Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 28) (S. Rept. 113–92), [10SE]

COLLEYVILLE, TX
Bills and resolutions
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 993), [21MY]

COLLIER, SEAN
Bills and resolutions
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]

COLLINS, ADDIE MAE
Bills and resolutions
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]

COLLINS, SUSAN M. ***(a Senator from Maine)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Afterschool Alliance (organization): support goals and ideals of Lights on Afterschool! event (see S. Res. 274), [16OC]
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [25AP]
American Dental Hygienists' Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 182), [21JN]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [10DE]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Animals: improve sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees (see S. 1561), [30OC]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 1541), [27SE]
———appropriate funds necessary to ensure that U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen who are appointed as Navy Reserve midshipmen continue to receive pay during a Government shutdown (see S. 1568), [7OC]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [13MR]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. Res. 323), [18DE]
Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act: provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any issued orders (see S. 1438), [1AU]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [6NO]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [17AP]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [19DE]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [21MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14MR] (see S. 743), [18AP]
———promote industry growth and competitiveness and improve worker training, retention, and advancement (see S. 1226), [26JN]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CBO: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 1472), [1AU]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [15JY]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25AP]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [7MY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [8MY]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [31JY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Courts: prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 38), [22JA]
———reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [23MY]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve Federal dairy programs (see S. 670), [9AP]
———modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]

Dept. of Education: establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [4JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [9MY]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [10JY]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [14OC]
———support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]
Dept. of Energy: establish Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [3JN]
———reauthorize weatherization and State energy programs (see S. 1213), [20JN]
Dept. of HHS: allow use of Child Care and Development Block Grant Program funds to improve child safety and reduce incidence of preventable infant deaths in child care settings (see S. 1494), [11SE]
———assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care (see S. 466), [14MY]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [11SE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [26SE]
———reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 1850), [18DE]
———remove Social Security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to beneficiaries (see S. 612), [16AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [25JY]
Dept. of Justice: protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [18NO]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [7FE]
———strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [7FE]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1357), [24JY]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [1AU]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [28FE]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [16AP]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [8JY]
Diseases: foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [12MR]
———issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [13JN]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [8MY]
———reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [20DE]
EPA: eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [4JN]
ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [8MY]
FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
Federal agencies and departments: allow interagency transfers of funds to provide more flexibility for the agency to comply with a sequestration order (see S. 1017), [22MY]
———codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1173), [18JN]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [19SE]
———provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [5OC]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [1OC]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [19NO]
Firearms: prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [11MR] (see S. 443), [4MR]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [9DE]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [25FE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [11FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
FTC: establish the Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1358), [24JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [9AP]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 616), [19MR]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 397), [27FE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [23SE]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
———authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [18MR]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [3JN]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [4JN]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [19JN]
———prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [20MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [5MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [17AP]
Medicare: apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1365), [25JY]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [3JN]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [9AP]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [6MY]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [4JN]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [11SE]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [20JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]

———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [14FE]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [30JY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [1AU]
———delay implementation schedule of the reductions of disproportionate share hospital payments (see S. 1555), [19NO]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [20MR]
National Adopt a Library Day: designate (see S. Res. 113), [24AP]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [31JY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [30JA]
National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day: designate (see S. Res. 204), [30JY]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 27), [7FE]
NLRB: prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [31JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [7MY]
Older Americans Month: designate (see S. Res. 137), [9MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [10SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [8AP]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [29OC]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 457), [5MR]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [6MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [4NO]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [11SE]
Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 61), [27FE]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [14FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [26FE]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 1224), [26JN]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [9MY]
———expand rehabilitation credit (see S. 1141), [11JN]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1772), [21NO]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [7MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [11SE]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [15AP]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [5NO]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [22MY]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [16AP]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 1133), [11JN]
———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [23MY]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [15MY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [20MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1163), [13JN]
Thresher (U.S.S.): anniversary of sinking (see S. Res. 94), [9AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [28OC]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 1171), [16JY]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [22JA]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 171), [13JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [11AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: ensure footwear for enlisted members upon initial entry complies with domestic source requirements (see S. 1051), [23MY]
Campus Fire Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 259), [24SE]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Dept. of Defense: making appropriations (see S. 444), [4MR]
Dept. of Education: amend the Small, Rural School Achievement Program and the Rural and Low-Income School Program (see S. 1222), [25JN]
Dept. of HHS: integrate mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and provide grants for geriatric mental health treatment outreach teams (see S. 1119), [7JN]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Dept. of Labor: improve management of the Job Corps program (see S. 1825), [13DE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown to track possible exposure to toxins (see S. 1892), [20DE]
Diseases: strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]
Federal agencies and departments: allow interagency transfers of funds to provide more flexibility for the agency to comply with a sequestration order (see S. 465), [5MR]
———reform regulatory process to ensure freedom of small businesses to compete and create jobs (see S. 1730), [19NO]
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
Medicare: ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [18JY]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or

access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 701), [10AP] (see S. 1188), [19JN]
SBA: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 206), [31JA]
Taxation: provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 506), [7MR]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1085), [3JN]
Veterans: improve veterans service organizations' access to Federal surplus personal property (see S. 573), [14MR]
Wreaths Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 320), [13DE]

COLLINSVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROMOTION ACT
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Chaffee County, CO: designate certain Federal land as a national monument and as wilderness (see S. 1794), [10DE]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of the Interior: designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, CO, as wilderness (see S. 341), [14FE]
Forest Service: convey Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, CO (see S. 1305), [16JY]
Pike National Historic Trail: provide for a study (see S. 524), [12MR]
Public lands: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]
San Juan National Forest: designate certain Hermosa Creek watershed lands as wilderness (see S. 841), [25AP]
Sangre de Cristo National Historic Pak: establish (see S. 503), [7MR]
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COMMISSION ON EFFECTIVE REGULATION AND ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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COMMISSION ON NATIVE CHILDREN
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COMMISSION TO ELIMINATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FATALITIES
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———minority party appointments (see S. Res. 18), [24JA]
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———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 253) (S. Rept. 113–116), [5NO]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 64), [28FE]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 64) (S. Rept. 113–41), [13JN]
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———minority party appointments (see S. Res. 18), [24JA] (see S. Res. 180), [20JN]
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———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 253) (S. Rept. 113–116), [5NO]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 64), [28FE]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 64) (S. Rept. 113–41), [13JN]
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———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 253) (S. Rept. 113–116), [5NO]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 64), [28FE]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 64) (S. Rept. 113–41), [13JN]
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———majority party appointments (see S. Res. 17), [24JA]
———minority party appointments (see S. Res. 18), [24JA]
Expenditures: authorizing (see S. Res. 46), [26FE] (see S. Res. 92), [8AP] (see S. Res. 223), [12SE]
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Committees of the Senate Expenditures: Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 253), [24SE]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 253) (S. Rept. 113–116), [5NO]
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———minority party appointments (see S. Res. 18), [24JA]
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Committee on Armed Services (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 42), [26FE] (see S. Res. 232), [17SE]
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 44), [26FE] (see S. Res. 224), [12SE]
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———minority party appointments (see S. Res. 18), [24JA]
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———Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. Res. 47), [26FE]
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———Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. Res. 42), [26FE]
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———Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 44), [26FE]
———Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 224), [12SE]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Res. 51), [26FE]
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———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. Res. 55), [26FE]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. Res. 231), [17SE]
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———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. Res. 50), [26FE]
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———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 43), [26FE]
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———Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 39), [26FE]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 253), [24SE]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 253) (S. Rept. 113–116), [5NO]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 64), [28FE]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 64) (S. Rept. 113–41), [13JN]
———Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 235), [17SE]
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Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide veterans, when they electronically file claims for benefits, with notice that relevant services may be available to them from veterans service organizations (see S. 1295), [15JY]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
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National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
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Ecology and environment: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [7MR]
Mining and mineral resources: facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]

COMPREHENSIVE IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE DRUG COVERAGE FOR KIDNEY TRANSPLANT PATIENTS ACT
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COMPUTER FRAUD AND ABUSE ACT
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Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1196), [20JN]

COMPUTERS *related term(s)* **ELECTRONICS; TECHNOLOGY; TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
Appointments
Health Information Technology Policy Committee, [25AP], [17JN]
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: better connect current and former members with employment opportunities by consolidating duplicative Federal Government websites and con-

serve resources by merging redundant and competing programs (see S. 1637), [31OC]
———expand and enhance authorities on protected communications (see S. 1081), [23MY]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
Colleges and universities: require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1261), [27JN]
Crime: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1196), [20JN]
———prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [25AP]
Dept. of Education: award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 918), [9MY]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 1704), [14NO]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
Dept. of HHS: authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [15JY]
Fab Foundation: provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a network of digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools (see S. 1705), [14NO]
FCC: direct wireless providers to permit the unlocking of mobile devices (see S. 481), [6MR]
———increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace (see S. 1680), [12NO]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 350), [14FE]
———eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management (see S. 1843), [17DE]
———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1611), [30OC]
FTC: prescribe regulations on the collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 418), [28FE]
———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 1830), [16DE]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
Information technology: promote public awareness of cybersecurity (see S. 1638), [31OC]
———provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
———secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [9AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Medicaid: encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
Medicare: allow certain critical access and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy available physician requirements for emergency medical conditions (see S. 328), [14FE]
———allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
Patents: combat cyber espionage of intellectual property of U.S. persons (see S. 1111), [6JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
Privacy: extend protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to electronic communications information and require specific court-issued warrants to obtain such information (see S. 1037), [23MY]
———improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]
———limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements (see S. 1168), [13JN]
———prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
———require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice in the case of a breach of security involving such information (see S. 1193), [20JN]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts and require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball (see S. 1721), [18NO]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 467), [5MR] (see S. 517), [11MR]
Telecommunications: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 1776), [21NO]
———make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [23MY]
———require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Treaties and agreements: seek inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements (see S. 1788), [10DE]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]
Cloture motions
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
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Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [18AP]
Reports filed
Electronic Communications Privacy Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607), [25AP]
Improve Privacy of Electronic Communications: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 113–34), [16MY]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act: Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. 375), [24JY]
Violent Content Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 134) (S. Rept. 113–126), [17DE]

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Congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations, [13MR]
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Federal agencies and departments: prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 1097), [6JN]
———provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS
Bills and resolutions
FRS: restrict conflicts of interest on the boards of directors of Federal Reserve banks (see S. 1018), [22MY]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [1AU]

CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Reports filed
Call for End to Ongoing Conflict and Support International Efforts Toward Long-Term Peace, Stability, and Observance of Human Rights in Democratic Republic of the Congo: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 144), [25JN]

CONGRESS *related term(s)* **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT; MEMBERS OF CONGRESS; SENATE**
Appointments
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Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Conferees: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
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Bills and resolutions
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
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Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 625), [20MR]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
———require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress (see S. 1835), [17DE]
Budget: ensure effective control over the congressional budget process (see S. 280), [12FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [13MR]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
———require annual budget submission by the President provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit (see S. 581), [14MR]
———require the President to submit a budget to Congress listing current fiscal year spending levels for proposed programs and separate amounts for proposed spending increases (see S. 1314), [17JY] (see S. 1321), [18JY]
———setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023 (see S. Con. Res. 8), [18MR]
———setting forth the Federal budget for 2014–2023 (see S. Con. Res. 14), [22AP]
———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 10), [22MR]
———designate the Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room (see S. Res. 76), [13MR]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]
Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate): designate Chairman (see S. Res. 20), [29JA]
Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (Joint): extend (see S. Con. Res. 2), [3JA]
Committee on Printing (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committee on the Library (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committees of the Senate: authorize reporting of funding resolutions (see S. Res. 58), [27FE] (see S. Res. 228), [17SE]
———majority party appointments (see S. Res. 17), [24JA] (see S. Res. 29), [12FE] (see S. Res. 179), [20JN] (see S. Res. 196), [16JY] (see S. Res. 283), [31OC]
———minority party appointments (see S. Res. 18), [24JA] (see S. Res. 180), [20JN]
Congressional Award Act: reauthorize (see S. 1348), [23JY]
Constitutional amendments: require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 25), [11OC]
Constitution—U.S.: end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1663), [7NO]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [18JN]
———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
Cushing, Alonzo H.: award the Medal of Honor for acts of valor during the Civil War (see S. 1258), [27JN]
Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program: establish (see S. 1458), [1AU]
Dept. of the Interior: replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend work-study program for individuals pursuing rehabilitation, education, or training and expand program to veterans' outreach services provided by congressional offices (see S. 894), [8MY]
———review the dialysis pilot program and submit a report to Congress before expanding such program (see S. 1547), [24SE]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Dove, Laura C.: election as Sec. for the Minority of the Senate (see S. Res. 216), [1AU]
Economy: provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures by corporations or labor organizations intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [28JA]
———constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
EPA: require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 1536), [23SE]
FCC: consolidate reporting obligations to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (see S. 1379), [29JY]
Federal agencies and departments: provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
Federal employees: eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for official portraits of Members of Congress or heads of executive or legislative branch agencies or offices (see S. 1820), [12DE]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 397), [27FE]
House of Representatives: notify that a quorum of the Senate is present (see S. Res. 2), [3JA]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Legislation: preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1665), [7NO]
———require each bill enacted be limited to only one subject (see S. 1664), [7NO]
Legislative branch of the Government: making appropriations (see S. 1283), [11JY]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2, 3), [23JA]
———eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 65), [23JA]
———prohibit from receiving pay whenever the U.S. cannot satisfy obligations because public debt ceiling has been reached (see S. 1142), [12JN]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
———require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 472), [6MR]
———require congressional approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 104), [23JA]
Motley, Constance Baker: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1150), [12JN]
Nicklaus, Jack: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1040), [23MY]
NLRB: prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
Obama, President: notification that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [3JA]
OMB: withhold salary of the Director, Deputy Director, and Deputy Director for Management upon failure to submit the President's budget to Congress (see S. 620), [20MR]
OPM: require submittal of an annual report on the use of official time by Federal employees (see S. 1338), [23JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 902), [8MY]
———disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 27), [31OC]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 1629), [31OC]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 457), [5MR]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [1AU]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Pipelines: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 64), [23JA]
President and Vice President: counting of electoral votes (see S. Con. Res. 1), [3JA]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (see S.J. Res. 26), [28OC]
———establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt ceiling (see S. 57), [22JA]
———provide a process for ensuring the U.S. does not default on its obligations by making permanent authority for Congress to disapprove a debt ceiling increase instead of approving it (see S. 1598), [29OC]

———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (see S. 1569), [8OC]
Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]
Senate: establish Office of the Inspector General (see S. 808), [24AP]
———fixing the hour of daily meeting (see S. Res. 3), [3JA]
———provide sufficient time for legislation to be read (see S. Res. 28), [11FE]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in R. Wayne Patterson v. U.S. Senate, et. al (see S. Res. 185), [24JN]
———authorize legal representation in Steve Schonberg v. Mitch McConnell, et al. (see S. Res. 103), [18AP]
———authorize legal representation in U.S. v. Renzi, et al. (see S. Res. 114), [24AP]
———authorize legal representation in Wade v. Miller, et al. (see S. Res. 220), [9SE]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough (see S. Res. 264), [1OC]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]
———authorize testimony and representation in the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower (see S. Res. 195), [15JY]
———authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al. (see S. Res. 124), [25AP]
Senate Rules: improve debate and consideration of legislative matters (see S. Res. 16), [24JA]
———improve debate and consideration of legislative matters and nominations (see S. Res. 15), [24JA]
———modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 6), [3JA]
———permit Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased (see S. Res. 7), [3JA]
———provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate (see S. Res. 5), [3JA]
———reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [3JA]
Social Security: provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements (see S. 767), [18AP]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 997), [21MY]
Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act: modify requirements regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms (see S. 716), [11AP]
Taxation: constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
———prohibit consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill (see S. 1620), [30OC]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [13FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 1688), [13NO]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [19DE]
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Armed Forces: authorize use against Syria in response to use of chemical weapons (S.J. Res. 21), [9SE], [10SE]
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Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (S.J. Res. 26), [29OC]
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Appropriations: require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress (see S. 1835), [17DE]
Budget: eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [30JA]
CBO: provide a macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation (see S. 184), [30JA]
Health: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]

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Budget: eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [30JA]
Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]
Economy: provide a macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation (see S. 184), [30JA]
———provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
Government regulations: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 1472), [1AU]
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GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [11JN]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al. (see S. Res. 124), [25AP]
Reports filed
Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 316) (S. Rept. 113–69), [27JN]
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 349) (S. Rept. 113–60), [27JN]

CONRAD, KENT ***(a former Senator from North Dakota)***
Appointments
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees, [22MR]

CONSERVATION OF ENERGY *related term(s)* **RENEWABLE ENERGY**
Bills and resolutions
Commercial buildings: encourage benchmarking and disclosure of energy information (see S. 1206), [20JN]
Credit: require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]
———improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
Dept. of Education: promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]

Dept. of Energy: establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1501), [12SE]
———establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [11AP]
———establish Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [3JN]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
———promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
———reauthorize weatherization and State energy programs (see S. 1213), [20JN]
Ecology and environment: facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants relative to energy efficiency in buildings (see S. 1191), [19JN]
———promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [18AP]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
GSA: improve energy and water efficiency of Federal buildings (see S. 52), [22JA]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Motor vehicles: provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
———expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
Public buildings: encourage increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities (see S. 1308), [16JY]
———improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 1020), [22MY] (see S. 1199), [20JN]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1595), [29OC]
———establish a Federal renewable electricity standard and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1627), [31OC]
Residential buildings: promote energy efficiency and energy savings (see S. 1200), [20JN]
Taxation: expand rehabilitation credit (see S. 1141), [11JN]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [22MY]
———provide a tax incentive for installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property (see S. 775), [22AP]
———provide that solar energy property need not be located on the property to which it is generating electricity to qualify for residential energy efficient property credit (see S. 1225), [26JN]
Technolgy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1261), [27JN]
Motions
Ecology and environment: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (S. 1392), [1AU]
Reports filed
Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 761), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 761) (S. Rept. 113–37), [3JN]

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT; NATURAL RESOURCES; RENEWABLE ENERGY**
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
———H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1244), [27JN]
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Arbor Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 14), [25AP]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area: designate (see S. 483), [6MR]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
Chesapeake Bay: require OMB to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the watershed and require EPA to develop and implement an adaptive management plan (see S. 1000), [21MY]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]
Coral Reef Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 839), [25AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———modernize conservation programs, protect long term investments, increase small and midsize farmer's access to programs, and prioritize modern-day conservation needs (see S. 923), [9MY]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Education: promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
Dept. of State: require report on water sharing with Mexico (see S. 1125), [10JN]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a Veterans Conservation Corps (see S. 1262), [27JN]
———establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
———grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
———increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire real property that complies with certain approved habitat conservation plans (see S. 1175), [18JN]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Douglas County, NV: establish a wilderness area, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 1263), [27JN]
EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [23AP]
Foreign aid: provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
———promote rehabilitation and restoration of Federal land impacted by catastrophic events and redirect certain funding to mechanical forest treatment and salvage operations due to such events (see S. 661), [22MR]
———provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP] (see S. 1300), [16JY]
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve: allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Hunan Tlingit people (see S. 156), [28JA]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 1054), [23MY]
GSA: improve energy and water efficiency of Federal buildings (see S. 52), [22JA]
———repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [11JN]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
International relations: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Montana: withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]
Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act: reauthorize (see S. 231), [7FE]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 969), [16MY]
Nevada: implement the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River and Lincoln County, NV, and extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land (see S. 757), [17AP]
NOAA: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]

Oregon: designate Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area and segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers (see S. 352), [14FE]
———restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests (see S. 1301), [16JY]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 228), [4FE]
San Juan Islands National Conservation Area: establish (see S. 497), [7MR]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1160), [13JN]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [1AU]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [12MR]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Topsail, NC: revise boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06 (see S. 533), [12MR]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts (see S. 1650), [5NO]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]

Cloture motions

Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]

Motions

Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [15MY]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [25AP]

Reports filed

Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1244) (S. Rept. 113–46), [27JN]
Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954), [14MY]
———Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954) (S. Rept. 113–88), [9SE]
Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 352) (S. Rept. 113–28), [22AP]
Helium Stewardship Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 783) (S. Rept. 113–83), [29JY]
Huna Tlingit Traditional Gull Egg Use Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 156) (S. Rept. 113–51), [27JN]
Hydropower Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545) (S. Rept. 113–36), [3JN]
Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267) (S. Rept. 113–38), [3JN]
Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 757) (S. Rept. 113–68), [27JN]
North Fork Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 255) (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]
Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]

CONSOLIDATED FARM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACT

Bills and resolutions

Rural areas: improve housing for educators, public safety officers, and medical providers, and their households (see S. 386), [26FE]

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Bills and resolutions

Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 1), [22JA] (see S.J. Res. 6), [29JA] (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE] (see S.J. Res. 20), [11JY]
Citizenship: constitutional amendment to restrict citizenship of individuals born in the U.S. to those with one parent that is a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or active member of the U.S. military (see S.J. Res. 4), [23JA]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 25), [11OC]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [18JN]
———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures by corporations or labor organizations intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [28JA]
———constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2, 3), [23JA]
Privacy: prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
Taxation: constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]

Reports filed

Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]

CONSTITUTION—U.S.

Bills and resolutions

Abortion: protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
Congress: end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1663), [7NO]
———preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1665), [7NO]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
NLRB: delay enforcement of any rulings until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments of certain members (see S. 180), [30JA]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
Privacy: strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Public debt: retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES

Bills and resolutions

Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Corps of Engineers: establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects (see S. 566), [14MR]
———provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
Credit: require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
Crime: prohibit and deter theft of metal (see S. 394), [27FE]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [28FE]
Dept. of the Interior: provide with a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of Soledad Canyon, CA, mining contracts (see S. 771), [18AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: authorize States to use assistance provided under the Hardest Hit Fund program to demolish blighted structures (see S. 1122), [10JN]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
FEMA: enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]
Housing: enable Federal and State chartered banks and thrifts to meet the credit needs of homebuilders, and provide liquidity and ensure stable credit for meeting the need for new homes (see S. 1002), [21MY]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 111), [24AP]

OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
Roads and highways: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
SBA: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
Taxation: expand rehabilitation credit (see S. 1141), [11JN]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [22MY]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 838), [25AP]
———provide a tax incentive for installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property (see S. 775), [22AP]
Reports filed
Metal Theft Prevention Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 394), [17JN]

CONSUMER CHOICE IN ONLINE VIDEO ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1680), [12NO]

CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Consumers: require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [20JN]

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
FRS: provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ACT
Bills and resolutions
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Foreign policy: clarify terms of cooperation with foreign government safety agencies to improve safety of imported products (see S. 1887), [20DE]
Hazardous substances: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]
Sports: reduce sports-related concussions in youth (see S. 1014), [22MY]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]

CONSUMERS *related term(s)* **CREDIT; PRODUCT SAFETY; TOYS**
Bills and resolutions
Aviation: reform and improve the oversight of passenger and baggage screening at domestic commercial airports by private screening companies (see S. 697), [10AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]
Civil liberties: enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1538), [23SE]
Colleges and universities: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 1266), [27JN]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
CPSC: clarify terms of cooperation with foreign government safety agencies to improve safety of imported products (see S. 1887), [20DE]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
———clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies (see S. 1613), [30OC]
———empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [26JN]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 673), [9AP]
———exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [28JA]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [16DE]
———prohibit distribution of checks or other negotiable instruments as part of a creditor solicitation to extend credit and limit consumer liability in conjunction with such solicitations (see S. 187), [30JA]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [20JN]
———require inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers (see S. 471), [6MR]
———require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
Crime: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]
———prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1502), [12SE]
———repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Defense: develop innovative financial products that encourage savings and wealth-creation among active servicemembers and reduce use of predatory lenders (see S. 1741), [20NO]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
Dept. of Energy: improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [23MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
———Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program funding (see S. 1333), [18JY]
———develop a national model disclosure form to assist consumers in purchasing long-term care insurance (see S. 1473), [1AU]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
———prevent abuse of dextromethorphan by restricting over-the-counter sales and bulk distribution (see S. 644), [21MR]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
Dept. of Labor: list employers that relocate call centers overseas, make such companies ineligible for Federal grants and loans, and require call center employees to disclose their physical location (see S. 1565), [30SE]
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [23JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans (see S. 778), [23AP]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
EPA: impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 1363), [25JY]
FCC: allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide subscribers a la carte video programming, penalize broadcasters for downgrading services, and eliminate sports blackout rule (see S. 912), [9MY]
———direct wireless providers to permit the unlocking of mobile devices (see S. 481), [6MR]
———increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace (see S. 1680), [12NO]
———provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 1766), [21NO]
———suspend and revise proposed rule that revised Universal Service fund distribution to rural carriers and encourage investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure (see S. 1858), [18DE]
FDA: ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
———strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
Federal agencies and departments: establish Federal customer service standards and improve service provided by Federal agencies (see S. 760), [18AP]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24JY]
———ensure that customers can immediately close accounts at insured depository institutions on demand and without cost, and that consumers receive any balance in accounts immediately (see S. 1534), [19SE]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
———provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards (see S. 1867), [19DE]
———restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 985), [16MY]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [21NO]

FRS: provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
———replace the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau with a 5-person commission, bring the Bureau into the regular appropriations process, and provide for a safety and soundness check (see S. 205), [31JA]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
FTC: establish the Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1358), [24JY]
———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 1830), [16DE]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
Health: improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]
———lower health premiums and increase choice for small business (see S. 24), [22JA]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
———reduce health care and insurance costs through medical malpractice tort reform (see S. 44), [22JA]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property and establish a right of action to enforce compliance with such protections (see S. 1761), [21NO]
Insurance: preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [21MR]
———require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [18AP]
IRS: issue regulations to allow enrolled agents to use or display their credentials when advertising their services or representing clients (see S. 1134), [11JN]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77, 117), [23JA]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1642), [4NO]
———ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———extend open enrollment period for health care plans and protect individuals from penalties during the enrollment extension (see S. 1693), [13NO]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
———increase qualified health plan options by offering plans with lower premiums but requiring higher out-of-pocket costs (see S. 1729), [19NO]
———provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period for health exchange plans and disclose premium and cost-sharing information prior to enrollment (see S. 1849), [18DE]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [28OC]
Petroleum: grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———extend protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to electronic communications information and require specific court-issued warrants to obtain such information (see S. 1037), [23MY]
———improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 1725), [19NO]
Senior citizens: establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and provide quality assurance for home and community-based services (see S. 998), [21MY]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts and require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball (see S. 1721), [18NO]
———reduce sports-related concussions in youth (see S. 1014), [22MY]
Taxation: constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 41), [22JA] (see S. 127), [24JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
———provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 194), [31JA]
———repeal excise tax on telephone use and other communications services (see S. 213), [4FE]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 467), [5MR] (see S. 517), [11MR]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [23MY]
Telephones: prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills (see S. 1144), [12JN]
Television: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1789), [10DE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 42), [22JA]
Cloture motions
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Motions
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [18AP]
Reports filed
Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 975), [19DE]
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 42), [31OC]
Electronic Communications Privacy Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607), [25AP]
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
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CONTRACEPTIVES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
Federal aid programs: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [23JA]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
———establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]

CONTRACTS
Bills and resolutions
Arbitration: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 171), [29JA] (see S. 1541, 1543), [24SE]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [22MY]

Dept. of Defense: authorize long-term contracts for procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels (see S. 389), [26FE]
Dept. of Energy: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Dept. of State: extend Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs (see S. 990), [20MY]
Dept. of the Interior: provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]
———provide with a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of Soledad Canyon, CA, mining contracts (see S. 771), [18AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 430), [28FE]
———ensure veterans have access to services in at least one departmental full-service hospital or comparable contract services in their State (see S. 49), [22JA]
———establish pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms for contracts with community-based outpatient health clinics (see S. 1662), [7NO]
———improve authority to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations (see S. 1751), [20NO]
———include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects (see S. 1540), [24SE]
Disasters: ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 98), [23JA]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 99), [23JA]
Executive departments: require transparency in meeting Federal goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
Federal agencies and departments: eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management (see S. 1843), [17DE]
———improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———permit agencies to count certain contracts toward certain small business contracting goals (see S. 1190), [19JN]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
———report on responses to Inspector General recommendations on cost-saving measures or reimbursement for poor contractor performance, cost overruns, or other reasons (see S. 664), [22MR]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21MY]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 523), [12MR]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Federal contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [27JN]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [9AP]
Forests: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP] (see S. 1300), [16JY]
Income: limit taxpayer-funded salaries of Government contractors (see S. 1192), [19JN]
Medicare: establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [7FE]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [30JY]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
Public buildings: encourage increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities (see S. 1308), [16JY]
Roads and highways: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
SBA: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 206), [31JA]
———increase Government-wide small business contracting level and the contracting goal for businesses owned by veterans, women, and economically disadvantaged individuals (see S. 196), [31JA]
Small business: increase contracting goals for service-disabled veteran-owned small business and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 259), [7FE]
Transportation Security Administration: implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs (see S. 1893), [20DE]
Veterans: clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]

Reports filed

Security Clearance Oversight and Reform Enhancement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1276) (S. Rept. 113–111), [24SE]
Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2747), [30OC]

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

Bills and resolutions

Crime: enhance penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors (see S. 1686), [12NO]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
———make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [20MR]
Law enforcement: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 359), [14FE]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 950), [14MY] (see S. 1171), [17JN]

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES CLINICAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Bills and resolutions

Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]

CONWAY, THOMAS M.

Bills and resolutions

Navy Cross: award posthumously (see S. Res. 197), [17JY]

COOK, ASHLEY

Bills and resolutions

Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]

COONS, CHRISTOPHER A. ***(a Senator from Delaware)***

Appointments

Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]

Attendance

Present, [3JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [25JN]
Africa: condemn acts of piracy and other maritime crime in the Gulf of Guinea, support U.S. assistance in combating such crimes, and commend international agencies that have enhanced maritime security (see S. Res. 288), [6NO]
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
———reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [18MR]
AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [17SE]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [24SE]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [30JY]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [24AP]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [19DE]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [7NO]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [28JA]

Congressional Award Act: reauthorize (see S. 1348), [23JY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [8MY]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [31JY]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [20NO]
———establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [8JY]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Crime: prohibit and deter theft of metal (see S. 394), [12JN]
———prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [28OC]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [4MR]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [9MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [14NO]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [7MR]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [12DE]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [1AU]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [17SE]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [19DE]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [11FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [14FE]
Dept. of Justice: establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [10SE]
Dept. of the Interior: increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [7JN]
Depts. of Labor and Commerce: establish Made in America Incentive Grant Program (see S. 63), [22JA]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
Diseases: improve diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (see S. 908), [12SE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
———statehood (see S. 132), [1AU]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [30JY]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
———provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
———ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [18DE]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [11JY]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [28FE]
———allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Federal agencies and departments: require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [10DE]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [29OC]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [17JY]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
First State National Historical Park: establish (see S. 347), [14FE]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [12SE]
———require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [11DE]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [11AP]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [30SE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [17SE]
Hinduism: recognize the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 277), [30OC]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [23AP]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [6MR]
———authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———deem any person who has received an award from the U.S. Armed Forces for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat to have satisfied certain requirements for naturalization (see S. 1059), [11JN]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [29OC]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [21MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [6MR]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [16MY]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [20DE]
———strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [4JN]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [26FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [7MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [13JN]

———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 672), [9AP]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [12SE]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [16AP]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [6MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [12NO]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [14FE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [20MY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [12SE]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [6MY]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [25JY]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [13DE]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [18JY]
Older Americans Month: designate (see S. Res. 137), [9MY]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 712), [11AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow coverage of church plans (see S. 1164), [13JN]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [16DE]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [7MY]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [10SE]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Privacy: strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [30JY]
Professional Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [24SE]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [1AU]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 960), [20MY]
———provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [22MR]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [15AP]
———allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
———eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [12SE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [24SE]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [3JN]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [17JN]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [23JY]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747, 1797), [11DE] (see S. 1845), [19DE]
Veterans: reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5, 47), [22JA]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [21MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [18NO]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [12MR]
Bills and resolutions introduced
African Union: anniversary (see S. Res. 166), [10JN]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Courts: appoint additional Federal circuit and district judges (see S. 1385), [30JY]
Dept. of Education: award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 918), [9MY]
Dept. of Energy: reauthorize weatherization and State energy programs (see S. 1213), [20JN]
Dept. of Justice: increase authorization for Children's Advocacy Centers (see S. 1799), [11DE]
———provide incentives to States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at polls and simplify voter registration (see S. 85), [23JA]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 1790), [10DE]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [11OC]
———congratulate commitment to peaceful elections, call for justice for victims of political violence, and support democratic reforms (see S. Res. 90), [22MR]
National Technological Innovation Day: designate (see S. Res. 275), [28OC]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]
Public buildings: encourage increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities (see S. 1308), [16JY]
Somalia: promote security, stability, and good governance through coordinated interagency strategy that supports consolidation of recent security and political gains (see S. 1745), [20NO]
Taxation: extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [24AP]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]

White Clay Creek: designate additional segments and tributaries as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 393), [27FE]
Wilmington, DE: tribute to August Quarterly Festival (see S. Res. 199), [25JY]
World AIDS Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 314), [10DE]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE], [27SE], [15DE], [17DE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
COOPERATIVE AND SMALL EMPLOYER CHARITY PENSION FLEXIBILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1302), [16JY]
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Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1302), [30OC]
COORDINATING COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION
Appointments
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COPYRIGHTS *related term(s)* **PATENTS**
Bills and resolutions
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [21MR]
FCC: provide that certain uses of a patent or copyright in compliance with an order for emergency communications services shall be construed as use or manufacture for the U.S. (see S. 1478), [1AU]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: establish position of Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator (see S. 660), [22MR]
Taxation: make permanent rule providing 5-year amortization of expenses incurred in creating or acquiring music or music copyrights (see S. 1326), [18JY]
CORAL REEF CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 839), [25AP]
CORDRAY, RICHARD
Bills and resolutions
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
CORKER, BOB ***(a Senator from Tennessee)***
Appointments
Senate National Security Working Group, [12MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [14NO]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Appalachian Regional Commission: add Hickman, Perry, and Wayne Counties, TN, to the Appalachian region (see S. 1646), [5NO]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Burma: place conditions on assistance relative to human rights (see S. 1885), [20DE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Corps of Engineers: prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of State: enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [30JY]
Diseases: extend authorities relative to global HIV/AIDS and promote oversight of U.S. programs (see S. 1545), [24SE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [18NO]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
EPA: eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [18JY]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [17AP]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [25AP]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: delay implementation of round 2 of the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Acquisition Program for competitive acquisition areas in Tennessee (see S. 1265), [27JN]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
NLRB: reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [30JY]
OAS: support revitalization and reform (see S. 793), [24AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Ships and vessels: provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients (see S. 1683), [12NO]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [11JN]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 960), [15MY]
Taxation: make permanent rule providing 5-year amortization of expenses incurred in creating or acquiring music or music copyrights (see S. 1326), [18JY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [18JY]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [18JY]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [6JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [13JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Credit: provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
Dept. of Commerce: produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [22MY]
Economy: provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
EPA: require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
FRS: ensure conduct of policies to ensure long-term price stability and a low rate of inflation (see S. 215), [4FE]

Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]
Iran: ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [21NO]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [31JY]
CORN ETHANOL MANDATE ELIMINATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1807), [12DE]
CORNYN, JOHN ***(a Senator from Texas)***
Appointments
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [9JY]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [28JA]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [5NO]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [28OC]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [13MR]
BLM: provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [21MR]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 122), [25AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [23SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [19MR]
Courts: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
———reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [10AP]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [6MR]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: land exchange with Sabine River Authority, TX (see S. 1484), [1AU]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [15MY]
———improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [22MY]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [14NO]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Dept. of HHS: include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
Dept. of Justice: protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [27SE]
———offer rewards for information regarding the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya (see S. 1661), [13NO]
Dept. of the Interior: replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [25AP]
EPA: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [20MR]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [10JN]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 1099), [11JN]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]
———limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
———provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [27JN]
Firearms: improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [18MR]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
FRS: improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and the Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 238), [7FE]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [17SE]
Government regulations: require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [21MY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Hinduism: recognize the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 277), [30OC]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [14NO]
———eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [17DE]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [4NO]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
IRS: prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [14MY]

Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]
———strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [5MR]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [26SE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
Memorial Day: encourage nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1648), [5NO]
Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [28OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [9JY]
NLRB: delay enforcement of any rulings until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments of certain members (see S. 180), [31JA]
———permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [7MY]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [17SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Paul Brown U.S. Courthouse, Sherman, TX: designate (see S. 1594), [29OC]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [24AP]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [24JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [9JY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [6NO]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 1207), [20JN]
Syria: impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
Taxation: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [16AP]
———rename the section of the Internal Revenue Code known as the spousal individual retirement account as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA (see S. 1221), [25JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
U.N.: promote transparency, accountability, and reform (see S. 1313), [18JY]
———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Veterans: require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
Vietnam: promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [5NO]
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [16DE]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Correctional institutions: improve effectiveness and efficiency of Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction (see S. 1783), [9DE]
Crime: clarify the range of conduct punished as sex trafficking (see S. 1354), [24JY]
———ensure prisoners do not profit from their violent acts through the sale of ''murderabilia'' by restricting mailing and delivery privileges of prisoners for commercial purposes (see S. 1549), [24SE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 1812), [12DE]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [28FE]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
Dept. of State: require report on water sharing with Mexico (see S. 1125), [10JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 800), [24AP]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 350), [14FE]
Financial institutions: provide a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt (see S. 1861), [19DE]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 178), [30JA]
Insurance: require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [18AP]
Iran: impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]

Law enforcement: protect prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and their families from retaliation or intimidation and create stronger offenses for those who target public officials (see S. 698), [10AP]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 993), [21MY]
OMB: withhold salary of the Director, Deputy Director, and Deputy Director for Management upon failure to submit the President's budget to Congress (see S. 620), [20MR]
Patents: add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits to deter abusive litigation (see S. 1013), [22MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE] (see S. 1316), [17JY]
Securities: protect investors by fostering transparency and accountability of attorneys in private securities litigation (see S. 652), [22MR]
Taxation: prohibit consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill (see S. 1620), [30OC]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 725), [15AP]
Vietnam: impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses against nationals of Vietnam or their families (see S. 929), [9MY]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [19NO]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Motions
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [19DE]

CORPORATE TAX DODGING PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 250), [7FE]

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]

CORPORATIONS *related term(s)* **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**
Bills and resolutions
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
———reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes (see S. 268), [11FE]
———replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
Business and industry: develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the U.S. and encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries (see S. 1615), [30OC]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on offshore profit shifting and the U.S. Tax Code (see S. Res. 62), [27FE]
Constitutional amendments: clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [18JN]
———exclude corporations from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
Courts: provide for Federal civil liability for trade secret misappropriation in certain circumstances (see S. 1770), [21NO]
Crime: require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Dept. of Labor: list employers that relocate call centers overseas, make such companies ineligible for Federal grants and loans, and require call center employees to disclose their physical location (see S. 1565), [30SE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures by corporations or labor organizations intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [28JA]
Federal employees: provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1746), [20NO]
Financial institutions: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 685), [9AP]
———provide a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt (see S. 1861), [19DE]
Olympic Games: discourage ambush marketing by entities that adversely effect the ability of Team USA to attract sponsorships (see S. Res. 289), [7NO]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]
Taxation: deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 1654), [5NO]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, prevent U.S. tax avoidance, and eliminate tax loopholes for big oil companies (see S. 250), [7FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1476), [1AU]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1855), [18DE]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [28FE]
———provide that income attributable to certain passenger cruises beginning or ending in the U.S. be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. (see S. 1449), [1AU]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 1533), [19SE]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]
Cloture motions
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Motions
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), [26FE]

CORPS OF ENGINEERS *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Bills and resolutions
Arctic regions: expedite development of Arctic deepwater ports (see S. 428), [28FE]
Dams: prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 1245), [27JN]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
Everglades restoration project: expedite implementation of comprehensive plan (see S. 414), [28FE]
Fish and fishing: manage threat of Asian carp traveling up the Mississippi River in Minnesota (see S. 365), [14FE]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Harbors: modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 732), [16AP]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Marine resources: provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
Mississippi River: modify the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf of Mexico to Baton Rouge, LA, navigation project (see S. 574), [14MR]
———provide for safe and reliable navigation (see S. 565), [14MR]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
Oklahoma: clarify role of Cherokee Nation in maintaining the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam (see S. 513), [11MR]
Power resources: prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
Public lands: include as a Federal land management agency (see S. 400), [28FE]
Public works: establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects (see S. 566), [14MR]
———establish program to evaluate cost-effectiveness and efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for civil works flood control and navigation construction projects (see S. 66), [23JA]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]
Cloture motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]

———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]
Motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [25AP]
Reports filed
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1245) (S. Rept. 113–47), [27JN]
Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
Bills and resolutions
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 619), [20MR]
Crime: ensure prisoners do not profit from their violent acts through the sale of ''murderabilia'' by restricting mailing and delivery privileges of prisoners for commercial purposes (see S. 1549), [24SE]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 1675), [7NO]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]
Foreign aid: eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety (see S. 657), [22MR]
Law enforcement: improve effectiveness and efficiency of Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction (see S. 1783), [9DE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
POW: provide for the disposition of certain persons detained in the U.S. pursuant to authorization for use of military force (see S. 1147), [12JN]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Reports filed
Foreign Prison Conditions Improvement Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 657), [14NO]
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 162), [20JN]

CORRIGAN, MAURA
Appointments
Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, [23MY]

COST OF LIVING *see* **ECONOMY; INCOME**

COURT EFFICIENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 699), [10AP]

COURT-APPOINTED GUARDIAN ACCOUNTABILITY AND SENIOR PROTECTION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 975), [19DE]

COURTS *related term(s)* **CRIME; LAW ENFORCEMENT; LAWYERS AND ATTORNEYS; SUPREME COURT**
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
Armed Forces: modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial (see S. 538), [12MR]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]
Business and industry: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [21MR]
———provide for Federal civil liability for trade secret misappropriation in certain circumstances (see S. 1770), [21NO]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25AP]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on JP Morgan Chase & Co., ''whale trades'' and risks and abuses of derivatives (see S. Res. 300), [19NO]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1196), [20JN]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 25), [11OC]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Crime: clarify the range of conduct punished as sex trafficking (see S. 1354), [24JY]
———enhance penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors (see S. 1686), [12NO]
———increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]
———prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Dept. of Defense: afford crime victims in the military the same basic rights as civilians under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1041), [23MY]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
———reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1752), [20NO]
Dept. of HHS: include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [15MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of Justice: improve administration of grants to States under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and ensure that all criminal defendants receive adequate representation (see S. 597), [18MR]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 1420), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [9MY]
———treat certain misfiled documents as motions for reconsideration of decisions by the Board of Veterans Appeals (see S. 939), [14MY]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 1790), [10DE]
———prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 38), [22JA]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]
Edward J. Devitt U.S. Courthouse, Fergus Falls, MN: designate (see S. 711), [11AP]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
Families and domestic relations: increase effectiveness of State child support enforcement programs (see S. 1763), [21NO]
———increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1870, 1877), [19DE]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
———quantify costs associated with proposed economically significant regulations (see S. 786), [23AP]
Federal employees: clarify certain due process rights of employees serving in sensitive positions (see S. 1809), [12DE]
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: improve attorney accountability to reduce frivolous lawsuits (see S. 1288), [11JY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking (see S. 730), [15AP]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [22JA] (see S. 179), [30JA] (see S. 443), [4MR]
———prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
Health: limit establishment of standards or duties of care owed by health care providers to patients in medical malpractice or medical product liability actions or claims (see S. 1769), [21NO]
———reduce health care and insurance costs through medical malpractice tort reform (see S. 44), [22JA]
———reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property and establish a right of action to enforce compliance with such protections (see S. 1761), [21NO]
Immigration: clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review (see S. 478), [6MR]
———make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 302), [13FE]

Information technology: specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13MR]
Judicial branch of the Government: provide an Inspector General (see S. 575), [14MR]
Judiciary: appoint additional Federal circuit and district judges (see S. 1385), [30JY]
———provide for conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships (see S. 1868), [19DE]
———reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [10AP]
Kenya: congratulate commitment to peaceful elections, call for justice for victims of political violence, and support democratic reforms (see S. Res. 90), [22MR]
Law enforcement: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 619), [20MR]
———protect prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and their families from retaliation or intimidation and create stronger offenses for those who target public officials (see S. 698), [10AP]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
NLRB: delay enforcement of any rulings until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments of certain members (see S. 180), [30JA]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Patent and Trademark Office: improve transitional program covered business method patents (see S. 866), [6MY]
Patents: add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits to deter abusive litigation (see S. 1013), [22MY]
———deter abusive patent litigation by awarding the prevailing party reasonable fees and expenses and allowing the defendant to request the alleging party post a bond to cover certain costs (see S. 1612), [30OC]
———promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
Paul Brown U.S. Courthouse, Sherman, TX: designate (see S. 1594), [29OC]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———extend protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to electronic communications information and require specific court-issued warrants to obtain such information (see S. 1037), [23MY]
———limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements (see S. 1168), [13JN]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]
Safety: protect State and local witnesses from tampering and retaliation (see S. 901), [8MY]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 286), [12FE]
Securities: protect investors by fostering transparency and accountability of attorneys in private securities litigation (see S. 652), [22MR]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in R. Wayne Patterson v. U.S. Senate, et. al (see S. Res. 185), [24JN]
———authorize legal representation in Steve Schonberg v. Mitch McConnell, et al. (see S. Res. 103), [18AP]
———authorize legal representation in U.S. v. Renzi, et al. (see S. Res. 114), [24AP]
———authorize legal representation in Wade v. Miller, et al. (see S. Res. 220), [9SE]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough (see S. Res. 264), [1OC]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]
———authorize testimony and representation in the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower (see S. Res. 195), [15JY]
———authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al. (see S. Res. 124), [25AP]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 1207), [20JN]
———promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [1AU]
Syria: condemn violence, use of chemical weapons, and human rights violations and call for Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity (see S. Res. 219), [9SE]
Taxation: exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 1224), [26JN]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 725), [15AP]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 1237), [27JN]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
World War II: ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]

Cloture motions
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Motions
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [31OC], [6NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
Reports filed
Condemn Political Violence, Provide Fair Elections, Support Dialogue Between Political Factions, Judicial Independence, Human Rights, and Grameen Bank Independence in Bangladesh: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 318), [18DE]
Congratulate Commitment to Peaceful Elections, Call for Justice for Victims of Political Violence, and Support Democratic Reforms in Kenya: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 90), [17AP]
Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 975), [19DE]
Employment Non-Discrimination Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 815) (S. Rept. 113–105), [12SE]
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 162), [20JN]
Justice for Former American Hostages in Iran Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 559) (S. Rept. 113–104), [12SE]
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]
Stop Illegal Trafficking in Firearms Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54), [11MR]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54) (S. Rept. 113–9), [8AP]
Supporting At-Risk Children Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]

COWAN, WILLIAM M. ***(a Senator from Massachusetts)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [26FE], [27FE], [5MR], [6MR], [12MR], [13MR], [20MR], [10AP], [23AP], [25AP], [8MY], [9MY], [15MY], [21MY], [22MY], [4JN], [6JN], [11JN], [12JN], [19JN], [26JN]
Attendance
Present, [1FE]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park: establish and dedicate to John H. Chafee (see S. 371), [14FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [5MR] (see S. 743), [18AP]

Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [12FE]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [12FE]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (see S. 821), [25AP]
———improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
———include farmed shellfish as specialty crops (see S. 754), [7MY]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [18JN]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [9JY]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [12FE]
Dept. of Labor: provide grants for an Urban Jobs Program (see S. 655), [10AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 132), [19JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Essex National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1186), [19JN]
Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [12FE]
———establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [12FE]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [12FE]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [12FE]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [25FE]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [9AP]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 5), [5MR]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 527), [12MR]
Medicare: distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [7MY]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [8MY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [9AP]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
SBA: enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program (see S. 511), [17JN]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [18MR]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [3JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
———make grants available to local governments to place law enforcement officers in schools (see S. 148), [12FE]
Taxation: provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [3JN]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [7FE]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [23MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a market-driven inventory system for farmers and ranchers (see S. 746), [17AP]
National Holoprosencephaly Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 152), [22MY]
Prayers
Senate, [4JN]

COWLEY, R. ADAMS
Bills and resolutions
Congressional Gold Medal: award posthumously (see S. 1345), [23JY]

CRAPO, MIKE ***(a Senator from Idaho)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [9MY]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [21MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [18DE]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [30JA]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [10AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal reclamation law (see S. 306), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [7MR]
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [11MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
———repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [10JY]
Dept. of Defense: limit retirement of A–10 aircraft (see S. 1764), [21NO]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [20NO]
Dept. of Education: provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [17AP]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [17AP]
———establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [25JY]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 1420), [1AU]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [6MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 125), [25AP]
Diseases: reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [21MR]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———award grants to individuals that may be affected by a reported disease cluster (see S. 53), [22JA]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 1781), [9DE]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
———investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children (see S. 50), [22JA]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 1853), [18DE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [30JY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [4JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [20MY]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
FEMA: establish pilot program to provide for wildfire mitigation grants (see S. 1428), [1AU]
FHA: improve, and ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (see S. 1376), [25JY]
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [27JN]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [28OC]
———require a quantitative impact study on cumulative effect of the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets (see S. 737), [24JN]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [24JN]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Forest Service: revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [9JY]
———provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 1300), [16JY]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4MR]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 947), [11DE]
———require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [12MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [9DE]
Housing Act: revise census data and population requirements for areas to be considered rural areas (see S. 766), [18AP]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
Idaho: authorize continued use of certain water diversions on National Forest System lands in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (see S. 1430), [1AU]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (see S. 276), [11FE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (see S. 275), [11FE]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [14MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [12MR]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [24AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [26FE]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [11JN]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [3JN]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 104), [4JN]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [6NO]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native Americans: deem certain claims presented to an Indian Health Service contracting officer pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act as timely presented (see S. 385), [26FE]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [9SE]
———repeal (see S. 177), [12MR]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [11JN]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [29JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is

essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [14FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Sports: recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [12MR]
States: prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]
———provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 167), [29JA]
Taxation: clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [29OC]
———establish dairy farm savings accounts (see S. 493), [7MR]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [22AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [28FE]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [1AU]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [28OC]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 688), [9AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [8MY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat (see S. 1194), [20JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest: convey a small parcel of land to Brigham Young University (see S. 28), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [22JA]
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [21JN]
———repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Dept. of the Interior: provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 165), [28JA]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 847), [25AP]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 1854), [18DE]
Taxation: expand technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (see S. 906), [8MY]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
CREDIT *related term(s)* **CONSUMERS**
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 634), [21MR]
———enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses relative to mortgages (see S. 1593), [28OC]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1399), [30JY]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
Colleges and universities: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 1266), [27JN]
———require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]
Consumers: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
———clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies (see S. 1613), [30OC]
———enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1538), [23SE]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 673), [9AP]
———exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [28JA]
———require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [20JN]
———require inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers (see S. 471), [6MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: develop innovative financial products that encourage savings and wealth-creation among active servicemembers and reduce use of predatory lenders (see S. 1741), [20NO]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 1066), [23MY]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, increasing cap on subsidized loans, and refinancing current fixed-rate loans (see S. 909), [8MY]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1873), [19DE]
———provide for loan forgiveness for early childhood educators (see S. 440), [4MR]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [8MY]
Dept. of HHS: provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 1445), [1AU]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [19MR]
Dept. of HUD: assist in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program (see S. 469), [6MR]
Disasters: establish National Catastrophic Risk Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program (see S. 1461), [1AU]
Discrimination: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [13JN]
———prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Employment: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
FHA: improve, and ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (see S. 1376), [25JY]
Financial institutions: expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1806), [12DE]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
———provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards (see S. 1867), [19DE]
———restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 985), [16MY]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Government regulations: prohibit distribution of checks or other negotiable instruments as part of a creditor solicitation to extend credit and limit consumer liability in conjunction with such solicitations (see S. 187), [30JA]
Housing: enable Federal and State chartered banks and thrifts to meet the credit needs of homebuilders, and provide liquidity and ensure stable credit for meeting the need for new homes (see S. 1002), [21MY]
———ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]
———permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property and establish a right of action to enforce compliance with such protections (see S. 1761), [21NO]
Mortgages: improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 949), [14MY] (see S. 1577), [28OC]

———increase access to refinancing for homeowners (see S. 1373), [25JY]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [16DE]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
———require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
———require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
———require portion of closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage loans (see S. 1375), [25JY]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [23MY]
SBA: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
———clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [28FE]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [12FE]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 550), [13MR]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 537), [12MR]
States: empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [26JN]
Student loans: provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death or disability of the student borrower (see S. 1773), [21NO]
Taxation: extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 688), [9AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]
Reports filed
Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 289) (S. Rept. 113–89), [10SE]
Communicating Lender Activity Reports From the SBA (CLEAR SBA) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 537) (S. Rept. 113–91), [10SE]
FHA Solvency Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1376) (S. Rept. 113–129), [19DE]
Small Business Disaster Reform Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 415) (S. Rept. 113–84), [31JY]

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CRESCENZ, MICHAEL J.
Bills and resolutions
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA: designate (see S. 229), [7FE]
CRIME *related term(s)* **ESPIONAGE; SEXUAL HARASSMENT; TERRORISM**
Appointments
Commission To Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, [7MR], [9MY]
Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, [23MY]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [22JA] (see S. 369), [14FE]
Advisory Council on Human Trafficking: establish (see S. 121), [23JA]
Africa: condemn acts of piracy and other maritime crime in the Gulf of Guinea, support U.S. assistance in combating such crimes, and commend international agencies that have enhanced maritime security (see S. Res. 288), [6NO]
Animals: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
Armed Forces: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [4FE]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
———extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
———improve outcomes for youth at risk for sex trafficking (see S. 1518), [18SE]
———save money and reduce tragedies through teen dating abuse prevention grants (see S. 129), [24JA]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
———require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on JP Morgan Chase & Co., ''whale trades'' and risks and abuses of derivatives (see S. Res. 300), [19NO]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1196), [20JN]
———provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Corporations: require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Correctional institutions: ensure prisoners do not profit from their violent acts through the sale of ''murderabilia'' by restricting mailing and delivery privileges of prisoners for commercial purposes (see S. 1549), [24SE]
———improve effectiveness and efficiency of Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction (see S. 1783), [9DE]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 619), [20MR]
———protect State and local witnesses from tampering and retaliation (see S. 901), [8MY]
———provide for Federal civil liability for trade secret misappropriation in certain circumstances (see S. 1770), [21NO]
DEA: anniversary (see S. Res. 178), [20JN]
Dept. of Defense: afford crime victims in the military the same basic rights as civilians under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1041), [23MY]
———declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [7MY]
———improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [13MR]
———improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [21MY]
———improve sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities (see S. 1775), [21NO]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
———reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1752), [20NO]
———require Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions in response to protected communications regarding sexual assault (see S. 1092), [4JN]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [15MY]
Dept. of Education: allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train

school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 756), [17AP]
Dept. of HHS: authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of victims under adoption assistance and foster care programs (see S. 1823), [13DE]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
———provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [28FE]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 1722), [19NO]
———improve administration of grants to States under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and ensure that all criminal defendants receive adequate representation (see S. 597), [18MR]
———increase authorization for Children's Advocacy Centers (see S. 1799), [11DE]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs (see S. 1418), [1AU]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
———provide effective criminal prosecutions and increase penalties for tax return identity thefts (see S. 149), [24JA]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [16JY]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
———report on State law penalties for certain child abusers and expand the predicate for increased penalties for domestic assaults against children (see S. 1778), [9DE]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information regarding the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya (see S. 1661), [7NO]
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [23JY]
———withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to Armed Forces members, screen veterans for domestic abuse, and report on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse (see S. 1581), [28OC]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 1790), [10DE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Drugs: enhance penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors (see S. 1686), [12NO]
———establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 1495), [11SE]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [29JA]
———ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
———ensure that individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and require a background check for every firearm sale (see S. 374), [25FE]
———establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———establish minimum standards for States that allow carrying of concealed firearms (see S. 147), [24JA]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
———limit amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [25AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking (see S. 730), [15AP]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [22JA] (see S. 179), [30JA] (see S. 443), [4MR]
———prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
———prohibit purchase and possession by non-immigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1290), [11JY]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms (see S. 1774), [21NO]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [12JN]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
FTC: establish the Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1358), [24JY]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [31JY]
Immigration: make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 302), [13FE]
———reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
———reform (see S. 744), [16AP]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13MR]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 5), [5MR]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [11OC]
Law enforcement: clarify the range of conduct punished as sex trafficking (see S. 1354), [24JY]
———prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
———prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
———protect prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and their families from retaliation or intimidation and create stronger offenses for those who target public officials (see S. 698), [10AP]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 1675), [7NO]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Little Rock, AR: treat Armed Forces members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Metal: prohibit and deter theft (see S. 394), [27FE]
National cemeteries: provide authority to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery and disinter remains of Michael L. Anderson from Fort Custer National Cemetery (see S. 1471), [1AU]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 120), [25AP]
National Guard: allow Federal reimbursement of States that choose to use National Guard troops to enhance school safety (see S. 145), [24JA]

National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 117), [25AP]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 14), [24JA]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [30JY]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
Patents: combat cyber espionage of intellectual property of U.S. persons (see S. 1111), [6JN]
Peace Officers Memorial Day: observance (see S. Res. 140), [14MY]
Privacy: reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
Public welfare programs: require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 873), [7MY]
Roads and highways: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
Safety: reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [28FE]
———make grants available to local governments to place law enforcement officers in schools (see S. 148), [24JA]
———provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis (see S. 1025), [22MY]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 111), [23JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
Senior citizens: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]
———provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN] (see S. 1870, 1878), [19DE]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [23MY]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 1889), [20DE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5, 47), [22JA]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 42), [22JA]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 171), [13JN]
Cloture motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Messages
National Drug Control Strategy: President Obama, [24AP]
National Emergency Relative to Narcotics Traffickers in Colombia: President Obama, [16OC]
National Emergency Relative to Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism: President Obama, [18SE]
National Emergency Relative to Syria: President Obama, [7MY]
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2011: President Obama, [10SE]
Motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [6JN], [13JN], [19JN], [20JN], [21JN], [25JN]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (S. 47), [31JA]
Reports filed
Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744) (S. Rept. 113–40), [7JN]
Condemn Acts of Piracy and Maritime Crime in Gulf of Guinea, Support U.S. Assistance in Combating Such Crimes, and Commend International Agencies That Enhanced Maritime Security: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 288), [18DE]
Condemn Terrorist Attack at Mall in Kenya, Express Condolences to Families and Friends of Victims, Commend First Responders and Rescuers, and Reaffirm Support for Government and People: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 268), [31OC]
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 42), [31OC]
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 162), [20JN]
Justice for Former American Hostages in Iran Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 559) (S. Rept. 113–104), [12SE]
Metal Theft Prevention Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 394), [17JN]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]
Protecting Responsible Gun Sellers Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 374), [12MR]
Stop Illegal Trafficking in Firearms Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54), [11MR]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54) (S. Rept. 113–9), [8AP]
Supporting At-Risk Children Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]
Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]

CRIME CONTROL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: increase authorization for Children's Advocacy Centers (see S. 1799), [11DE]

CRIME GUN TRACING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1337), [23JY]

CRIMINAL ANTITRUST ANTI-RETALIATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 42), [22JA]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 42), [31OC]

CROATIA, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]

CROOKED RIVER COLLABORATIVE WATER SECURITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1771), [21NO]

CROP INSURANCE SUBSIDY REDUCTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 446), [5MR]

CROSS-BORDER TRADE ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 178), [30JA]

CRUZ, TED *(a Senator from Texas)*
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
American Fighter Aces: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1827), [19DE]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [7NO]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [18JY]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 122), [25AP]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [30OC]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [10AP]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [16DE]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [19DE]

Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [22MY]
———require report on water sharing with Mexico (see S. 1125), [10JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [22MY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [19NO]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
EPA: repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [27FE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 499), [7MR]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [6NO]
———eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [22MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [9MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [18NO]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [23MY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [12DE] (see S. 1712), [9DE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2), [23JA]
Money: treat gold and silver coins used as legal tender in the same manner as U.S. currency (see S. 768), [18AP]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
NLRB: prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [17SE]
———repeal (see S. 499), [7MR]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [7NO]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Taxation: repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19DE]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [14NO]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Ukraine: support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [19DE]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [17DE]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [13DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Appropriations: making continuing (see S.J. Res. 23), [2OC]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information regarding the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya (see S. 1661), [7NO]
Firearms: prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking (see S. 730), [15AP]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Iran: condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [24SE]
National security: prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [7MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Paul Brown U.S. Courthouse, Sherman, TX: designate (see S. 1594), [29OC]
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]

CUBA, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
POW: provide for the disposition of certain persons detained in the U.S. pursuant to authorization for use of military force (see S. 1147), [12JN]

CULPEPPER, MINIARD
Prayers
Senate, [9MY]

CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP, PA
Bills and resolutions
Gettysburg National Military Park: revise boundaries to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, PA, and limit means of acquiring such property (see S. 782), [23AP]

CURRENCY *see* **MONEY**

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE OVERSIGHT REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1114), [7JN]

CUSHING, ALONZO H.
Bills and resolutions
Medal of Honor: award for acts of valor during the Civil War (see S. 1258), [27JN]

CYBERSECURITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1353), [24JY]

DAKAR, MAHA
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 580), [14MR]

DAMS
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Bills and resolutions
Corps of Engineers: establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects (see S. 566), [14MR]
———manage threat of Asian carp traveling up the Mississippi River in Minnesota (see S. 365), [14FE]
———prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
———provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
———provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [14MR]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 510), [7MR]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Native Americans: settle claims of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation concerning contributions to production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam (see S. 1448), [1AU]
Oklahoma: clarify role of Cherokee Nation in maintaining the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam (see S. 513), [11MR]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]
Cloture motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]
Motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [25AP]
Reports filed
Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]

DANIEL K. INOUYE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]

DANVILLE, VT
Bills and resolutions
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office: designate (see S. 885), [7MY]

Reports filed
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 885), [31JY]
DATA *see* **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
DAVIS COUNTY, UT
Bills and resolutions
Forest Service: convey certain parcels of land to Fruit Heights, UT (see S. 509), [7MR]
DAY CARE *see* **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**
DAY OF THE DEPLOYED
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 273), [16OC]
DEAF *see* **DISABLED**
DEATH AND DYING
Bills and resolutions
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [13FE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Coast Guard: making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members (see S.J. Res. 24), [10OC]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
Credit: provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death or disability of the student borrower (see S. 1773), [21NO]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
———implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [25AP]
Dept. of HHS: allow use of Child Care and Development Block Grant Program funds to improve child safety and reduce incidence of preventable infant deaths in child care settings (see S. 1494), [11SE]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [21MR]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: conduct study relative to claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans (see S. 1755), [21NO]
———expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [23MY]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 1573), [16OC]
———update basis for establishing Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program premium rates (see S. 1585), [28OC]
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [4FE]
Federal agencies and departments: improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [24JY]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Little Rock, AR: treat Armed Forces members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]
Medicare: strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [23MY]
National Infant Mortality Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 258), [24SE]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Peace Officers Memorial Day: observance (see S. Res. 140), [14MY]
Public safety officers: extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers (see S. 876), [7MY]
Social Security: provide for a phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 1311), [17JY]
Taxation: repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal estate and gift taxes (see S. 1402), [31JY]
Reports filed
Reduce Preterm Labor, Delivery, and Risk of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Complications Due to Pregnancy, and Reduce Infant Mortality Caused by Prematurity: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 252), [14FE]
DEATH TAX REPEAL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1402), [31JY]
DEEPWATER DRILLING ROYALTY RELIEF PROHIBITION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 598), [18MR]
DEFAULT PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 81), [23JA] (see S. 1569), [8OC]
Cloture motions
Enact (S. 1569): motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Motions
Enact (S. 1569), [10OC], [11OC], [12OC], [13OC], [14OC], [15OC], [16OC]
DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Defense: close and consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and facilities and relocate overseas missions to U.S. installations prior to any domestic base realignment and closure (see S. Res. 132), [8MY]
SBA: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 206), [31JA]
Reports filed
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2216) (S. Rept. 113–48), [27JN]
DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Families and domestic relations: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
DEFICIT *see* **PUBLIC DEBT**
DEFICIT NEUTRAL DISASTER RELIEF ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1560), [30SE]
DELAWARE
Bills and resolutions
Chesapeake Bay: require OMB to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the watershed and require EPA to develop and implement an adaptive management plan (see S. 1000), [21MY]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
First State National Historical Park: establish (see S. 347), [14FE]
White Clay Creek: designate additional segments and tributaries as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 393), [27FE]
Wilmington, DE: tribute to August Quarterly Festival (see S. Res. 199), [25JY]
Reports filed
First State National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 347) (S. Rept. 113–27), [22AP]
White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic River Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 393) (S. Rept. 113–31), [22AP]
DELAY UNTIL FULLY FUNCTIONAL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1592), [28OC]
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
DEMOCRACY
Bills and resolutions
Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [21MY]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Burma: place conditions on assistance relative to human rights (see S. 1885), [20DE]
Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
———suspend military assistance until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the parliamentary elections and election reforms are implemented (see S. Res. 271), [16OC]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Egypt: prohibit U.S. assistance as a result of military coup d'état (see S. 1278), [11JY]
———reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
Foreign countries: prohibit assistance following coups d'état (see S. 1857), [18DE]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [11DE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Iran: support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [23MY]
Kenya: congratulate commitment to peaceful elections, call for justice for victims of political violence, and support democratic reforms (see S. Res. 90), [22MR]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Somalia: promote security, stability, and good governance through coordinated interagency strategy that supports consolidation of recent security and political gains (see S. 1745), [20NO]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 856), [6MY] (see S. 960), [15MY]
———provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [19MR]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a

criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
———support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
Vietnam: promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [5NO]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]
———require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 532), [12MR]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 143), [16MY]
Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act: repeal (see S. 498), [7MR]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Côte D'Ivoire: President Obama, [4FE]
National Emergency Relative to Libya: President Obama, [13FE]
National Emergency Relative to the Former Liberian Regime of Charles Taylor: President Obama, [17JY]
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Call for End to Ongoing Conflict and Support International Efforts Toward Long-Term Peace, Stability, and Observance of Human Rights in Democratic Republic of the Congo: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 144), [25JN]
Call for Release of Yulia Tymoshenko, Urge European Union To Include Release as Criterion for Signing Certain Agreements, and Encourage Strong Relationship With Europe by Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 165), [25JN]
Condemn Political Violence, Provide Fair Elections, Support Dialogue Between Political Factions, Judicial Independence, Human Rights, and Grameen Bank Independence in Bangladesh: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 318), [18DE]
Congratulate Commitment to Peaceful Elections, Call for Justice for Victims of Political Violence, and Support Democratic Reforms in Kenya: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 90), [17AP]
Egypt Assistance Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1857), [18DE]
Support Credible, Inclusive, and Transparent Presidential and Provincial Elections in Afghanistan: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 151), [25JN]
Support Free and Peaceful Exercise of Representative Democracy in Venezuela and Condemn Violence and Intimidation of Country's Political Opposition: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 213), [30SE]
Support Sovereignty and Closer Relations With Europe, Condemn Violence Against Peaceful Protesters, and Urge a Peaceful Solution to Political and Economic Crisis in Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 319), [18DE]
Syria Transition Support Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 960) (S. Rept. 113–79), [24JY]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 143), [22MY]

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Senate Rules: modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 6), [3JA]
Taxation: prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions (see S. 118), [23JA]

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Bills and resolutions
World War II: anniversary of rescue of Danish Jews from the Nazis (see S. Res. 227), [17SE]
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Danish Jews Rescue From the Nazis During World War II Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 227), [30SE]

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE *related term(s)* **AGRICULTURE; FOREST SERVICE**
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Conferees: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
Bills and resolutions
Agricultural Marketing Service: remove authority to inspect apples (see S. 694), [10AP]
Agriculture: expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [24JA]
———permanently suspend application of certain price support authority (see S. 956), [15MY]
———provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [25AP]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]
———reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
———restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits to farmers (see S. 281), [12FE]
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1244), [27JN]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Animals: provide for the conduct of activities to detect, and respond in a timely manner to, threats to animal health (see S. 859), [6MY]
Black Hills National Forest: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
California: include as a separate Federal milk marketing order upon the petition and approval of California dairy producers (see S. 663), [22MR]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]
Columbine-Hondo Wilderness: establish (see S. 776), [22AP]
Conservation of natural resources: modernize conservation programs, protect long term investments, increase small and midsize farmer's access to programs, and prioritize modern-day conservation needs (see S. 923), [9MY]
Crop insurance: improve program (see S. 677), [9AP]
———reduce premium subsidies (see S. 446), [5MR]
Dairy industry: improve Federal dairy programs (see S. 605), [19MR] (see S. 670), [9AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
———expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 1049), [23MY]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 1479), [1AU]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
Emergency Food Assistance Program: increase purchase of Kosher and Halal food and modify labeling of the commodities list to assist food banks in obtaining such foods (see S. 811), [25AP]
EPA: establish a regulatory review process for proposed rules dealing with agricultural entities (see S. 1466), [1AU]
Federal aid programs: establish a market-driven inventory system for farmers and ranchers (see S. 746), [17AP]
———terminate certain direct payments to farmers (see S. 334), [14FE]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Fish and fishing: include farmed shellfish as specialty crops (see S. 754), [17AP]
———repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Food: establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
———protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1502), [12SE]
Forest Service: convey Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, CO (see S. 1305), [16JY]
———designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
———revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
———improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Healthy Food Financing Initiative: establish (see S. 821), [25AP]
Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [11JN]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [31JY]
Idaho: authorize continued use of certain water diversions on National Forest System lands in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (see S. 1430), [1AU]
Inyo National Forest: facilitate a land exchange involving certain non-Federal lands (see S. 1888), [20DE]
Land use: authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm (see S. 751), [17AP]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
Natural resources: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
Petroleum: ban exportation of crude oil produced on Federal land (see S. 435), [4MR]

Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Sabine River Authority, TX: land exchange (see S. 1484), [1AU]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 1179), [18JN]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: extend period during which benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [31OC]
———improve (see S. 762), [18AP]
———improve and extend (see S. 458), [5MR]
Taxation: provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest: convey a small parcel of land to Brigham Young University (see S. 28), [22JA]
Veterans: expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans (see S. 784), [23AP]
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Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]
Good Neighbor Forestry Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 327) (S. Rept. 113–97), [10SE]
Oregon Caves Revitalization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 354) (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REORGANIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (see S. 821), [25AP]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE *related term(s)* **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY**
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of the Census: make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions (see S. 530), [12MR]
Business and industry: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [28FE]
Coast Guard: improve quality of life for members and families through expanded child care availability, increased educational opportunities, and eased transition to post-service life (see S. 1760), [21NO]
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [21MR]
Dept. of Commerce and the Workforce: establish (see S. 1836), [17DE]
Dept. of Labor: address the skills gap by providing recommendations to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities and employer participation in education and workforce training (see S. 1619), [30OC]
Depts. of Labor and Commerce: establish Made in America Incentive Grant Program (see S. 63), [22JA]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
Education: establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 1731), [19NO]
Fish and fishing: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Foreign investments: produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [22MY]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [11AP]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
International Trade Administration: authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1748), [20NO]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
Network for Manufacturing Innovation: establish (see S. 1468), [1AU]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [23MY]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 712), [11AP]
———improve transitional program covered business method patents (see S. 866), [6MY]
Patents: deter abusive patent litigation by awarding the prevailing party reasonable fees and expenses and allowing the defendant to request the alleging party post a bond to cover certain costs (see S. 1612), [30OC]
———promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
SelectUSA Initiative: authorize appropriations (see S. 1608), [29OC]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 1179), [18JN]
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Increasing American Jobs Through Greater Exports to Africa Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 718) (S. Rept. 113–103), [10SE]
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE *related term(s)* **CORPS OF ENGINEERS; NATIONAL GUARD; NATIONAL SECURITY**
Appointments
Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, [21MY], [11JN]
U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
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U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
Bills and resolutions
Air Force: require a demonstration program on the accession as officers of candidates with auditory impairments (see S. 1864), [19DE]
———retain current leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson AFB, AK, and require reports on proposed activities at such installation (see S. 152), [24JA]
Appropriations: authorizing for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (see S. 1034), [23MY] (see S. 1197), [20JN]
———making (see S. 444), [4MR] (see S. 1429), [1AU]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [14FE]
———afford crime victims in the military the same basic rights as civilians under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1041), [23MY]
———allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 634), [21MR]
———appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 171), [29JA] (see S. 1541, 1543), [24SE]
———appropriate funds necessary to ensure that U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen who are appointed as Navy Reserve midshipmen continue to receive pay during a Government shutdown (see S. 1568), [7OC]
———better connect current and former members with employment opportunities by consolidating duplicative Federal Government websites and conserve resources by merging redundant and competing programs (see S. 1637), [31OC]
———educate potential military recruits on healthy body weight and facilitate and encourage exercise by opening military base sports and exercise facilities to youth (see S. 976), [16MY]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members (see S. 871), [7MY]
———enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses relative to mortgages (see S. 1593), [28OC]
———ensure footwear for enlisted members upon initial entry complies with domestic source requirements (see S. 1051), [23MY]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [18JY]
———exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872, 1880), [19DE]
———expand and enhance authorities on protected communications (see S. 1081), [23MY]
———extend duration of Physical Disability Board of Review and expand authority of Board to review

the separation of members on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability (see S. 628), [20MR]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1399), [30JY]
———improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [13MR]
———improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [21MY]
———improve protections for servicemembers and their families (see S. 1579), [28OC]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———increase mileage reimbursement rate for members during permanent change of station and authorize transport of vehicles of members stationed on nonforeign areas outside the continental U.S. (see S. 613), [19MR]
———leave no member unaccounted for in the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan (see S. Res. 109), [24AP]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [7FE]
———modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial (see S. 538), [12MR]
———notify members of the availability of mental health services and related privacy rights (see S. 1703), [14NO]
———pay monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant (see S. 1076), [23MY]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
———provide for enhanced reimbursement of National Guard and Reserve members for certain travel expenses (see S. 378), [25FE]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims (see S. 1644), [5NO]
———reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1752), [20NO]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
———require Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions in response to protected communications regarding sexual assault (see S. 1092), [4JN]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [6MR]
———require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 1550), [24SE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1856; S. Res. 323), [18DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 964), [15MY]
Aviation: limit retirement of A–10 aircraft (see S. 1764), [21NO]
Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act: provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any issued orders (see S. 1438), [1AU]
BLM: provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]
———withdraw and reserve certain lands for exclusive military use as part of the Limestone Hills Training Area in Montana (see S. 1169), [13JN]
Budget: reduce sequestration cuts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 but implement such cuts over the duration of sequestration (see S. 1841), [17DE]
———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [27JN]
Conway, Thomas M.: award Navy Cross posthumously (see S. Res. 197), [17JY]
Corps of Engineers: include as a Federal land management agency (see S. 400), [28FE]
———manage threat of Asian carp traveling up the Mississippi River in Minnesota (see S. 365), [14FE]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [4FE]
———improve sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities (see S. 1775), [21NO]
Cushing, Alonzo H.: award the Medal of Honor for acts of valor during the Civil War (see S. 1258), [27JN]
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 273), [16OC]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Dept. of Labor: establish pilot programs to provide employers who employ certain veterans and Armed Forces members wage subsidies and provide career transition services to young veterans (see S. 922), [9MY]
Dept. of State: extend Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs (see S. 990), [20MY]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the national parks (see S. 225), [4FE]
———withdraw and reserve certain public land for military uses (see S. 1309), [16JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program of outreach for veterans (see S. 1558), [27SE]
———expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [23MY]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 515), [11MR]
———implement mental health care and rehabilitation program for veterans with service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or related substance use disorder (see S. 819), [25AP]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———modify method of determining whether Filipino veterans are U.S. residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation (see S. 1559), [27SE]
———provide additional assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program to veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) (see S. 514), [11MR]
———provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to Armed Forces members, screen veterans for domestic abuse, and report on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse (see S. 1581), [28OC]
———provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program who are pursuing education programs (see S. 262), [7FE]
———provide replacement automobiles for certain disabled veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 1584), [28OC]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [16AP]
———report on the provision of services to veterans with hearing loss and other auditory system injuries and measures that can be taken to address such injuries (see S. 1582), [28OC]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [15JY]
———improve oversight of educational assistance (see S. 1717), [14NO]
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial: designate (see S. 59), [22JA]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Economy: close and consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and facilities and relocate overseas missions to U.S. installations prior to any domestic base realignment and closure (see S. Res. 132), [8MY]
Education: require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Egypt: prohibit sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 201), [31JA]
———prohibit use of funds for U.S. participation in joint military exercises if Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (see S. 984), [16MY]
———restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]
Erie, PA: recognize for its critical role in the development and construction of the fleet of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry during the War of 1812 (see S. Res. 155), [23MY]
Financial institutions: develop innovative financial products that encourage savings and wealth-creation among active servicemembers and reduce use of predatory lenders (see S. 1741), [20NO]
GAO: assess Army study on the combat vehicle industrial base (see S. 1727), [19NO]
———report on the impact of certain mental and physical trauma on the discharge of Armed Forces members for misconduct (see S. 1668), [7NO]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 67), [5MR]
Health: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 521), [11MR]
Immigration: deem any person who has received an award from the U.S. Armed Forces for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat to have satisfied certain requirements for naturalization (see S. 1059), [23MY]

Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
Little Rock, AR: treat Armed Forces members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]
Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS): rescind amounts appropriated (see S. 680), [9AP]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 993), [21MY]
Mental health: implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [25AP]
Military and Veterans Caregiver Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [7MR]
Monuments and memorials: ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the U.S. Armed Forces may contain religious symbols (see S. 705), [11AP]
Motion pictures: provide for proper reimbursement for assistance provided to nongovernmental entertainment-oriented media producers (see S. 1669), [7NO]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National cemeteries: provide authority to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery and disinter remains of Michael L. Anderson from Fort Custer National Cemetery (see S. 1471), [1AU]
National Desert Storm Memorial Association: authorize to establish National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in the District of Columbia (see S. 995), [21MY]
National Guard: allow Federal reimbursement of States that choose to use National Guard troops to enhance school safety (see S. 145), [24JA]
———establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National security: improve master plans for major military installations (see S. 1749), [20NO]
———prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [7MR]
———require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [23MY]
Navy: encourage to commission the U.S.S. *Somerset* (LPD–25) in Philadelphia, PA (see S. Res. 63), [28FE]
Peralta, Rafael: award Medal of Honor posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 9), [19MR]
POW: provide for the disposition of certain persons detained in the U.S. pursuant to authorization for use of military force (see S. 1147), [12JN]
Power resources: authorize long-term contracts for procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels (see S. 389), [26FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]
Russia: require a study on the use of the RD–180 rocket engine and the cost effectiveness of building the engines in the U.S. (see S. 1679), [12NO]
SBA: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 206), [31JA]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 307), [20NO]
Ships and vessels: provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients (see S. 12), [26FE] (see S. 1683), [12NO]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 121), [25AP]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Strategic Defense Initiative: anniversary (see S. Res. 82), [20MR]
Syria: call for Syria to become a signatory to, and comply with, the Chemical Weapons Convention and if such actions do not occur by a certain date, all elements of national power will be considered by the U.S. (see S.J. Res. 22), [10SE]
———restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard (see S. 1591), [28OC]
Terrorism: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
Thresher (U.S.S.): anniversary of sinking (see S. Res. 94), [9AP]
Transition Assistance Program: improve (see S. 889), [7MY]
Transportation Security Administration: facilitate air passenger screening of severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1403), [31JY]
———provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1367), [25JY]
TRICARE: provide certain beneficiaries with opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime (see S. 1078), [23MY]
Utah: convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (see S. 1732), [19NO]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [14FE]
———clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [10AP]
———improve coordination of Federal veteran job training services (see S. 140), [24JA]
———provide certain information to State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of Armed Forces members from military service to civilian life (see S. 1684), [12NO]
———require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses (see S. 492), [7MR]
Vietnamese Conflict: anniversary of withdrawal of U.S. combat troops (see S. Res. 280), [31OC]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [19NO]
War of 1812: anniversary of Battle of Lake Erie (see S. Res. 153), [23MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23AP]
———establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 868), [7MY]
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———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
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Armed Forces Use Against Syria in Response to Use of Chemical Weapons: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S.J. Res. 21), [6SE]
Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 225) (S. Rept. 113–53), [27JN]
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Dept. of Defense Appropriations for Military Activities, Prescribing Personnel Strengths, and Military Construction: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. 1197) (S. Rept. 113–44), [20JN]
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Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 59) (S. Rept. 113–50), [27JN]
Inquiry Into U.S. Costs and Allied Contributions To Support the U.S. Military Presence Overseas: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–12), [15AP]
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]
Transfer of Naval Vessels to Certain Foreign Recipients: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1683), [14NO]
Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 131) (S. Rept. 113–106), [17SE]

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance

student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1399), [30JY]
Children and youth: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 756), [17AP]
———authorize grant program to promote physical education, activity, fitness, and nutrition, and ensure healthy students (see S. 1033), [23MY]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [7MR]
———award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [13FE]
———establish, enhance, and increase access to early childhood parent education and family engagement programs (see S. 1674), [7NO]
———help States develop and improve qualifications and training of early childhood educator workforce (see S. 1673), [7NO]
———improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 1546), [24SE]
Colleges and universities: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 918), [9MY]
———establish a Pay It Forward model for funding postsecondary education that requires students to pay a percentage of their income back into the fund upon graduation (see S. 1884), [20DE]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 1704), [14NO]
———provide new program review requirements (see S. 406), [28FE]
———require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
———require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [12MR]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 1659), [6NO]
———support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [8JY]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [9MY]
Comprehensive literacy program: establish (see S. 758), [18AP]
Computers: provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 144), [24JA]
Dept. of Justice: strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [24JA]
Dept. of Labor: address the skills gap by providing recommendations to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities and employer participation in education and workforce training (see S. 1619), [30OC]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Ecology and environment: promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
Education: assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 1129), [11JN]
———enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———establish a new counseling program (see S. 282), [12FE]
———establish national program for arts and technology (see S. 1055), [23MY]
———establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
———increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [12FE]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [14FE]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Engineering: integrate engineering education into elementary and secondary instruction and curriculum and support research on engineering education (see S. 1178), [18JN]
Families and domestic relations: make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students (see S. 870), [7MY]
Federal aid programs: improve programs operated by local educational agencies with high numbers of children from low-income families (see S. 1110), [6JN]
Federal Direct Loan Program: allow certain borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 1066), [23MY]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [11AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, increasing cap on subsidized loans, and refinancing current fixed-rate loans (see S. 909), [8MY]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [8MY]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682), [9AP] (see S. 1003), [21MY]
Federal-State relations: ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———ensure decisions to award grants or other assistance to States or local agencies are not contingent upon adoption of specific educational curricula (see S. 1890), [20DE]
———establish Federal-State partnership to increase higher education funding and need-based student financial aid (see S. 1874), [19DE]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
Food: provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
Geography: improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [14FE]
High School Graduation Initiative (School Dropout Prevention Program): modify (see S. 1109), [6JN]
Homeless: provide education for homeless children and youths (see S. 833), [25AP]
Impact Aid Program: reauthorize (see S. 1108), [6JN]
Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program: reauthorize and strengthen (see S. 1127), [10JN]
Innovation Inspiration school grant program: establish (see S. 1067), [23MY]
Languages: establish a partnership program in foreign languages (see S. 1036), [23MY]
Mental health: support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]
Minorities: increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 1131), [11JN]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]
Office of Rural Education Policy: establish (see S. 1096), [4JN]
Principals: provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development (see S. 1113), [7JN]
———recruit, prepare, and support principals through capacity-building measures that will improve student academic achievement in high-need schools (see S. 840), [25AP]
Rural areas: amend the Small, Rural School Achievement Program and the Rural and Low-Income School Program (see S. 1222), [25JN]
Safety: make grants to support fire safety education programs on college campuses (see S. 750), [17AP]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 88), [23JA]
———establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 439), [4MR]
———establish alternative accountability model for elementary and secondary schools to measure student progress (see S. 943), [14MY]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
———improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards and develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts (see S. 940), [14MY]
———improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools by authorizing school turnaround grants and reward schools that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps (see S. 578), [14MR]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program: establish (see S. 358), [14FE]
Sports: collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
States: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———provide grants to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
Student loans: provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1873), [19DE]
———provide for loan forgiveness for early childhood educators (see S. 440), [4MR]
Teachers: create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies (see S. 1052), [23MY]
———establish a program to provide professional development activities for educators (see S. 441), [4MR]
———establish teacher evaluation programs (see S. 1112), [7JN]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 1062), [23MY]
———improve teacher and principal quality (see S. 1063), [23MY]
Technology: award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
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———extend the reduced interest rate through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
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———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
———promote energy efficiency and energy savings in residential buildings (see S. 1200), [20JN]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (see S. 1034), [23MY] (see S. 1197), [20JN]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 1245), [27JN]
EPA: require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 1363), [25JY]
Federal agencies and departments: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
Federal aid programs: establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]
———reauthorize weatherization and State energy programs (see S. 1213), [20JN]
Federal Helium Reserve: complete privatization in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting taxpayer interests (see S. 1513), [17SE]
———improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [23AP]
Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program: establish (see S. 1501), [12SE]
Foreign trade: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
———promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Motor vehicles: promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 488), [7MR]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
Nonprofit organizations: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [11AP]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: establish as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [3JN]
Petroleum: grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [23MY]
———promote domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies (see S. 656), [22MR]
———promote mapping and development of U.S. geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells (see S. 362), [14FE]
———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
States: provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 167), [29JA]
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———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545) (S. Rept. 113–36), [3JN]
Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267) (S. Rept. 113–38), [3JN]

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Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ORGANIZATION ACT
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Dept. of Energy: replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
Anchorage, AK: convey certain property from the U.S. to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (see S. 235), [7FE]
Cardiomyopathy: provide education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accu-

racy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [22MY]
Child Care and Development Block Grant Program: allow use of funds to improve child safety and reduce incidence of preventable infant deaths in child care settings (see S. 1494), [11SE]
———authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care (see S. 390), [27FE]
———ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families (see S. 834), [25AP]
———improve the quality of infant and toddler care (see S. 1065), [23MY]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 1086), [3JN]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds (see S. 624), [20MR]
Children and youth: award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 13), [26FE]
———better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of victims under adoption assistance and foster care programs (see S. 1823), [13DE]
———establish a public-private partnership program to provide child care (see S. 442), [4MR]
———establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [28FE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program: funding (see S. 1333), [18JY]
Data collection: eliminate the prerequisite of direct appropriations relative to collection of health data and modify standards for measuring sexual orientation and gender identity (see S. 989), [20MY]
Dept. of Education: help States develop and improve qualifications and training of early childhood educator workforce (see S. 1673), [7NO]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Diseases: expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1223), [26JN]
———foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [12MR]
———improve and enhance research and programs on childhood cancer survivorship (see S. 1247), [27JN]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———improve diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (see S. 908), [8MY]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [8MY]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [13MY]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]
———prevent abuse of dextromethorphan by restricting over-the-counter sales and bulk distribution (see S. 644), [21MR]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 752), [17AP]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [21MR]
———provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary education system (see S. 1259), [27JN]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
EPA: award grants to individuals that may be affected by a reported disease cluster (see S. 53), [22JA]
Families and domestic relations: establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1203), [20JN]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
FDA: improve safety of dietary supplements by requiring manufacturers to register supplement products with the FDA and amending labeling requirements (see S. 1425), [1AU]
Fetal alcohol syndrome: reauthorize and extend prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
Food: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 1653), [5NO]
Hazardous substances: reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [18NO]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
———improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
———prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Health care professionals: establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 739), [16AP]
———provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care (see S. 726), [15AP]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [15MY]
Holocaust survivors: provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services (see S. 999), [21MY]
Indian Health Service: authorize advance appropriations by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [10OC]
Insurance: develop a national model disclosure form to assist consumers in purchasing long-term care insurance (see S. 1473), [1AU]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
———require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [18AP]
Medicaid: encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
———require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 1655), [6NO]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1365), [25JY]
———authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77, 117), [23JA]
———establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health (see S. 1228), [26JN]
———increase access to data (see S. 1758), [21NO]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]
———repeal sustainable growth rate payment system for physicians and improve beneficiary access (see S. 1871), [19DE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [23MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Mental health: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvements (see S. 265), [7FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Minorities: provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [26FE]
National Health Service Corps: include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals (see S. 1815), [12DE]
———provide for participation of certain specialists needed to respond to environmental public health emergencies in the Loan Repayment Program (see S. 426), [28FE]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 1445), [1AU]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [19MR]
National Pediatric Research Network: establish (see S. 424), [28FE]
Native Americans: deem certain claims presented to an Indian Health Service contracting officer pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act as timely presented (see S. 385), [26FE]
Office of Refugee Resettlement: reform and modernize (see S. 883), [7MY] (see S. 1850), [18DE]
Office of the National Nurse: establish (see S. 1475), [1AU]

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers (see S. 858), [6MY]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———extend open enrollment period for health care plans and protect individuals from penalties during the enrollment extension (see S. 1693), [13NO]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period for health exchange plans and disclose premium and cost-sharing information prior to enrollment (see S. 1849), [18DE]
Physical activity guidelines: publish (see S. 531), [12MR]
Poverty: assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care (see S. 466), [5MR]
Power resources: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
Pregnancy Assistance Fund: authorize additional funding (see S. 144), [24JA]
Privacy: remove Social Security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to beneficiaries (see S. 612), [19MR]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Public health: reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
Pulmonary hypertension: establish an interagency coordinating committee (see S. 1453), [1AU]
Research: establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
Schools: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (H.R. 2094) (see S. 1503), [12SE]
Senior citizens: authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and provide quality assurance for home and community-based services (see S. 998), [21MY]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
———integrate mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and provide grants for geriatric mental health treatment outreach teams (see S. 1119), [7JN]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 997), [21MY]
Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program: reauthorize (see S. 1759), [21NO]
Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 719), [11AP]
Veterans: facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums (see S. 1060), [23MY]
Women: reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
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Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 975), [19DE]
Dept. of HHS Graduate Medical Education Programs in Children's Hospitals Support Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1557), [30OC]
Dept. of HHS Programs To Protect Against Pandemics and Attacks From Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 307), [14FE]
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HIV Organ Policy Equity Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 330), [21MY]
Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate Payment System for Physicians Repeal and Beneficiary Access Improvement: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1871), [19DE]
Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1417), [19DE]
Poison Center Network Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [19DE]
Reduce Preterm Labor, Delivery, and Risk of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Complications Due to Pregnancy, and Reduce Infant Mortality Caused by Prematurity: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 252), [14FE]
School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]
Violent Content Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 134) (S. Rept. 113–126), [17DE]

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY *related term(s)* **COAST GUARD**
Bills and resolutions
Aviation: reform and improve the oversight of passenger and baggage screening at domestic commercial airports by private screening companies (see S. 697), [10AP]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: reform the Border Patrol agent pay schedule (see S. 1691), [13NO]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
———making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members (see S.J. Res. 24), [10OC]
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Corporations: require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
Dept. of State: extend Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs (see S. 990), [20MY]
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 1412), [31JY]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
Federal employees: amend the definition of a law enforcement officer to include certain positions relative to retirement benefits (see S. 1172), [18JN]
FEMA: delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [6JN]
———delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
———ensure certain communities are granted exceptions for floodproofed residential basements for purposes of determining flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 1601), [29OC]
Firearms: limit amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [25AP]
Foreign countries: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [4FE]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 178), [30JA]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———authorize issuance of H2O nonimmigrant visas for aliens temporarily performing labor in the seafood processing industry (see S. 518), [11MR]
———establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [30JA]
———exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
———implement standards for short-term custody of individuals held in Bureau of Customs and Border Protection facilities (see S. 1817), [12DE]
———prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 300), [13FE]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Law enforcement: provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 1812), [12DE]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 527), [12MR]
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 102), [23JA]
National security: develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
———enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [7MR]
Terrorism: provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]
Transportation Security Administration: establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee (see S. 1804), [11DE]
———facilitate air passenger screening of severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1403), [31JY]

———implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs (see S. 1893), [20DE]
———prohibit airplane passengers from bringing small knives aboard a passenger aircraft (see S. 1008), [22MY]
———provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1367), [25JY]
Tung, Vichai Sae: relief (see S. 1492), [10SE]
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: permit recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Veterans: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [24JY]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
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Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
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Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
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Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2217) (S. Rept. 113–77), [18JY]
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Bills and resolutions
Community development: transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities (see S. 437), [4MR]
Credit: provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
Federal aid programs: develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program: assist in stabilizing (see S. 469), [6MR]
Housing: reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [13FE]
Moving to Work Charter program: authorize to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance (see S. 1177), [18JN]
Native Americans: reauthorize programs for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians (see S. 640), [21MR]
Public housing: reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 576), [14MR]
Veterans: establish a pilot program to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans (see S. 1387), [30JY]
———exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]
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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1243) (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE *related term(s)* **BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES**
Bills and resolutions
Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Bulletproof Vest Partnership: extend authorization (see S. 933), [13MY]
Children and youth: provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [16JY]
———report on State law penalties for certain child abusers and expand the predicate for increased penalties for domestic assaults against children (see S. 1778), [9DE]
Children's Advocacy Centers: increase authorization (see S. 1799), [11DE]
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program: prohibit funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
———strengthen the Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [24JA]
Correctional institutions: improve effectiveness and efficiency of Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction (see S. 1783), [9DE]
Courts: improve administration of grants to States under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and ensure that all criminal defendants receive adequate representation (see S. 597), [18MR]
Crime: ensure prisoners do not profit from their violent acts through the sale of ''murderabilia'' by restricting mailing and delivery privileges of prisoners for commercial purposes (see S. 1549), [24SE]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 1675), [7NO]
DEA: anniversary (see S. Res. 178), [20JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 1420), [1AU]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]
———provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
Education: establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 1722), [19NO]
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program: classify human trafficking as a violent crime (see S. 413), [28FE]
Explosives: strengthen enforcement of background checks relative to the use of explosive materials (see S. 792), [23AP]
Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [29JA]
———ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking (see S. 730), [15AP]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: require disclosure of decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Law enforcement: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs (see S. 1418), [1AU]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]
———provide effective criminal prosecutions and increase penalties for tax return identity thefts (see S. 149), [24JA]
National Center for Campus Public Safety: establish and operate (see S. 433), [28FE]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 120), [25AP]
National security: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Radiation Exposure Compensation Program: improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Senior citizens: establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
Sexual assaults: provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
Veterans: reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reem-

ployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 58), [22JA]
———provide incentives to States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at polls and simplify voter registration (see S. 85), [23JA]
Cloture motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
Reports filed
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reauthorization: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 933), [1AU]
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]
School Safety Enhancements Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 146), [12MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR *related term(s)* **BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS**
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the U.S. and encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries (see S. 1615), [30OC]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [12NO]
———list employers that relocate call centers overseas, make such companies ineligible for Federal grants and loans, and require call center employees to disclose their physical location (see S. 1565), [30SE]
———promote industry growth and competitiveness and improve worker training, retention, and advancement (see S. 1226), [26JN]
Children and youth: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]
Colleges and universities: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [8JY]
Dept. of Commerce and the Workforce: establish (see S. 1836), [17DE]
Dept. of Defense: improve the Transition Assistance Program (see S. 889), [7MY]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Depts. of Labor and Commerce: establish Made in America Incentive Grant Program (see S. 63), [22JA]
Education: establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]
———increase access to adult education to provide for economic growth (see S. 1400), [30JY]
Employment: address the skills gap by providing recommendations to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities and employer participation in education and workforce training (see S. 1619), [30OC]
———authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1227), [26JN]
———permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 1248), [27JN]
———require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [5MR]
———require State workforce agencies and employers to certify the active recruitment of Americans for job placement prior to hiring H–2B nonimmigrant workers (see S. 891), [8MY]
———strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (see S. 1356), [24JY]
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Immigration: reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 600), [18MR]
Job Corps program: improve management (see S. 1825), [13DE]
Taxation: reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
Trade Adjustment Assistance program: extend (see S. 1357), [24JY]
Urban Jobs Program: provide grants (see S. 655), [22MR]
Veterans: establish pilot programs to provide employers who employ certain veterans and Armed Forces members wage subsidies and provide career transition services to young veterans (see S. 922), [9MY]
———improve coordination of Federal veteran job training services (see S. 140), [24JA]
Motions
Employment: strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (S. 1356), [21NO], [9DE], [10DE], [11DE], [16DE], [17DE], [18DE], [19DE]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]
Strengthen Workforce Development System Through Innovation and Alignment and Improvement of Employment, Training, and Education Programs and Promote Economic Growth: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1356), [12NO]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE *related term(s)* **DIPLOMATS; FOREIGN SERVICE**
Bills and resolutions
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Correctional institutions: eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety (see S. 657), [22MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [4FE]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1372), [25JY]
Egypt: prohibit U.S. assistance as a result of military coup d'état (see S. 1278), [11JY]
———reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
Embassies: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———enhance security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [30JY]
Firearms: prohibit purchase and possession by nonimmigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
Foreign aid: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
Foreign countries: prohibit assistance following coups d'état (see S. 1857), [18DE]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 616), [19MR]
Hong Kong: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 703), [11AP]
Immigration: extend period when Iraqis employed by the U.S. in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and temporarily increase fee or surcharge for processing certain nonimmigrant visas (see S. 1566), [30SE]
———prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 300), [13FE]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 600), [18MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs: extend (see S. 990), [20MY]
Israel: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 266), [7FE]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]
Libya: offer rewards for information regarding the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission at Benghazi (see S. 1661), [7NO]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 102), [23JA]
———require report on water sharing (see S. 1125), [10JN]
Nigeria: require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking: rename as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 1179), [18JN]
Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia: establish (see S. 653), [22MR]
Taiwan: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MR]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 978), [16MY] (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.S. Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs: establish (see S. 270), [11FE]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
Messages
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: President Obama, [22AP]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: President Obama, [22AP]

Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: President Obama, [22AP]
Reports filed
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Continued Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 75), [18DE]
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1372) (S. Rept. 113–81), [25JY]
Dept. of State Development of a Strategy To Obtain Observer Status for Taiwan at the Triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 113–42), [13JN]
Egypt Assistance Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1857), [18DE]
Embassy Security, Threat Mitigation, and Personnel Protection Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1386), [9DE]
Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1271) (S. Rept. 113–131), [20DE]
Foreign Prison Conditions Improvement Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 657), [14NO]
Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia Establishment: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 653), [18DE]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR *related term(s)* **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS; BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT; BUREAU OF RECLAMATION; U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**
Bills and resolutions
Agreement Between the U.S. and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico: implement (see S. 812), [25AP]
Alaska: require oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported onshore by pipeline and provide for sharing of certain Outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone (see S. 199), [31JA]
Alpine Lakes Wilderness: expand to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic (see S. 112), [23JA]
Baltimore, MD: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 103), [23JA]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 770), [18AP]
Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers: designate segments for study for potential addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 349), [14FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
———ensure timely review of notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 473), [6MR]
———provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Brooklyn, NY: study suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1389), [30JY]
Buffalo Soldiers: conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role in the early years of the national parks (see S. 225), [4FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 434), [4MR]
———participate in Hermiston, OR, water recycling and reuse project (see S. 693), [10AP]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 1800), [11DE]
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement: promote artificial reefs (see S. 1079), [23MY]
California Coastal National Monument: designate Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (see S. 61), [22JA]
Carbon County, UT: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project (see S. 510), [7MR]
Central Utah Project: facilitate development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System (see S. 26), [22JA]
Chaffee County, CO: designate certain Federal land as a national monument and as wilderness (see S. 1794), [10DE]
Colorado: designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, CO, as wilderness (see S. 341), [14FE]
Coltsville National Historical Park: establish (see S. 615), [19MR]
Contracts: provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]
Corps of Engineers: expedite implementation of comprehensive Everglades restoration project plan (see S. 414), [28FE]
Denali National Park and Preserve: issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas and acquire land from Doyon Tourism, Inc. (see S. 157), [28JA]
———issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipeline transportation utility systems in nonwilderness areas (see S. 157), [28JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire real property that complies with certain approved habitat conservation plans (see S. 1175), [18JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
———expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 1049), [23MY]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 1479), [1AU]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Education: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 1838), [17DE]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 1731), [19NO]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 1245), [27JN]
Essex National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1186), [19JN]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [23AP]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project: modify Pilot Project offices (see S. 244), [7FE]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
———improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
Fort Belknap Indian Community: settle water rights claims (see S. 1394), [30JY]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 1054), [23MY]
Gulf of Mexico: authorize use of certain offshore oil and gas platforms for artificial reefs (see S. 96), [23JA]
Hawaii: conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the Ka'u Coast as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1432), [1AU]
Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [11JN]
Illabot Creek: designate segment as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 383), [26FE]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Louisiana: study suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 311), [13FE]
Mining and mineral resources: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]
———facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
———promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
———provide with a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of Soledad Canyon, CA, mining contracts (see S. 771), [18AP]
Missisquoi and Trout Rivers: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1252), [27JN]
Mississippi: convey parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway (see S. 304), [13FE]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 472), [6MR]
———require congressional approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 104), [23JA]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National historic sites: improve support facilities for sites operated by the National Park Service (see S. 1071), [23MY]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [9MY]
———conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]
Native Americans: allow Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe to lease or transfer certain land (see S. 920), [9MY]
———anniversary of restoration of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (see S. Res. 304), [20NO]
———extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 161), [28JA]

———improve education (see S. 1131), [11JN]
———provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 165), [28JA]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
———require tribes to demonstrate a substantial direct modern and aboriginal connection to certain lands to allow for gaming on such lands (see S. 477), [6MR]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 969), [16MY]
Nevada: convey certain Federal land to Elko County, NV, and take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (see S. 1167), [13JN]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements (see S. 1447), [1AU]
New Philadelphia, IL: conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the town site (see S. 1328), [18JY]
New York: study suitability and feasibility of adding Hudson River Valley as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1139), [11JN]
Oregon: convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 1414), [31JY]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 1415), [31JY]
———release reversionary interest in certain land conveyed for establishment of Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (see S. 1437), [1AU]
———restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests (see S. 1301), [16JY]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
Outer Continental Shelf: prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions (see S. 45), [22JA]
———prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling (see S. 598), [18MR]
———replace President Obama's proposed oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians: authorize water rights settlement (see S. 1219), [25JN]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 1718), [18NO]
Petroleum: ban exportation of crude oil produced on Federal land (see S. 435), [4MR]
Pike National Historic Trail: provide for a study (see S. 524), [12MR]
Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area: designate (see S. 342), [14FE]
Postage and stamps: grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
———increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Provo River Project Transfer Act: clarify certain property descriptions (see S. 211), [4FE]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
———establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
———improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
———suspend collection of entrance fees at national parks and wildlife refuges (see S. 1742), [20NO]
———withdraw and reserve certain public land for military uses (see S. 1309), [16JY]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 228), [4FE]
San Juan County, NM: convey certain Federal land (see S. 609), [19MR]
San Juan Islands National Conservation Area: establish (see S. 497), [7MR]
South Utah Valley Electric Service District: convey certain Federal features of the electric system (see S. 25), [22JA]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [18JY] (see S. 1660), [6NO]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [29JA]
States: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date (see S. 831), [25AP]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 219), [4FE]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 1237), [27JN]
Utah: convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (see S. 1732), [19NO]
Valles Caldera National Preserve: designate as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 285), [12FE]
Veterans Conservation Corps: establish (see S. 1262), [27JN]
Virginia: include Lease Sale 220 in the Outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012–2017 and revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area (see S. 1024), [22MY]
Water: use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Western States Trail: study for potential designation as a national historic trail (see S. 60), [22JA]
White Clay Creek: designate additional segments and tributaries as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 393), [27FE]
Wildlife: establish improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent introduction and establishment in the U.S. of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites (see S. 1153), [12JN]
World War II: install in the area of the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or inscription with the words that Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (see S. 1044), [23MY]
Wyoming: convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District (see S. 130), [24JA]
Xenia, OH: conduct a study of the Colonel Charles Young Home and associated locations to assess potential inclusion in the National Park System (see S. 331), [14FE]
York River: designate segments and associated tributaries for study and inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1520), [18SE]
Yosemite National Park: modify boundaries (see S. 781), [23AP]
Reports filed
Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 112) (S. Rept. 113–17), [22AP]
Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 26) (S. Rept. 113–16), [22AP]
Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 225) (S. Rept. 113–53), [27JN]
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]
Clarify That Uncertified States and Indian Tribes Have Authority To Use Certain Payments for Noncoal Reclamation Projects and Acid Mine Remediation Programs: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 222) (S. Rept. 113–20), [22AP]
Denali National Park Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 157) (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]
Dept. of the Interior Pilot Project Offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project Modification: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 244) (S. Rept. 113–22), [22AP]
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1245) (S. Rept. 113–47), [27JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 368) (S. Rept. 113–61), [27JN]
Geothermal Production Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 363) (S. Rept. 113–72), [15JY]
Good Neighbor Forestry Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 327) (S. Rept. 113–97), [10SE]
Helium Stewardship Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 783) (S. Rept. 113–83), [29JY]
Illabot Creek Segment Designation as a Component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 383) (S. Rept. 113–30), [22AP]
Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 311) (S. Rept. 113–26), [22AP]
Natchez Trace Parkway Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 113–25), [22AP]
Oregon Caves Revitalization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 354) (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]
Pine Forest Range Recreation Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 342) (S. Rept. 113–59), [27JN]
Powell Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 130) (S. Rept. 113–18), [22AP]
Provo River Project Transfer Act Clarification of Certain Property Descriptions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 211) (S. Rept. 113–52), [27JN]
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]
San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 609) (S. Rept. 113–66), [27JN]
San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 341) (S. Rept. 113–99), [10SE]
South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 25) (S. Rept. 113–15), [22AP]
Valles Caldera National Preserve Management Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 285) (S. Rept. 113–96), [10SE]
White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic River Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 393) (S. Rept. 113–31), [22AP]

Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 349) (S. Rept. 113–60), [27JN]

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY *related term(s)* **SECRET SERVICE**

Bills and resolutions

Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]

Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]

Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]

Colleges and universities: require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]

Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682), [9AP] (see S. 1003), [21MY]

Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 1412), [31JY]

Disasters: establish National Catastrophic Risk Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program (see S. 1461), [1AU]

Earthquakes: establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by or on behalf of State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in financial recovery from earthquakes and related events (see S. 1813), [12DE]

Economy: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]

Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]

Endangered species: provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire real property that complies with certain approved habitat conservation plans (see S. 1175), [18JN]

Financial institutions: allow reliance on State examinations for certain financial institutions in order to assist immigrant communities in making remittances to their countries of origin (see S. 1840), [17DE]

———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]

Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]

FRS: provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]

———replace the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau with a 5-person commission, bring the Bureau into the regular appropriations process, and provide for a safety and soundness check (see S. 205), [31JA]

———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]

Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]

Health: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]

Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]

International economic relations: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]

IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [9AP]

———notify taxpayers each time the taxpayers' information is accessed by the IRS (see S. 1489), [10SE]

———permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]

Members of Congress: prohibit from receiving pay whenever the U.S. cannot satisfy obligations because public debt ceiling has been reached (see S. 1142), [12JN]

Money: improve circulation of $1 coins in order to phase out production of $1 bills (see S. 1105), [6JN]

National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [13JN]

National parks and recreation areas: reimburse States that use State funds to operate national parks during the Government shutdown (see S. 1572), [15OC]

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers (see S. 858), [6MY]

———disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 27), [31OC]

Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]

Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]

Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (see S.J. Res. 26), [28OC]

———establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt ceiling (see S. 57), [22JA]

———prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]

———provide a process for ensuring the U.S. does not default on its obligations by making permanent authority for Congress to disapprove a debt ceiling increase instead of approving it (see S. 1598), [29OC]

———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]

———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (see S. 1569), [8OC]

Securities: protect transactions in the U.S. from enforcement of certain excise taxes imposed by foreign governments (see S. 1257), [27JN]

States: authorize use of assistance provided under the Hardest Hit Fund program to demolish blighted structures (see S. 1122), [10JN]

———prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]

Taxation: disapprove rule relative to taxable medical devices (see S.J. Res. 8), [27FE]

———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 1368), [25JY]

———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]

———study feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional pre-prepared tax return (see S. 722), [15AP]

U.S. Mint: terminate the Presidential $1 Coin Program (see S. 94), [23JA]

Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]

Cloture motions

Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]

Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]

Motions

Budget: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling and hold salaries of Members of Congress in escrow upon failure to agree to a budget resolution (H.R. 325), [31JA]

Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (S.J. Res. 26), [29OC]

———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), [10OC], [11OC], [12OC], [13OC], [14OC], [15OC], [16OC]

Reports filed

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bills and resolutions

Aviation: modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1692), [13NO]

Bridges: increase percentage of funds set aside for off-system bridges (see S. 1504), [12SE]

Corps of Engineers: provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]

Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]

Disasters: obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]

Drugs: recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 1625), [30OC]

Drunken driving: withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]

Emergency Transportation Safety Fund: establish (see S. 911), [9MY]

FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]

———extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]

———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]

———provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 1639), [4NO]

Judgment Fund: provide for transparency of payments (see S. 1420), [1AU]

Motor vehicles: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [23SE]

———ensure that on-duty time for certain commercial motor vehicle drivers does not include waiting time at natural gas or oil well sites (see S. 1380), [29JY]

———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]

———provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]

National Yellow Dot Program: establish to alert emergency personnel to medical conditions, prescriptions, and information to treat individuals in motor vehicle emergency situations (see S. 1831), [16DE]

Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]

———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]

Power resources: foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1264), [27JN]

Railroads: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [1AU]

Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 1854), [18DE]

———ensure currently-operating trucks can continue to use the future Interstate 41 in Wisconsin (see S. 1299), [16JY]

———protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]

Safety: set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [14NO]

Ships and vessels: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [23JY]
State Infrastructure Bank program: reauthorize (see S. 1553), [26SE]
Telephones: prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
Transportation: provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
———provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
———reauthorize Projects of National and Regional Significance program to fund high-cost surface transportation projects (see S. 823), [25AP]
Trucking industry: delay implementation of regulation changing the hours-of-service rule for commercial truck drivers pending a GAO assessment of such regulation (see S. 1891), [20DE]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1243) (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
Small Airplane Revitalization Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1072) (S. Rept. 113–108), [17SE]

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS *related term(s)* **VETERANS**
Bills and resolutions
Appropriations: provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts (see S. 932), [13MY]
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [14FE]
Benefits: assess feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of veterans' benefits, services, and outreach activities (see S. 927), [9MY]
———carry out a program of outreach for veterans (see S. 1558), [27SE]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [16AP]
Board of Veterans Appeals: treat certain misfiled documents as motions for reconsideration of decisions (see S. 939), [14MY]
C.W. Bill Young Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Bay Pines, FL: designate (see S. 1576), [28OC]
Camp Lejeune, NC: modify commencement date of the period of service for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
Canada: establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown to track possible exposure to toxins (see S. 1892), [20DE]
Civil liberties: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
Claims: improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [9MY]
———modify method of determining whether Filipino veterans are U.S. residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation (see S. 1559), [27SE]
———provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved (see S. 1148), [12JN]
———provide veterans, when they electronically file claims for benefits, with notice that relevant services may be available to them from veterans service organizations (see S. 1295), [15JY]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [9AP]
Colleges and universities: require college courses that are approved for purposes of educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 944), [14MY]
———support university law school programs designed to provide legal assistance to veterans (see S. 1042), [23MY]
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA: designate (see S. 229), [7FE]
Crime: provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to Armed Forces members, screen veterans for domestic abuse, and report on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse (see S. 1581), [28OC]
Dept. of Defense: improve the Transition Assistance Program (see S. 889), [7MY]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [15JY]
———improve oversight of educational assistance (see S. 1717), [14NO]
Disabled: provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [21MR]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [10AP]
———provide replacement automobiles for certain disabled veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 1584), [28OC]
———report on the provision of services to veterans with hearing loss and other auditory system injuries and measures that can be taken to address such injuries (see S. 1582), [28OC]
Diseases: ensure an up-to-date policy on reporting of cases of infectious diseases and require an independent assessment of Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers (see S. 1589), [28OC]
Education: allow use of educational assistance funds to defray training costs associated with purchasing certain franchise enterprises (see S. 938), [14MY]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———repeal time limitations on eligibility for use of All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program benefits and improve veterans education outreach (see S. 863), [6MY]
Employment: extend work-study program for individuals pursuing rehabilitation, education, or training and expand program to veterans' outreach services provided by congressional offices (see S. 894), [8MY]
———improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs (see S. 1216), [25JN]
Families and domestic relations: establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 1602), [29OC]
———furnish case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam and certain Korean war veterans born with spina bifida or certain birth defects (see S. 832), [25AP]
———improve benefits and assistance to surviving spouses of veterans (see S. 735), [16AP]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 1573), [16OC]
Federal aid programs: expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services (see S. 1604), [29OC]
———make certain clarifications and improvements in academic and vocational counseling programs (see S. 1682), [12NO]
Health: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11MR]
———establish pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms for contracts with community-based outpatient health clinics (see S. 1662), [7NO]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1588), [28OC]
———improve dental health care (see S. 1586), [28OC]
———increase access to complementary and alternative medicine and other approaches to wellness and preventive care (see S. 852), [25AP]
———prohibit medical exam requests of veterans who have submitted sufficient evidence provided by nondepartmental medical professionals and improve efficiency of certain disability claims processing (see S. 935), [13MY]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
———review the dialysis pilot program and submit a report to Congress before expanding such program (see S. 1547), [24SE]
Health care facilities: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE] (see S. 1740), [20NO]
———cover costs associated with the care of veterans at medical foster homes (see S. 1578), [28OC]
———designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 1061), [23MY]
———ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 800), [24AP]
———ensure veterans have access to services in at least one departmental full-service hospital or comparable contract services in their State (see S. 49), [22JA]
———report cases of certain infectious diseases at departmental medical facilities (see S. 875), [7MY]
Health care professionals: establish a continuing medical education program for medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of conditions common to veterans and their families (see S. 1863), [19DE]
———improve authority to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations (see S. 1751), [20NO]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
Health Professionals Education Assistance Program: improve (see S. 845), [25AP]
Homeless: expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [12FE]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 825), [25AP]
———require recipients of per diem payments for provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided (see S. 1580), [28OC]
Housing: include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects (see S. 1540), [24SE]
Information technology: provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [12JN]

Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]
Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Junction City, KS: designate (see S. 1434), [1AU]
Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship: expand to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [23MY]
Mental health: conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders (see S. 1583), [28OC]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
National cemeteries: inter individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 200), [31JA]
———provide authority to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery and disinter remains of Michael L. Anderson from Fort Custer National Cemetery (see S. 1471), [1AU]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
Office of Rural Health: specify requirements for updating the strategic plan for improving access to, and quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas (see S. 1411), [31JY]
Pensions: consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]
PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Dept. of Veterans Affairs Clinic, Colorado Springs, CO: designate (see S. 1606), [29OC]
Philippines: deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for benefit purposes (see S. 690), [9AP]
Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program: deduct amounts for repayment from the last months of educational assistance entitlement in cases of overpayments (see S. 930), [13MY]
———provide additional assistance to veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) (see S. 514), [11MR]
———provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to assistance who are pursuing education programs (see S. 262), [7FE]
Research: allow public access to departmental research (see S. 877), [7MY]
Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program: update basis for establishing premium rates (see S. 1585), [28OC]
Small business: enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 430), [28FE]
Taxation: allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans (see S. 1015), [22MY]
———allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 1255), [27JN]
Veteran identification cards: issue, upon request, to certain veterans (see S. 778), [23AP]
Veterans: appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [30SE]
———authorize transport of individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 455), [5MR]
———clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
———conduct study relative to claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans (see S. 1755), [21NO]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [10AP]
———exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [7FE]
———implement mental health care and rehabilitation program for veterans with service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or related substance use disorder (see S. 819), [25AP]
———improve coordination of Federal veteran job training services (see S. 140), [24JA]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of Dept. of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 257), [7FE]
———require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses (see S. 492), [7MR]
Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education: extend (see S. 1643), [4NO]
Veterans Health Administration: modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees (see S. 1556), [27SE]
———reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks (see S. 543), [13MR]
Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program: extend to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 515), [11MR]
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Appropriations: making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
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Dept. of Veterans Affairs Expansion of Definition of Homeless Veteran for Purposes of Benefits: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 287) (S. Rept. 113–110), [23SE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2216) (S. Rept. 113–48), [27JN]
Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 893) (S. Rept. 113–87), [9SE]
Veterans' Educational Transition Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 944) (S. Rept. 113–123), [9DE]
Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]
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Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [30JY]
———establish a U.S. Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs (see S. 270), [11FE]
———establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]
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Air Force: require a demonstration program on the accession as officers of candidates with auditory impairments (see S. 1864), [19DE]

Armed Forces: exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872, 1880), [19DE]

———extend duration of Physical Disability Board of Review and expand authority of Board to review the separation of members on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability (see S. 628), [20MR]

———pay monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant (see S. 1076), [23MY]

Aviation: improve accessibility of entertainment programming provided by air carriers on passenger flights by making captioning and video description available for visually-displayed entertainment programming (see S. 556), [13MR]

Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [6MR]

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (House): authorize release of records on review of disability claims adjudications made in the SSA Huntington, WV, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (see S. Res. 315), [10DE]

Contracts: increase contracting goals for service-disabled veteran-owned small business and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 259), [7FE]

Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 521), [11MR]

Dept. of Education: award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [7MR]

———support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]

Dept. of HHS: develop a national model disclosure form to assist consumers in purchasing long-term care insurance (see S. 1473), [1AU]

———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [28FE]

———provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary education system (see S. 1259), [27JN]

Dept. of HUD: establish a pilot program to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans (see S. 1387), [30JY]

Dept. of Labor: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize transport of individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 455), [5MR]

———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11MR]

———conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders (see S. 1583), [28OC]

———enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 430), [28FE]

———furnish case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam and certain Korean war veterans born with spina bifida or certain birth defects (see S. 832), [25AP]

———implement mental health care and rehabilitation program for veterans with service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or related substance use disorder (see S. 819), [25AP]

———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]

———improve authority to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations (see S. 1751), [20NO]

———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]

———improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [9MY]

———prohibit medical exam requests of veterans who have submitted sufficient evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals and improve efficiency of disability claims processing (see S. 935), [13MY]

———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [21MR]

———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [10AP]

———provide replacement automobiles for certain disabled veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 1584), [28OC]

———report on the provision of services to veterans with hearing loss and other auditory system injuries and measures that can be taken to address such injuries (see S. 1582), [28OC]

———update basis for establishing Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program premium rates (see S. 1585), [28OC]

Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]

Executive departments: require transparency in meeting Federal goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]

Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 1099), [6JN]

Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]

Health: assist survivors of stroke in returning to work (see S. 1026), [22MY]

———expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [6MY]

———improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 108), [23JA]

———limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 1095), [4JN]

Medicaid: extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 1672), [7NO]

Medicare: delay implementation of round 2 of the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Acquisition Program for competitive acquisition areas in Tennessee (see S. 1265), [27JN]

———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [18JY]

Mosaic (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 36), [14FE]

Motion pictures: require captioning and video description at certain movie theaters (see S. 555), [13MR]

National Aphasia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [12JN]

National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 89), [21MR]

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [31JY]

National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 106), [23AP]

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 211), [31JY]

NIH: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 637), [21MR]

———improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 1027), [22MY]

Olympic Games: discourage ambush marketing by entities that adversely effect the ability of Team USA to attract sponsorships (see S. Res. 289), [7NO]

Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 26), [21NO]

Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]

Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 121), [25AP]

Social Security: improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [13FE]

———provide for a phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 1311), [17JY]

———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [15AP]

Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [6MR]

Taxation: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 1694), [13NO]

———allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 1255), [27JN]

———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]

Transportation Security Administration: facilitate air passenger screening of severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1403), [31JY]

———provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1367), [25JY]

Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [14FE]

———exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]

———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [7FE]

———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 851), [25AP]

———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]

Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]

World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]

Reports filed
Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 851) (S. Rept. 113–107), [17SE]
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Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 131) (S. Rept. 113–106), [17SE]

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———provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1819), [12DE]
FEMA: enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]
———establish pilot program to provide for wildfire mitigation grants (see S. 1428), [1AU]

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Agriculture: make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [24JA]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 634), [21MR]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Contracts: ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 98), [23JA]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 99), [23JA]
Corps of Engineers: establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects (see S. 566), [14MR]
———provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [14MR]
Dept. of HHS: provide for participation in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program of certain specialists needed to respond to environmental public health emergencies (see S. 426), [28FE]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by or on behalf of State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in financial recovery from earthquakes and related events (see S. 1813), [12DE]
Dept. of Transportation: obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 1049), [23MY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Ecology and environment: provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters (see S. 243), [7FE]
EPA: reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Federal aid programs: provide assistance for condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster (see S. 1480), [1AU]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 667), [8AP]
———award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire (see S. 1396), [30JY]
———delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [6JN]
———delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
———enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]
———ensure certain communities are granted exceptions for floodproofed residential basements for purposes of determining flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 1601), [29OC]
———establish pilot program to provide for wildfire mitigation grants (see S. 1428), [1AU]
———extend phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties (see S. 1075), [23MY]
———improve the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 996), [21MY]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Forests: promote rehabilitation and restoration of Federal land impacted by catastrophic events and redirect certain funding to mechanical forest treatment and salvage operations due to such events (see S. 661), [22MR]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Haiti: measure progress of recovery and development efforts following earthquake (see S. 1104), [6JN]
———recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Hurricanes: provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 803), [24AP]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Insurance: establish National Catastrophic Risk Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program (see S. 1461), [1AU]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [11OC]
Mayflower, AR: exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the pipeline oil spill (see S. 1350), [24JY]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
National security: enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
NOAA: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
Nonprofit organizations: extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster (see S. 1274), [10JY]
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Philippines: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan (see S. 1821), [12DE]
Prescott, AZ: honor memory and commend bravery and sacrifice of Prescott Fire Dept., Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew killed battling wildfire and extend condolences to surviving families (see S. Res. 193), [10JY]
Public broadcasting: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1819), [12DE]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act: reauthorize (see S. 659), [22MR]
Sacramento, CA: authorize improvements to flood damage reduction facilities adjacent to the American and Sacramento Rivers (see S. 197), [31JA]
SBA: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
———clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [28FE]
Schools: provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis (see S. 1025), [22MY]
Taxation: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 93), [23JA]
Telecommunications: require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Thresher (U.S.S.): anniversary of sinking (see S. Res. 94), [9AP]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
Weather: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
———improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
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Condemn Terrorist Attack at Mall in Kenya, Express Condolences to Families and Friends of Victims, Commend First Responders and Rescuers, and Reaffirm Support for Government and People: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 268), [31OC]
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Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 659) (S. Rept. 113–73), [15JY]
Recognize Anniversary of Earthquake in Haiti, Honor Victims and Responders, and Reaffirm Support and Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 12), [14FE]
Small Business Disaster Reform Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 415) (S. Rept. 113–84), [31JY]

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Bills and resolutions

Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 143), [24JA]
Armed Forces: prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service (see S. 1281), [11JY]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25AP]
Courts: prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 38), [22JA]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [13JN]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
Dept. of Defense: require Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions in response to protected communications regarding sexual assault (see S. 1092), [4JN]
Dept. of Education: collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
Dept. of HHS: provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
Diseases: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 1790), [10DE]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]
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Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Homosexuality: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
IRS: condemn targeting of Tea Party groups and call for an investigation (see S. Res. 159), [4JN]
———prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
———prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [14MY]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
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Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Taxation: exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 1224), [26JN]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]

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Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [31OC], [6NO]

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Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Continued Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 75), [18DE]
Employment Non-Discrimination Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 815) (S. Rept. 113–105), [12SE]
Improve Telephone Service in Rural Areas and Express That No Entity May Unreasonably Discriminate Against Telephone Users in Those Areas: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Res. 157) (S. Rept. 113–130), [19DE]

DISEASES *related term(s)* **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION; HEALTH**

Bills and resolutions

Alzheimer's disease: strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [10DE]
Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]
Colorectal cancer: improve coverage of screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 608), [19MR]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]
Dept. of Agriculture: protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1502), [12SE]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]
———establish an interagency coordinating committee on pulmonary hypertension (see S. 1453), [1AU]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1223), [26JN]
———improve and enhance research and programs on childhood cancer survivorship (see S. 1247), [27JN]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [21MR]
———integrate mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and provide grants for geriatric mental health treatment outreach teams (see S. 1119), [7JN]
———prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]
———provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [13MY]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board

on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: ensure an up-to-date policy on reporting of cases of infectious diseases and require an independent assessment of Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers (see S. 1589), [28OC]
———establish a continuing medical education program for medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of conditions common to veterans and their families (see S. 1863), [19DE]
———furnish case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam and certain Korean war veterans born with spina bifida or certain birth defects (see S. 832), [25AP]
———modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
———report cases of certain infectious diseases at departmental medical facilities (see S. 875), [7MY]
———review the dialysis pilot program and submit a report to Congress before expanding such program (see S. 1547), [24SE]
Diabetes: foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [12MR]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [8MY]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 1790), [10DE]
Drugs: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1879), [19DE]
EPA: award grants to individuals that may be affected by a reported disease cluster (see S. 53), [22JA]
———investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children (see S. 50), [22JA]
FDA: strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Growth Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 242), [19SE]
Haiti: recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
Hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia: improve diagnosis and treatment (see S. 908), [8MY]
HIV/AIDS: de-link research and development incentives from drug prices for new medicines to treat HIV/AIDS and stimulate greater sharing of scientific knowledge (see S. 626), [20MR]
———extend authorities relative to global HIV/AIDS and promote oversight of U.S. programs (see S. 1545), [24SE]
Medicare: cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 672), [9AP]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [13FE]
———include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the ''Medicare and You Handbook'' and coordinate programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1184), [19JN]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1439), [1AU]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: protect miners from black lung disease (see S. 1416), [31JY]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [20MR]
Muscular dystrophy: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms (see S. 315), [13FE]
National Aphasia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [12JN]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 89), [21MR]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 41), [25FE]
National Minority Health Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 145), [16MY]
National MPS Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 116), [25AP]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 310), [21NO]
National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 172), [17JN] (see S. Res. 201), [25JY]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 104), [22AP]
Naturopathic Medicine Week: designate (see S. Res. 135), [9MY] (see S. Res. 221), [10SE]
NIH: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 637), [21MR]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 118), [25AP]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) to raise money for the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Four Diamonds Fund (see S. Res. 68), [6MR]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [11JN]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
———provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines and enhance access to new medicines (see S. 627), [20MR]
Postal Service: issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [4JN]
Prostate cancer: reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 57), [26FE]
Scleroderma: expand research and awareness activities (see S. 1239), [27JN]
Social Security: provide for a phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 1311), [17JY]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [15AP]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 490), [7MR]
———include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines (see S. 391), [27FE]
U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: reevaluate recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer in consultation with appropriate specialists (see S. Res. 251), [23SE]
Wildlife: establish improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent introduction and establishment in the U.S. of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites (see S. 1153), [12JN]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
World AIDS Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 314), [10DE]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
Cloture motions
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Motions
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), [6NO], [7NO], [12NO], [13NO], [14NO]
Reports filed
Dept. of HHS Programs To Protect Against Pandemics and Attacks From Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 307), [14FE]
HIV Organ Policy Equity Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 330), [21MY]
Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1417), [19DE]
PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1545) (S. Rept. 113–112), [2OC]
Pharmaceutical Compounding Quality and Accountability Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 959), [19JN]
Recognize Anniversary of Earthquake in Haiti, Honor Victims and Responders, and Reaffirm Support and Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 12), [14FE]
School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]
Support Goals and Ideals of World AIDS Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 314), [18DE]

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS NATIONAL MEMORIAL ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 59) (S. Rept. 113–50), [27JN]

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Appointments
World War I Centennial Commission, [7FE]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Adams Memorial Foundation, Inc.: extend legislative authority to establish a commemorative work in honor of John Adams and his legacy (see S. 1866), [19DE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers (see S. Con. Res. 25), [13NO]
———authorize use of Emancipation Hall for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass (see S. Con. Res. 16), [16MY]
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission: extend (see S. 476), [6MR]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]

Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [10AP]
Dept. of the Interior: install in the area of the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or inscription with the words that Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (see S. 1044), [23MY]
Disasters: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Local government: make local funds available during any portion of the fiscal year at the rate of operations provided under the local budget act if the regular appropriation bill has not yet become law (see S. 1571), [12OC]
National Desert Storm Memorial Association: authorize to establish National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in the District of Columbia (see S. 995), [21MY]
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation: authorize establishment of a commemorative work in the District of Columbia (see S. 230), [7FE]
Rachel Carson Nature Trail: designate (see S. 704), [11AP]
Statehood (see S. 132), [24JA]
Cloture motions
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2011: President Obama, [10SE]
Reports filed
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 476) (S. Rept. 113–64), [27JN]
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation Establishment of a Commemorative Work in the District of Columbia: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 230) (S. Rept. 113–21), [22AP]
Transcripts
Inauguration of President Obama and Vice President Biden, [22JA]

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT
Bills and resolutions
District of Columbia: make local funds available during any portion of the fiscal year at the rate of operations provided under the local budget act if the regular appropriation bill has not yet become law (see S. 1571), [12OC]

DIVORCE *see* **FAMILIES AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

DNA ANALYSIS BACKLOG ELIMINATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]

DO NOT TRACK KIDS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1700), [14NO]

DOCTORS *see* **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

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Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 69), [23JA] (see S. 449), [5MR]

DODAJ, FRANC
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 69), [23JA] (see S. 449), [5MR]

DODAJ, GJYLJANA
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 69), [23JA] (see S. 449), [5MR]

DODAJ, KRISTJAN
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DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT *see* **WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT**

DOHERTY, GLEN
Bills and resolutions
Congressional Gold Medal: award posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]

DOMESTIC POLICY *related term(s)* **ECONOMY**
Bills and resolutions
Budget: balance through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending (see S. 547), [13MR] (see S. 1436), [1AU]
———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
Dept. of Education: establish national program for arts and technology (see S. 1055), [23MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
Dept. of Energy: provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
Dept. of HHS: prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
Dept. of HUD: transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities (see S. 437), [4MR]
Dept. of Labor: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
Economy: provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
———provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [11JY]
Health: improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]
———national policy to provide health care, control costs, and enhance the quality of the health care system (see S. 1782), [9DE]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR]
———repeal health-care related provisions (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Immigration: reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP]
IRS: prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1330), [18JY] (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE] (see S. 1671), [7NO]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC] (see S. 1642), [4NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR] (see S. 1851), [18DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE] (see S. 1316), [17JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
Senior citizens: provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
Taxation: repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Cloture motions
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Messages
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2014: President Obama, [10AP]
Economic Report: President Obama, [18MR]
National Drug Control Strategy: President Obama, [24AP]
National Emergency Relative to Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism: President Obama, [18SE]
Motions
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [6JN], [13JN], [19JN], [20JN], [21JN], [25JN]
Reports filed
Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744) (S. Rept. 113–40), [7JN]

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE *see* **FAMILIES AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM
Bills and resolutions
Organ Mountains: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]

DONNELLY, JOE ***(a Senator from Indiana)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [10JY]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [24JN]
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
Armed Forces: require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [11MR]
Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act: provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any issued orders (see S. 1438), [12SE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]

———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: require annual budget submission by the President provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit (see S. 581), [14MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [10OC]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [15AP]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [16MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm (see S. 751), [17AP]
Dept. of Defense: reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [13NO]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [28OC]
Dept. of Labor: require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [5MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [26JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
EPA: prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [23JY]
FDA: exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [21NO]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 1099), [11JN]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [12MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [9JY]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [11JN]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [29OC]
National cemeteries: provide authority to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery and disinter remains of Michael L. Anderson from Fort Custer National Cemetery (see S. 1471), [1AU]
National Desert Storm Memorial Association: authorize to establish National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in the District of Columbia (see S. 995), [21MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1642), [14NO]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [16DE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [19JN]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [19SE]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [11FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [9SE]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [25JN]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [10SE]
———expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [4NO]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [10SE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [19DE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [29JA]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [16MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23MY]
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Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [18JY]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [16DE]
Dept. of Defense: implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [25AP]
Dept. of Labor: address the skills gap by providing recommendations to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities and employer participation in education and workforce training (see S. 1619), [30OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: furnish case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam and certain Korean war veterans born with spina bifida or certain birth defects (see S. 832), [25AP]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
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Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
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Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
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Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
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Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]
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Public lands: establish a wilderness area, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 1263), [27JN]
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Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass (see S. Con. Res. 16), [16MY]
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Senate: election as Sec. for the Minority (see S. Res. 216), [1AU]
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Dept. of the Interior: issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas in, and acquire land from Doyon Tourism, Inc., for Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
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Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]
Red Ribbon Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 279), [31OC]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
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Alaska: enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes relative to enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, improve quality of life in rural Alaska, and reduce alcohol and drug abuse (see S. 1474), [1AU]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 359), [14FE]
———make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug (see S. 621), [20MR]
Crime: enhance penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors (see S. 1686), [12NO]
DEA: anniversary (see S. Res. 178), [20JN]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———prevent abuse of dextromethorphan by restricting over-the-counter sales and bulk distribution (see S. 644), [21MR]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 752), [17AP]
Dept. of Homeland Security: develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
Dept. of Transportation: recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 1625), [30OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: implement mental health care and rehabilitation program for veterans with service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or related substance use disorder (see S. 819), [25AP]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
Diseases: de-link research and development incentives from drug prices for new medicines to treat HIV/AIDS and stimulate greater sharing of scientific knowledge (see S. 626), [20MR]
———reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1879), [19DE]
Drug abuse: establish a commission to coordinate efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse (see S. 1277), [10JY]
FDA: encourage use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs (see S. Res. 97), [15AP]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
———exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [31JY]
———improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
———reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs (see S. 622), [20MR]
———strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Government regulations: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
———reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 1657), [6NO]
———reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
Law enforcement: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
Medicare: adjust part B and D premiums for high-income beneficiaries (see S. 1198), [20JN]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1365), [25JY]
———authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77, 117), [23JA]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 672), [9AP]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 408), [28FE]
———encourage use of dispensing techniques that foster efficiency and reduce wasteful dispensing of outpatient prescription drugs in long-term care facilities (see S. 1493), [10SE]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [13FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
———include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the ''Medicare and You Handbook'' and coordinate programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1184), [19JN]
———permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump (see S. 914), [9MY]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [11JN]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
———provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines and enhance access to new medicines (see S. 627), [20MR]
Public welfare programs: require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 873), [7MY]
Red Ribbon Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 279), [31OC]
Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [16MY]
Taxation: include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines (see S. 391), [27FE]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 1889), [20DE]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 950), [14MY] (see S. 1171), [17JN]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
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School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]

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———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
———reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
American College of Surgeons Days: designate (see S. Res. 217), [1AU]
American Dental Hygienists' Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 182), [21JN]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [27JN]
———enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses relative to mortgages (see S. 1593), [28OC]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]
———promote industry growth and competitiveness and improve worker training, retention, and advancement (see S. 1226), [9SE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass (see S. Con. Res. 16), [16MY]
———tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [15MY]
Colleges and universities: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 1266), [27JN]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [12NO]
———support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [8JY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [8MY]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Courts: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
———exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [28JA]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [20DE]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [30SE]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [15MY]
———improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [24JN]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [26JN]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4MR]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [20DE]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [17AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, increasing cap on subsidized loans, and refinancing current fixed-rate loans (see S. 909), [8MY]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1873), [19DE]
———provide new program review requirements relative to colleges and universities, [28FE]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
———improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [16JY]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [10JN]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [4NO]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [5MR]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [7FE]
———permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [19NO]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [16JY]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia, IL, town site (see S. 1328), [18JY]
Dept. of Transportation: set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [13DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [26FE]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [6NO]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 125), [25AP]
Diseases: strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]

District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
———statehood (see S. 132), [24JA]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [4NO]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [10DE]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [19DE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [5MR]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FDA: ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
Financial institutions: set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks (see S. 798), [25AP]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Firearms: prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [22JA] (see S. 443), [4MR]
———prohibit purchase and possession by nonimmigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [12SE]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
———protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Haiti: recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [10SE]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [10JY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Immigration: extend period when Iraqis employed by the U.S. in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and temporarily increase fee or surcharge for processing certain nonimmigrant visas (see S. 1566), [30SE]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP] (see S. 744), [17AP]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [13MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [11JN]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Loyola University Chicago: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [16AP]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [30SE]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [22MY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [12JN]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [23MY]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1220), [25JN]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [5MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Memorial Day: encourage nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1648), [5NO]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [28OC]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [18AP]
Mississippi State University: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
Mosaic (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 36), [14FE]
Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 173), [18JN]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [9JY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [8MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [27SE]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
Privacy: reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [16JY]
Roads and highways: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [12NO]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [17SE]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge, St. Louis, MO: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [1AU]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [12NO]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 835), [25AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [13NO]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [23MY]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [14FE]

———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 826), [25AP]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Ukraine: support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [18DE]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [27SE]
Veterans: reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of Dept. of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 257), [7FE]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 1171), [12NO]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5, 47), [22JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [20MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [25JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Armed Forces: extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1399), [30JY]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Chicago Blackhawks (hockey team): tribute (see S. Res. 187), [26JN]
Children and youth: promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 1546), [24SE]
Colleges and universities: establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1822), [12DE]
———require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]
Congress: adjournment (see S. Con. Res. 30), [20DE]
Corps of Engineers: establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects (see S. 566), [14MR]
———provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [14MR]
Credit: establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 673), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 521), [11MR]
———making appropriations (see S. 1429), [1AU]
Dept. of Education: establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 1704), [14NO]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 1659), [6NO]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———remove Social Security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to beneficiaries (see S. 612), [19MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11MR]
———modify method of determining whether Filipino veterans are U.S. residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation (see S. 1559), [27SE]
———provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program who are pursuing education programs (see S. 262), [7FE]
Diseases: support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]
Education: require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
EPA: establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
Fab Foundation: provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a network of digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools (see S. 1705), [14NO]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 846), [25AP] (see S. 857), [6MY]
FDA: improve safety of dietary supplements by requiring manufacturers to register supplement products with the FDA and amending labeling requirements (see S. 1425), [1AU]
Foreign aid: provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [11AP]
James R. Burgess Jr., Post Office Building, Champaign, IL: designate (see S. 796), [24AP]
Medicare: deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 408), [28FE]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [13FE]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 1207), [20JN]
Taxation: provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 194), [31JA]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
Veterans: clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
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———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
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Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 107), [23JA] (see S. 163), [28JA]
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]
———require oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported onshore by pipeline and provide for sharing of certain Outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone (see S. 199), [31JA]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
Arctic Ocean: provide for research, monitoring, and observation (see S. 272), [11FE] (see S. 1344), [23JY]
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Bureau of Reclamation: participate in Hermiston, OR, water recycling and reuse project (see S. 693), [10AP]
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area: authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access (see S. 486), [7MR]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [7MR]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
Chesapeake Bay: require OMB to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the watershed and require EPA to develop and implement an adaptive management plan (see S. 1000), [21MY]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Clark County, NV: provide for conveyance of certain Federal land for environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site (see S. 343), [14FE]
Clean Energy Consortia: establish (see S. 1698), [13NO]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Conservation of energy: encourage benchmarking and disclosure of energy information for commercial buildings (see S. 1206), [20JN]
———facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants relative to energy efficiency in buildings (see S. 1191), [19JN]
———promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [18AP]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Coral Reef Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 839), [25AP]
Corps of Engineers: expedite implementation of comprehensive Everglades restoration project plan (see S. 414), [28FE]
———include as a Federal land management agency (see S. 400), [28FE]
———manage threat of Asian carp traveling up the Mississippi River in Minnesota (see S. 365), [14FE]
———provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [14MR]
Credit: require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
Crooked River: adjust boundary to provide water certainty for Prineville, OR (see S. 1771), [21NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]
———improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
———modernize conservation programs, protect long term investments, increase small and midsize farmer's access to programs, and prioritize modern-day conservation needs (see S. 923), [9MY]
Dept. of Education: promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
Dept. of Energy: establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]
———establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [11AP]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
———promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 488), [7MR]
———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
———provide for participation in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program of certain specialists needed to respond to environmental public health emergencies (see S. 426), [28FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]
Dept. of HUD: reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [13FE]
Dept. of the Interior: ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 473), [6MR]
———establish a Veterans Conservation Corps (see S. 1262), [27JN]
———establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
———grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
———increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
———modify Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project (see S. 244), [7FE]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
———require Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote artificial reefs (see S. 1079), [23MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire real property that complies with certain approved habitat conservation plans (see S. 1175), [18JN]
Dept. of Transportation: foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1264), [27JN]
Disasters: provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters (see S. 243), [7FE]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 847), [25AP]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
———amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———award grants to individuals that may be affected by a reported disease cluster (see S. 53), [22JA]

———award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 1508), [17SE]
———change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MR]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 1781), [9DE]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———establish a regulatory review process for proposed rules dealing with agricultural entities (see S. 1466), [1AU]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
———establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [17SE]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children (see S. 50), [22JA]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
———prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [14FE]
———prohibit awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or financial assistance under the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity to occur outside the U.S. (see S. 558), [13MR]
———prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [23JY]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 1853), [18DE]
———provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 1536), [23SE]
———require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1253), [27JN]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
Fish and fishing: prohibit Federal agencies from requiring seafood to be certified as sustainable by a third party nongovernmental organization (see S. 1521), [18SE]
Foreign aid: provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
———improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
———promote rehabilitation and restoration of Federal land impacted by catastrophic events and redirect certain funding to mechanical forest treatment and salvage operations due to such events (see S. 661), [22MR]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve: allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Hunan Tlingit people (see S. 156), [28JA]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 1054), [23MY]
GSA: improve energy and water efficiency of Federal buildings (see S. 52), [22JA]
———repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Gulf of Mexico: authorize use of certain offshore oil and gas platforms for artificial reefs (see S. 96), [23JA]
———provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
———promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Idaho: authorize continued use of certain water diversions on National Forest System lands in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (see S. 1430), [1AU]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Interagency Council on Healthy Housing: establish (see S. 291), [13FE]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]
Mining and mineral resources: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]
———facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
Montana: sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System (see S. 37), [22JA]
———withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]
Motor vehicles: provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]
NASA: establish, validate, and utilize an official set of data on historical temperature records ensure public access to such records (see S. 106), [23JA]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
National Moth Week: designate (see S. Res. 70), [7MR]
National security: enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]
Nevada: implement the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River and Lincoln County, NV, and extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land (see S. 757), [17AP]
NOAA: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
———provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1757), [21NO]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
Oregon: designate Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area and segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers (see S. 352), [14FE]
———restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests (see S. 1301), [16JY]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
———grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]
———express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize

renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
———promote domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies (see S. 656), [22MR]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Public buildings: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 1020), [22MY] (see S. 1199), [20JN]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
Rachel Carson Nature Trail: designate (see S. 704), [11AP]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 228), [4FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 224), [4FE]
San Juan National Forest: designate certain Hermosa Creek watershed lands as wilderness (see S. 841), [25AP]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1160), [13JN]
———disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil (see S. 599), [18MR]
———expand technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (see S. 906), [8MY]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [1AU]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [22MY]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———provide a tax incentive for installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property (see S. 775), [22AP]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Topsail, NC: revise boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06 (see S. 533), [12MR]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Transportation: provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts (see S. 1650), [5NO]
———lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 1889), [20DE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]
Water pollution: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
———require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Wildlife: establish improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent introduction and establishment in the U.S. of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites (see S. 1153), [12JN]
———prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [29JY]
———prohibit import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species (see S. 1463), [1AU]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]
Motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [15MY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (S. 1392), [1AU]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [25AP]
Reports filed
Address Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Through Research, Monitoring, and Mitigation To Help Communities Detect, Control, and Mitigate Such Events: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1254) (S. Rept. 113–121), [18NO]
Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954), [14MY]
———Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954) (S. Rept. 113–88), [9SE]
Arctic Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1344) (S. Rept. 113–117), [6NO]
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]
Clarify That Uncertified States and Indian Tribes Have Authority To Use Certain Payments for Noncoal Reclamation Projects and Acid Mine Remediation Programs: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 222) (S. Rept. 113–20), [22AP]
Dept. of the Interior Pilot Project Offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project Modification: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 244) (S. Rept. 113–22), [22AP]
Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 352) (S. Rept. 113–28), [22AP]
Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 761), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 761) (S. Rept. 113–37), [3JN]
Good Neighbor Forestry Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 327) (S. Rept. 113–97), [10SE]
Huna Tlingit Traditional Gull Egg Use Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 156) (S. Rept. 113–51), [27JN]
Hydropower Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545) (S. Rept. 113–36), [3JN]
Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267) (S. Rept. 113–38), [3JN]
Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 757) (S. Rept. 113–68), [27JN]
North Fork Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 255) (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]
Oregon Caves Revitalization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 354) (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]
Preserving Public Access to Cape Hatteras Beaches Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 486) (S. Rept. 113–102), [10SE]
Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]

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ECONOMIC FREEDOM ZONES ACT
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ECONOMY *related term(s)* **CREDIT; DOMESTIC POLICY; HOMELESS; INCOME; POVERTY**
Appointments
U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, [16DE]
Bills and resolutions
American Infrastructure Investment Fund: establish (see S. 387), [26FE]
Antitrust policy: permit voluntary economic activity (see S. 1004), [21MY]
Appropriations: require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress (see S. 1835), [17DE]
Armed Forces: exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872, 1880), [19DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1856; S. Res. 323), [18DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropria-

tions and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [30JA]
———exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
———exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
———limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
———reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes (see S. 268), [11FE]
———replace current fiscal year sequestration (see S. 18), [27FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (see S. 16), [27FE] (see S. 799), [24AP]
———replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
Business and industry: develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the U.S. and encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries (see S. 1615), [30OC]
———jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
CBO: provide a macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation (see S. 184), [30JA]
Children and youth: provide for youth jobs (see S. 1170), [13JN]
Clean Energy Consortia: establish (see S. 1698), [13NO]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Credit: require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a market-driven inventory system for farmers and ranchers (see S. 746), [17AP]
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations for the SelectUSA Initiative (see S. 1608), [29OC]
———establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation (see S. 1468), [1AU]
———produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [22MY]
Dept. of Defense: close and consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and facilities and relocate overseas missions to U.S. installations prior to any domestic base realignment and closure (see S. Res. 132), [8MY]
———reduce budget sequestration cuts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 but implement such cuts over the duration of sequestration (see S. 1841), [17DE]
Dept. of HUD: develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
———transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities (see S. 437), [4MR]
Dept. of Labor: require State workforce agencies and employers to certify the active recruitment of Americans for job placement prior to hiring H–2B nonimmigrant workers (see S. 891), [8MY]
———strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (see S. 1356), [24JY]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]
Domestic policy: provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———increase access to adult education to provide for economic growth (see S. 1400), [30JY]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18AP]
Employment: provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and work-based training for unemployed adults and youth (see S. 1383), [29JY]
———streamline Federal job training system, steer training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide State access to National Directory of New Hires (see S. 804), [24AP]
EPA: require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 1363), [25JY]
Executive Office of the President: require development of a National Manufacturing Strategy (see S. 544), [13MR]
FAA: exempt from reduction under any order issued to carry out a sequestration (see S. 817), [25AP]
Federal agencies and departments: quantify costs associated with proposed economically significant regulations (see S. 786), [23AP]
———reform regulatory process to ensure freedom of small businesses to compete and create jobs (see S. 1730), [19NO]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 101), [23JA]
Financial institutions: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 685), [9AP]
———advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24JY]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 985), [16MY]
———set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks (see S. 798), [24AP]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
FRS: ensure conduct of policies to ensure long-term price stability and a low rate of inflation (see S. 215), [4FE]
———improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and the Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 238), [7FE]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Government: provide for continuing operations in a fiscally responsible manner (see S. 83), [23JA]
Government regulations: require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
Income: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Minimum wage: increase, and extend increased expensing limitations for depreciable business assets and treatment of certain property as section 179 property (see S. 1737), [19NO]
———increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Money: treat gold and silver coins used as legal tender in the same manner as U.S. currency (see S. 768), [18AP]
National objectives: provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
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Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 1390), [30JY]
SBA: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 206), [31JA]
———provide conformity in Native small business opportunities and promote job creation, manufacturing, and American economic recovery (see S. 1607), [29OC]
Senior citizens: provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for

years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [13FE]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [14MR]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———provide an income tax credit for increased payroll (see S. 115), [23JA]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [14FE]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747), [20NO] (see S. 1797), [10DE] (see S. 1845), [17DE]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]
Cloture motions
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Messages
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2014: President Obama, [10AP]
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Motions
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), [26FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), [27FE]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (S. 1356), [21NO], [9DE], [10DE], [11DE], [16DE], [17DE], [18DE], [19DE]
Reports filed
Strengthen Workforce Development System Through Innovation and Alignment and Improvement of Employment, Training, and Education Programs and Promote Economic Growth: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1356), [12NO]

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Prayers
Senate, [25AP]

EDUCATION *related term(s)* **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; SCHOOLS**
Bills and resolutions
Adult education: increase access to provide for economic growth (see S. 1400), [30JY]
Agriculture: support maple syrup production research and education, sustainability of maple syrup resources, promotion of maple products, and access to lands for maple sugaring activities (see S. 879), [7MY]
AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [23JA]
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 634), [21MR]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1399), [30JY]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
———require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 1550), [24SE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [6MR]
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Business and industry: develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the U.S. and encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries (see S. 1615), [30OC]
———promote industry growth and competitiveness and improve worker training, retention, and advancement (see S. 1226), [26JN]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [24JN]
Children and youth: improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
———improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [13FE]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [14FE]
Coast Guard: improve quality of life for members and families through expanded child care availability, increased educational opportunities, and eased transition to post-service life (see S. 1760), [21NO]
Collector Car Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 176), [19JN]
Colleges and universities: establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1822), [12DE]
———improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
———require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
———require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [12MR]
———support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [8JY]
Commission on Effective Regulation and Assessment Systems for Public Schools: establish (see S. 1010), [22MY]
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Credit: provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death or disability of the student borrower (see S. 1773), [21NO]
Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program: establish (see S. 1458), [1AU]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [28FE]
Dept. of Defense: implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [25AP]
———improve the Transition Assistance Program (see S. 889), [7MY]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [15MY]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 1066), [23MY]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 756), [17AP]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———amend the Small, Rural School Achievement Program and the Rural and Low-Income School Program (see S. 1222), [25JN]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 1129), [11JN]
———authorize grant program to promote physical education, activity, fitness, and nutrition, and ensure healthy students (see S. 1033), [23MY]
———award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 918), [9MY]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [7MR]
———award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [13FE]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies (see S. 1052), [23MY]
———ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———establish, enhance, and increase access to early childhood parent education and family engagement programs (see S. 1674), [7NO]
———establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]
———establish a comprehensive literacy program (see S. 758), [18AP]
———establish a new counseling program (see S. 282), [12FE]
———establish a partnership program in foreign languages (see S. 1036), [23MY]
———establish a Pay It Forward model for funding postsecondary education that requires students to pay a percentage of their income back into the fund upon graduation (see S. 1884), [20DE]
———establish a program to provide professional development activities for educators (see S. 441), [4MR]

———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 439), [4MR]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———establish an alternative accountability model for elementary and secondary schools to measure student progress (see S. 943), [14MY]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
———establish Federal-State partnership to increase higher education funding and need-based student financial aid (see S. 1874), [19DE]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———establish national program for arts and technology (see S. 1055), [23MY]
———establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [4JN]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———establish teacher evaluation programs (see S. 1112), [7JN]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [11AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———help States develop and improve qualifications and training of early childhood educator workforce (see S. 1673), [7NO]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [14FE]
———improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards and develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts (see S. 940), [14MY]
———improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools by authorizing school turnaround grants and reward schools that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps (see S. 578), [14MR]
———improve programs operated by local educational agencies with high numbers of children from low-income families (see S. 1110), [6JN]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 1062), [23MY]
———improve teacher and principal quality (see S. 1063), [23MY]
———improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
———integrate engineering education into elementary and secondary instruction and curriculum and support research on engineering education (see S. 1178), [18JN]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, increasing cap on subsidized loans, and refinancing current fixed-rate loans (see S. 909), [8MY]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 1704), [14NO]
———make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students (see S. 870), [7MY]
———make grants to support fire safety education programs on college campuses (see S. 750), [17AP]
———modify the High School Graduation Initiative (School Dropout Prevention Program) (see S. 1109), [6JN]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
———provide education for homeless children and youths (see S. 833), [25AP]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1873), [19DE]
———provide for loan forgiveness for early childhood educators (see S. 440), [4MR]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [8MY]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
———provide new program review requirements relative to colleges and universities (see S. 406), [28FE]
———provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development (see S. 1113), [7JN]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
———recruit, prepare, and support principals through capacity-building measures that will improve student academic achievement in high-need schools (see S. 840), [25AP]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682), [9AP] (see S. 1003), [21MY]
———support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [9MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
———authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 144), [24JA]
———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 13), [26FE]
———establish Office of the National Nurse (see S. 1475), [1AU]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 1060), [23MY]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1815), [12DE]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [21MR]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]
———provide for participation in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program of certain specialists needed to respond to environmental public health emergencies (see S. 426), [28FE]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 1445), [1AU]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [19MR]
———provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
———provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care (see S. 726), [15AP]
———provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary education system (see S. 1259), [27JN]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [13MY]
———reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of HUD: develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
———transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities (see S. 437), [4MR]
Dept. of Justice: establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 1722), [19NO]
Dept. of Labor: address the skills gap by providing recommendations to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities and employer participation in education and workforce training (see S. 1619), [30OC]
———authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1227), [26JN]
———establish pilot programs to provide employers who employ certain veterans and Armed Forces members wage subsidies and provide career transition services to young veterans (see S. 922), [9MY]
———improve management of the Job Corps program (see S. 1825), [13DE]
———prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]

———require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [5MR]
———strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (see S. 1356), [24JY]
Dept. of State: enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [30JY]
Dept. of the Interior: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 1838), [17DE]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow use of educational assistance funds to defray training costs associated with purchasing certain franchise enterprises (see S. 938), [14MY]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11MR]
———conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders (see S. 1583), [28OC]
———deduct amounts for repayment from the last months of educational assistance entitlement in cases of overpayments under Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 930), [13MY]
———establish a continuing medical education program for medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of conditions common to veterans and their families (see S. 1863), [19DE]
———expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [23MY]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 515), [11MR]
———extend Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education (see S. 1643), [4NO]
———extend work-study program for individuals pursuing rehabilitation, education, or training and expand program to veterans' outreach services provided by congressional offices (see S. 894), [8MY]
———improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs (see S. 1216), [25JN]
———improve Health Professionals Education Assistance Program (see S. 845), [25AP]
———make certain clarifications and improvements in academic and vocational counseling programs (see S. 1682), [12NO]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———provide additional assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program to veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) (see S. 514), [11MR]
———provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program who are pursuing education programs (see S. 262), [7FE]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [12JN]
———repeal time limitations on eligibility for use of All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program benefits and improve veterans education outreach (see S. 863), [6MY]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 944), [14MY]
———support university law school programs designed to provide legal assistance to veterans (see S. 1042), [23MY]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve oversight of educational assistance (see S. 1717), [14NO]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Diseases: expand research and awareness activities relative to scleroderma (see S. 1239), [27JN]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
———provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and work-based training for unemployed adults and youth (see S. 1383), [29JY]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]
———streamline Federal job training system, steer training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide State access to National Directory of New Hires (see S. 804), [24AP]
Emporia State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 33), [13FE]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [5MR]
English learners: promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge (see S. 1043), [23MY]
EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
Fab Foundation: provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a network of digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools (see S. 1705), [14NO]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [11JY]
Federal-State relations: provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18AP]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Gonzaga University: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [31JA]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
Health: support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 392), [27FE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 108), [23JA]
———limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 1095), [4JN]
Information technology: promote public awareness of cybersecurity (see S. 1638), [31OC]
International Year of Statistics: designate (see S. Res. 150), [21MY]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]
Kansas State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 34), [13FE]
Minorities: increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [12FE]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [20MR]
National Adopt a Library Day: designate (see S. Res. 113), [24AP]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Center for Campus Public Safety: establish and operate (see S. 433), [28FE]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Chess Week: designate (see S. Res. 266), [4OC]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 85), [20MR]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 295), [14NO]
National Guard Educational Foundation: include among youth and charitable organizations eligible for National Guard assistance (see S. 926), [9MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 80), [19MR]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]
National objectives: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Physical Education and Sport Week: designate (see S. Res. 130), [7MY]
National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 172), [17JN] (see S. Res. 201), [25JY]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 27), [7FE]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [25AP]
National Technological Innovation Day: designate (see S. Res. 275), [28OC]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 104), [22AP]
Native Americans: facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1574), [16OC]
———improve education (see S. 1131), [11JN]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]
Privacy: prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]

Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 61), [27FE]
Rural areas: improve housing for educators, public safety officers, and medical providers, and their households (see S. 386), [26FE]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 88), [23JA]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
———establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools (see S. 1293), [11JY]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
———promote advanced placement and International Baccalaureate programs (see S. 1082), [23MY]
———provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis (see S. 1025), [22MY]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 111), [23JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
———strengthen nutrition education for elementary and secondary school students to promote healthy eating choices through developmentally appropriate lessons and activities integrated into the school day (see S. 274), [11FE]
———support the community schools model (see S. 844), [25AP]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 1552), [26SE]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 997), [21MY]
St. Louis, MO: designate as the National Chess Capital (see S. Res. 102), [18AP]
Student loans: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———require certain protections for borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 79), [18MR]
Taxation: allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition (see S. 297), [13FE]
———consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses (see S. 1090), [4JN]
———establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 1795), [10DE]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 86), [23JA]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 835), [25AP]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———improve and expand education savings accounts (see S. 1515), [18SE]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 56), [22JA]
———provide a credit for early childhood education professional school personnel, expand deduction for expenses to early childhood education teachers, and modify credit for dependent care services (see S. 438), [4MR]
———provide a credit for employer-provided job training (see S. 1409), [31JY]
———provide deduction for itemizers and non-itemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 87), [23JA]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
Television: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1789), [10DE]
U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: reevaluate recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer in consultation with appropriate specialists (see S. Res. 251), [23SE]
University of Minnesota Duluth: observance of National Student Employment Week (see S. Res. 96), [11AP]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [10AP]
———improve coordination of Federal veteran job training services (see S. 140), [24JA]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of Dept. of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 257), [7FE]
———require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses (see S. 492), [7MR]
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Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744) (S. Rept. 113–40), [7JN]
Dept. of HHS Graduate Medical Education Programs in Children's Hospitals Support Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1557), [30OC]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]
Embassy Security, Threat Mitigation, and Personnel Protection Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1386), [9DE]
Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1417), [19DE]
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]
School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]
Strengthen Workforce Development System Through Innovation and Alignment and Improvement of Employment, Training, and Education Programs and Promote Economic Growth: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1356), [12NO]
Strengthening America's Schools Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1094) (S. Rept. 113–113), [11OC]
Support Goals and Ideals of World AIDS Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 314), [18DE]
U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperation Improvement: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1491), [19DE]
Veterans' Educational Transition Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 944) (S. Rept. 113–123), [9DE]

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Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]

EDWARDS AFB, CA
Bills and resolutions
Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]

EGYPT, ARAB REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign aid: prohibit U.S. assistance as a result of military coup d'état (see S. 1278), [11JY]
———reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
Foreign policy: prohibit use of funds for U.S. participation in joint military exercises if Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (see S. 984), [16MY]
Weapons: prohibit sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 201), [31JA]
———restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]
Reports filed
Egypt Assistance Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1857), [18DE]

EGYPT ASSISTANCE REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1857), [18DE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1857), [18DE]

EGYPTIAN MILITARY COUP ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1278), [11JY]

EIELSON AFB, AK
Bills and resolutions
Air Force: retain current leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson AFB, AK, and require reports on proposed activities at such installation (see S. 152), [24JA]

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Bills and resolutions

Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 58), [22JA]

———modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]

ELECTIONS *related term(s)* **FUNDRAISING; POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS; VOTING**

Bills and resolutions

Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [21MY]

Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]

Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]

———suspend military assistance until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the parliamentary elections and election reforms are implemented (see S. Res. 271), [16OC]

Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (Joint): extend (see S. Con. Res. 2), [3JA]

Congress: counting of electoral votes for President and Vice President (see S. Con. Res. 1), [3JA]

Constitutional amendments: contributions and expenditures by corporations or labor organizations intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [28JA]

———contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]

Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [18JN]

———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]

Dept. of Justice: provide incentives to States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at polls and simplify voter registration (see S. 85), [23JA]

Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [11DE]

Immigration: make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 302), [13FE]

Iran: support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [23MY]

Kenya: congratulate commitment to peaceful elections, call for justice for victims of political violence, and support democratic reforms (see S. Res. 90), [22MR]

Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]

National objectives: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]

Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]

Political ethics: require disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity (see S. 791), [23AP]

Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]

Taxation: prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions (see S. 118), [23JA]

Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]

Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 58), [22JA]

———improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [19NO]

———modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]

———permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]

———require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 532), [12MR]

Reports filed

Condemn Political Violence, Provide Fair Elections, Support Dialogue Between Political Factions, Judicial Independence, Human Rights, and Grameen Bank Independence in Bangladesh: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 318), [18DE]

Congratulate Commitment to Peaceful Elections, Call for Justice for Victims of Political Violence, and Support Democratic Reforms in Kenya: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 90), [17AP]

Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act: Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. 375), [24JY]

Support Credible, Inclusive, and Transparent Presidential and Provincial Elections in Afghanistan: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 151), [25JN]

Support Free and Peaceful Exercise of Representative Democracy in Venezuela and Condemn Violence and Intimidation of Country's Political Opposition: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 213), [30SE]

ELECTRIC POWER *related term(s)* **POWER RESOURCES**

Bills and resolutions

CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]

Conservation of energy: encourage benchmarking and disclosure of energy information for commercial buildings (see S. 1206), [20JN]

Dept. of Energy: promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]

———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]

———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]

———reauthorize weatherization and State energy programs (see S. 1213), [20JN]

Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal features of the electric system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District (see S. 25), [22JA]

Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]

———promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]

Idaho: reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (see S. 276), [11FE]

———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (see S. 275), [11FE]

Motor vehicles: provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]

National Lineman Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [10AP]

Native Americans: settle claims of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation concerning contributions to production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam (see S. 1448), [1AU]

Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]

———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]

———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]

———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]

Public buildings: encourage increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities (see S. 1308), [16JY]

———improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 1020), [22MY] (see S. 1199), [20JN]

Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1595), [29OC]

———establish a Federal renewable electricity standard and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1627), [31OC]

Taxation: expand technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (see S. 906), [8MY]

———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]

———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [24AP]

———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]

———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [23MY]

———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]

———provide that solar energy property need not be located on the property to which it is generating electricity to qualify for residential energy efficient property credit (see S. 1225), [26JN]

Reports filed

American Falls Reservoir Hydroelectric Project Deadline for Commencement of Construction Reinstatement and Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 276) (S. Rept. 113–24), [22AP]

Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 316) (S. Rept. 113–69), [27JN]

Geothermal Production Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 363) (S. Rept. 113–72), [15JY]

Hydropower Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545), [13MY]

———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545) (S. Rept. 113–36), [3JN]

Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267), [13MY]

———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267) (S. Rept. 113–38), [3JN]

South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 25) (S. Rept. 113–15), [22AP]

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT

Bills and resolutions

Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]

Reports filed

Electronic Communications Privacy Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607), [25AP]

Improve Privacy of Electronic Communications: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 113–34), [16MY]

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER ACT

Bills and resolutions

Financial institutions: provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards (see S. 1867), [19DE]

ELECTRONICS
Bills and resolutions
Information technology: specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [23MY]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Children and youth: promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 1546), [24SE]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 756), [17AP]
———amend the Small, Rural School Achievement Program and the Rural and Low-Income School Program (see S. 1222), [25JN]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———establish a new counseling program (see S. 282), [12FE]
———establish a partnership program in foreign languages (see S. 1036), [23MY]
———establish a program to provide professional development activities for educators (see S. 441), [4MR]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 439), [4MR]
———establish an alternative accountability model for elementary and secondary schools to measure student progress (see S. 943), [14MY]
———establish teacher evaluation programs (see S. 1112), [7JN]
———improve programs operated by local educational agencies with high numbers of children from low-income families (see S. 1110), [6JN]
———improve teacher and principal quality (see S. 1063), [23MY]
———integrate engineering education into elementary and secondary instruction and curriculum and support research on engineering education (see S. 1178), [18JN]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———modify the High School Graduation Initiative (School Dropout Prevention Program) (see S. 1109), [6JN]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
———recruit, prepare, and support principals through capacity-building measures that will improve student academic achievement in high-need schools (see S. 840), [25AP]
———support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]
Education: improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
———promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]
———support the community schools model (see S. 844), [25AP]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 1131), [11JN]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]
Reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [28FE]
———encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 88), [23JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
Reports filed
Strengthening America's Schools Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1094) (S. Rept. 113–113), [11OC]
ELKO COUNTY, NV
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to Elko County, NV, and take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (see S. 1167), [13JN]
EMBASSIES
Bills and resolutions
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [30JY]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13MR]
Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Reports filed
Embassy Security, Threat Mitigation, and Personnel Protection Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1386), [9DE]
Justice for Former American Hostages in Iran Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 559) (S. Rept. 113–104), [12SE]
EMBASSY SECURITY, THREAT MITIGATION, AND PERSONNEL PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1386), [30JY]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1386), [9DE]
EMBASSY SECURITY AND PERSONNEL PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 980), [16MY]
EMBASSY SECURITY FUNDS TRANSFER ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 227), [4FE]
EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: increase purchase of Kosher and Halal food and modify labeling of the commodities list under the Emergency Food Assistance Program to assist food banks in obtaining such foods (see S. 811), [25AP]
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL *see* **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**
EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1747), [20NO]
Cloture motions
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EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT (ERISA)
Bills and resolutions
Diseases: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1879), [19DE]
Income: require a lifetime income disclosure (see S. 1145), [12JN]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
Investments: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [11FE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Taxation: reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
Reports filed
Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1302), [30OC]
EMPLOYMENT *related term(s)* **SEXUAL HARASSMENT; UNEMPLOYMENT**
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: establish Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridor (see S. 181), [30JA]
Appropriations: require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress (see S. 1835), [17DE]
Arizona: facilitate efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land (see S. 339), [14FE]
Armed Forces: better connect current and former members with employment opportunities by consolidating duplicative Federal Government websites and conserve resources by merging redundant and competing programs (see S. 1637), [31OC]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [18JY]
———prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service (see S. 1281), [11JY]
Business and industry: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
———develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the U.S. and encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries (see S. 1615), [30OC]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [12NO]
———permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 1248), [27JN]
———promote industry growth and competitiveness and improve worker training, retention, and advancement (see S. 1226), [26JN]

———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 1626), [30OC]
Cargo transportation: establish a Maritime Goods Movement User Fee and provide grants for international maritime cargo improvements (see S. 1509), [17SE]
Children and youth: provide for youth jobs (see S. 1170), [13JN]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25AP]
Coast Guard: improve quality of life for members and families through expanded child care availability, increased educational opportunities, and eased transition to post-service life (see S. 1760), [21NO]
Colleges and universities: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [8JY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [27JN]
———establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
———require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
Crime: stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans (see S. 784), [23AP]
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations for the SelectUSA Initiative (see S. 1608), [29OC]
———establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation (see S. 1468), [1AU]
———produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [22MY]
Dept. of Commerce and the Workforce: establish (see S. 1836), [17DE]
Dept. of Defense: close and consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and facilities and relocate overseas missions to U.S. installations prior to any domestic base realignment and closure (see S. Res. 132), [8MY]
———improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [21MY]
———improve the Transition Assistance Program (see S. 889), [7MY]
———provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime (see S. 1078), [23MY]
———require Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions in response to protected communications regarding sexual assault (see S. 1092), [4JN]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [15MY]
Dept. of Education: award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies (see S. 1052), [23MY]
———ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———establish a Pay It Forward model for funding postsecondary education that requires students to pay a percentage of their income back into the fund upon graduation (see S. 1884), [20DE]
———establish a program to provide professional development activities for educators (see S. 441), [4MR]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 439), [4MR]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [14FE]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
———support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [9MY]
Dept. of HHS: provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary education system (see S. 1259), [27JN]
Dept. of HUD: develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
———transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities (see S. 437), [4MR]
Dept. of Labor: address the skills gap by providing recommendations to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities and employer participation in education and workforce training (see S. 1619), [30OC]
———authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1227), [26JN]
———establish pilot programs to provide employers who employ certain veterans and Armed Forces members wage subsidies and provide career transition services to young veterans (see S. 922), [9MY]
———extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1357), [24JY]
———improve management of the Job Corps program (see S. 1825), [13DE]
———list employers that relocate call centers overseas, make such companies ineligible for Federal grants and loans, and require call center employees to disclose their physical location (see S. 1565), [30SE]
———prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]
———provide grants for an Urban Jobs Program (see S. 655), [22MR]
———require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [5MR]
———require State workforce agencies and employers to certify the active recruitment of Americans for job placement prior to hiring H–2B nonimmigrant workers (see S. 891), [8MY]
———strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
———strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (see S. 1356), [24JY]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a Veterans Conservation Corps (see S. 1262), [27JN]
———limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]
———prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure that on-duty time for certain commercial motor vehicle drivers does not include waiting time at natural gas or oil well sites (see S. 1380), [29JY]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend work-study program for individuals pursuing rehabilitation, education, or training and expand program to veterans' outreach services provided by congressional offices (see S. 894), [8MY]
———improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs (see S. 1216), [25JN]
———make certain clarifications and improvements in academic and vocational counseling programs (see S. 1682), [12NO]
Discrimination: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
———provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and work-based training for unemployed adults and youth (see S. 1383), [29JY]
———streamline Federal job training system, steer training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide State access to National Directory of New Hires (see S. 804), [24AP]
Education: establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools (see S. 1293), [11JY]
———establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]
———increase access to adult education to provide for economic growth (see S. 1400), [30JY]
EPA: provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [11FE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [4FE]
———allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling,

grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 846), [25AP] (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Federal agencies and departments: reform regulatory process to ensure freedom of small businesses to compete and create jobs (see S. 1730), [19NO]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
———eliminate use of official time (see S. 785), [23AP]
———end the defined benefit portion of the Federal Employee Retirement System for any individual hired after a certain date (see S. 1678), [12NO]
———limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
———make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 1045), [23MY]
———provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Fish and fishing: permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs (see S. 221), [4FE]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [11AP]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
Health: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
———assist survivors of stroke in returning to work (see S. 1026), [22MY]
———expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [6MY]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
———provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Health care professionals: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 1152), [12JN]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———authorize issuance of H2O nonimmigrant visas for aliens temporarily performing labor in the seafood processing industry (see S. 518), [11MR]
———eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants and increase the per-country limitation for family-sponsored immigrants (see S. 293), [13FE]
———establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [30JA]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
———extend period when Iraqis employed by the U.S. in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and temporarily increase fee or surcharge for processing certain nonimmigrant visas (see S. 1566), [30SE]
———provide a special rule for the period of admission of certain nonimmigrants employed as sheepherders, goat herders, or dairy farmers (see S. 292), [13FE]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 600), [18MR]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
———prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Medicare: adjust wage index determination for certain hospitals near State borders to ensure they are treated in the same manner as nearby facilities in other States (see S. 1791), [10DE]
Merit Systems Protection Board: extend right of appeal to certain Postal Service employees (see S. 686), [9AP]
Minimum wage: increase, and extend increased expensing limitations for depreciable business assets and treatment of certain property as section 179 property (see S. 1737), [19NO]
———increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
———protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [31JY]
National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 1477), [1AU]
———facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1574), [16OC]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
OPM: require submittal of an annual report on the use of official time by Federal employees (see S. 1338), [23JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1330), [18JY] (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE] (see S. 1671), [7NO]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 701), [10AP] (see S. 1188), [19JN]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 64), [23JA]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
Privacy: prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
Professional Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
SBA: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 206), [31JA]
———provide conformity in Native small business opportunities and promote job creation, manufacturing, and American economic recovery (see S. 1607), [29OC]
Schools: require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 111), [23JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 90), [23JA]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 997), [21MY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 1810), [12DE]
States: recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 1743), [20NO]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 79), [18MR]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———allow manufacturing businesses to establish tax-free manufacturing reinvestment accounts to assist them in providing for new equipment and facilities and workforce training (see S. 1651), [5NO]
———allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard (see S. 1591), [28OC]
———apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations (see S. 479), [6MR]

———consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses (see S. 1090), [4JN]
———establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 1795), [10DE]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 1224), [26JN]
———expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1476), [1AU]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [15AP]
———extend the parity between exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits (see S. 1882), [20DE]
———extend the work opportunity credit for employers of recently discharged veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1624), [30OC]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 56), [22JA]
———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 1713), [14NO]
———increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements (see S. 966), [15MY]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
———provide a credit for early childhood education professional school personnel, expand deduction for expenses to early childhood education teachers, and modify credit for dependent care services (see S. 438), [4MR]
———provide a credit for employer-provided job training (see S. 1409), [31JY]
———provide an income tax credit for increased payroll (see S. 115), [23JA]
———provide for reporting and disclosure by State and local public employee retirement pension plans (see S. 779), [23AP]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [14FE]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 506), [7MR]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1085), [3JN]
———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747), [20NO] (see S. 1797), [10DE] (see S. 1845), [17DE]
University of Minnesota Duluth: observance of National Student Employment Week (see S. Res. 96), [11AP]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [10AP]
———improve coordination of Federal veteran job training services (see S. 140), [24JA]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
———require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses (see S. 492), [7MR]
Volunteer workers: clarify that volunteers at children's consignment events are not employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 1656), [6NO]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 42), [22JA]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]
Workforce Investment Act: integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards (see S. 882), [7MY]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
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Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [31OC], [6NO]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (S. 1356), [21NO], [9DE], [10DE], [11DE], [16DE], [17DE], [18DE], [19DE]
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Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744) (S. Rept. 113–40), [7JN]
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 42), [31OC]
Employment Non-Discrimination Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 815) (S. Rept. 113–105), [12SE]
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Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2747), [30OC]
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EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY
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ENDANGERED SPECIES
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American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire real property that complies with certain approved habitat conservation plans (see S. 1175), [18JN]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
Hunting and trapping: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 847), [25AP]
States: permit Governors to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 1731), [19NO]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts (see S. 1650), [5NO]

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Claims: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire real property that complies with certain approved habitat conservation plans (see S. 1175), [18JN]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 847), [25AP]
———permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 1731), [19NO]

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Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under En-

ergy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1261), [27JN]
Dept. of Energy: improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [23MY]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
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ENERGY POLICY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency and energy savings in residential buildings (see S. 1200), [20JN]
Dept. of Energy: establish Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [3JN]

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Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Motions
Enact (S. 1392), [1AU]
Reports filed
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Corps of Engineers: establish program to evaluate cost-effectiveness and efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for civil works flood control and navigation construction projects (see S. 66), [23JA]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 1129), [11JN]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
———integrate engineering education into elementary and secondary instruction and curriculum and support research on engineering education (see S. 1178), [18JN]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide additional assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program to veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) (see S. 514), [11MR]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
———increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [12FE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE UNITY ACT
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ENHANCED SECURITY CLEARANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1618), [30OC]

ENSURING THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE U.S. AND PROTECTING AMERICA'S SOLDIERS AND SENIORS ACT
Bills and resolutions
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MR]
Appropriations: rescind funds made available if certain deadlines are not met (see S. 318), [13FE]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [7MR]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Chesapeake Bay: require OMB to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the watershed and require EPA to develop and implement an adaptive management plan (see S. 1000), [21MY]
Clean Air Act: clarify definition of accidental release (see S. 1781), [9DE]
———provide adequate data, modeling, and support in the development of a State implementation plan under the Clean Air Act (see S. 319), [13FE]
Climate: impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
Dept. of the Interior: replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
Diseases: award grants to individuals that may be affected by a reported disease cluster (see S. 53), [22JA]
———investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children (see S. 50), [22JA]
Foreign countries: prohibit awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or financial assistance under the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity to occur outside the U.S. (see S. 558), [13MR]
Government regulations: establish a regulatory review process for proposed rules dealing with agricultural entities (see S. 1466), [1AU]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 1536), [23SE]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
Hazardous substances: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
———establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
Inspector General: require to include certain assessments in reports (see S. 317), [13FE]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]
Mining and mineral resources: facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
Motor vehicles: prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [14FE]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
———grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
———require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 1363), [25JY]
Privacy: prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [23JY]
Renewable energy: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
———require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
Scientific Advisory Board: provide for member qualifications and public participation (see S. 1853), [18DE]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
Ships and vessels: establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
Toxic Substances Control Act: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation (see S. 1505), [17SE]
———reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Water: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 1508), [17SE]
———clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]

———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
———exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
Water pollution: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
———provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
———require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 318), [13FE]

ENZI, MICHAEL B. ***(a Senator from Wyoming)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [16MY]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Agriculture: restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits to farmers (see S. 281), [12FE]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [13MR]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal reclamation law (see S. 306), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 122), [25AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Committee To Reduce Government Waste (Senate): establish (see S. 253), [7FE] (see S. Res. 30), [12FE]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Credit: require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Education: ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [24JY]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [16JY]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Dept. of HHS: establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [7MR]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 1060), [23MY]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 1445), [24SE]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [12SE]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [6NO]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Economy: provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [1AU]
Egypt: restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [4FE]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [12NO]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21NO]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [13MY]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
———provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [29JY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [19SE]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [1OC]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [23SE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]

Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [19DE]
Forest Service: revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
———provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 1300), [19SE]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [21MY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [9SE]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [23JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [28OC]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [11JN]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [12JN]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [4NO]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [22MR]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [4JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [30JY] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [20MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 1672), [7NO]
———repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [3JN]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [10JY]
———establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health (see S. 1228), [9SE]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [21MR]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [11JN]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [13FE]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [13JN]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Money: improve circulation of $1 coins in order to phase out production of $1 bills (see S. 1105), [6JN]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 173), [18JN]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [13JN]
National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: notify World Trade Organization if members fail during consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (see S. 355), [14FE]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [29OC]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [19SE]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [20NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period for health exchange plans and disclose premium and cost-sharing information prior to enrollment (see S. 1849), [18DE]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [28OC]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [15AP]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [29OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [23SE]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [22AP]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [24JA]
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [8AP]
SBA: increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 936), [14MY]
———require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [12SE]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: provide for a phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 1311), [17JY]
———provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements (see S. 767), [18AP]
Sports: recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [25FE]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [6NO]
———recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 1743), [20NO]

Taxation: constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [10SE]
———increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements (see S. 966), [15MY]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 41), [22JA] (see S. 127), [24JA]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 606), [19MR]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [22MR]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat (see S. 1194), [20JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [22MR]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 1171), [17JN]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 625), [20MR]
Budget: balance through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending (see S. 547), [13MR] (see S. 1436), [1AU]
———clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in Wyoming (see S. 130), [24JA]
———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
Federal agencies and departments: permit agencies to count certain contracts toward certain small business contracting goals (see S. 1190), [19JN]
Health: make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 41), [25FE]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
Taxation: provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [28FE]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [13JN]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1837), [17DE]
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service (see S. 1281), [11JY]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]
ERIE, PA
Bills and resolutions
War of 1812: anniversary of Battle of Lake Erie (see S. Res. 153), [23MY]
———recognize for its critical role in the development and construction of the fleet of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry during the War of 1812 (see S. Res. 155), [23MY]
ESKIMOS *see* **NATIVE AMERICANS**
ESPIONAGE *related term(s)* **CRIME**
Bills and resolutions
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
Patents: combat cyber espionage of intellectual property of U.S. persons (see S. 1111), [6JN]
Privacy: limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements (see S. 1168), [13JN]
Senate: express that President Obama should issue a statement regarding National Security Agency spying on Pope Francis (see S. Res. 281), [31OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 1688), [13NO]
ESSENTIAL SERVICES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 724), [15AP]
ETHICS *see* **MORALITY AND ETHICS; POLITICAL ETHICS**
ETHIOPIA, FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Tesfamical, Alemseghed M.: relief (see S. 36), [22JA]
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Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
Civil rights: prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
Dept. of HHS: provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
Diseases: reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
Hinduism: recognize the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 277), [30OC]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
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Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
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NATO: anniversary of Allied Command Transformation (see S. Res. 156), [23MY]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
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Dept. of State, (EC29, EC30, EC31, EC32, EC33, EC34, EC35, EC36, EC37, EC38) [22JA], (EC130, EC131, EC132) [23JA], (EC302) [11FE], (EC360, EC361, EC362, EC363) [12FE], (EC473, EC503, EC504) [27FE], (EC518, EC519, EC520, EC521, EC522, EC523, EC524, EC525, EC526, EC527, EC528, EC529) [28FE], (EC612, EC613, EC614) [5MR], (EC787) [12MR], (EC808) [13MR], (EC823, EC824, EC825) [14MR], (EC863, EC864) [20MR], (EC916) [21MR], (EC1027, EC1028, EC1029, EC1030, EC1031, EC1032, EC1033, EC1034, EC1035, EC1036, EC1037, EC1038, EC1039, EC1040, EC1041, EC1042, EC1043) [9AP], (EC1095, EC1096, EC1097, EC1098, EC1099, EC1100, EC1101, EC1102, EC1103, EC1104) [10AP], (EC1160, EC1161, EC1162, EC1163, EC1164, EC1165, EC1166, EC1167, EC1168) [17AP], (EC1297) [24AP], (EC1326, EC1340, EC1341, EC1342, EC1343, EC1344) [25AP], (EC1411, EC1412, EC1413, EC1414, EC1415) [8MY], (EC1456, EC1457, EC1458) [13MY], (EC1561, EC1562, EC1563, EC1564, EC1565) [21MY], (EC1588, EC1589, EC1590, EC1625) [22MY], (EC1656, EC1657, EC1658, EC1659, EC1660, EC1661, EC1662) [23MY], (EC1774, EC1776, EC1777, EC1778) [4JN], (EC1801) [10JN], (EC1869, EC1877, EC1878, EC1879, EC1880, EC1881, EC1882, EC1883) [11JN], (EC1973) [18JN], (EC1992, EC1993) [19JN], (EC2090, EC2091) [25JN], (EC2121, EC2122, EC2123, EC2124, EC2125, EC2126, EC2127, EC2128, EC2129, EC2130, EC2131, EC2132, EC2133, EC2134, EC2135, EC2136, EC2137, EC2138, EC2139, EC2140) [27JN], (EC2191, EC2192) [8JY], (EC2226, EC2228, EC2229, EC2230, EC2231, EC2232) [10JY], (EC2250, EC2252) [11JY], (EC2274) [16JY], (EC2326, EC2328, EC2329, EC2330, EC2331, EC2332) [18JY], (EC2367, EC2368) [23JY], (EC2447, EC2448, EC2449, EC2450, EC2451, EC2452) [25JY], (EC2597, EC2601, EC2602, EC2603, EC2604) [1AU], (EC2752) [12SE], (EC2862, EC2863, EC2864, EC2865, EC2866, EC2867, EC2868, EC2869, EC2870, EC2871, EC2872, EC2873, EC2874, EC2875, EC2876, EC2877, EC2878, EC2879, EC2880, EC2881, EC2882, EC2883) [17SE], (EC3119, EC3120, EC3121, EC3122, EC3123, EC3124, EC3125, EC3126, EC3127, EC3128) [24SE], (EC3213, EC3252, EC3253, EC3254, EC3255, EC3256, EC3257, EC3258, EC3259) [30SE], (EC3273) [2OC], (EC3336, EC3337, EC3338, EC3339, EC3340, EC3341, EC3342, EC3343, EC3344, EC3345, EC3346, EC3347, EC3348, EC3349, EC3350, EC3351, EC3352, EC3353) [30OC], (EC3510, EC3511, EC3512, EC3513, EC3514, EC3515, EC3516) [6NO], (EC3548, EC3549, EC3550, EC3551) [14NO], (EC3670, EC3671, EC3672, EC3673, EC3674, EC3675, EC3676, EC3677) [21NO], (EC3784, EC3802, EC3803, EC3804, EC3805, EC3807, EC3808, EC3809, EC3810, EC3811, EC3812, EC3813, EC3814, EC3815, EC3816, EC3817, EC3818, EC3819, EC3820, EC3821, EC3822) [16DE], (EC3890, EC3897, EC3898) [17DE], (EC3954, EC3955) [18DE], (EC3988, EC3989, EC3990, EC3991, EC3992, EC3993, EC3994) [19DE]

Dept. of the Army, (EC107) [23JA], (EC224) [30JA], (EC370) [12FE], (EC442) [26FE], (EC1112) [10AP], (EC1133) [16AP], (EC1480) [14MY], (EC1530) [16MY], (EC1808) [10JN], (EC2218) [10JY], (EC2664) [9SE], (EC2753) [12SE], (EC3209) [30SE], (EC3793) [16DE]

Dept. of the Interior, (EC344, EC345, EC347, EC348, EC349, EC350) [12FE], (EC477, EC479, EC480) [27FE], (EC985) [9AP], (EC1397) [8MY], (EC1433) [9MY], (EC1831) [11JN], (EC1979) [18JN], (EC1998) [19JN], (EC2109) [27JN], (EC2252) [11JY], (EC2312) [18JY], (EC2654) [9SE], (EC2795) [12SE], (EC3316) [30OC], (EC3414) [31OC], (EC3501) [6NO], (EC3657) [20NO]

Dept. of the Navy, (EC766) [11MR], (EC944) [9AP], (EC1135) [16AP]

Dept. of the Treasury, (EC15, EC16) [22JA], (EC110) [23JA], (EC190) [29JA], (EC217, EC218) [30JA], (EC250) [31JA], (EC341) [12FE], (EC448) [26FE], (EC468) [27FE], (EC543, EC544) [28FE], (EC789) [12MR], (EC848, EC849, EC850) [19MR], (EC972, EC973) [9AP], (EC1137) [16AP], (EC1331, EC1332) [25AP], (EC1387, EC1391, EC1392) [8MY], (EC1440) [9MY], (EC1471, EC1472, EC1473) [14MY], (EC1553, EC1554, EC1555) [21MY], (EC1655, EC1665) [23MY], (EC1767, EC1768) [4JN], (EC1800) [10JN], (EC1822, EC1847) [11JN], (EC2072) [24JN], (EC2105, EC2106) [27JN], (EC2187, EC2188) [8JY], (EC2202) [10JY], (EC2247) [11JY], (EC2377) [24JY], (EC2425) [25JY], (EC2483) [30JY], (EC2572) [1AU], (EC2784, EC2785, EC2786, EC2791) [12SE], (EC2884) [17SE], (EC3092) [23SE], (EC3113, EC3130) [24SE], (EC3177, EC3235) [30SE], (EC3283) [2OC], (EC3310, EC3311, EC3312) [30OC], (EC3543) [7NO], (EC3553, EC3554, EC3557) [14NO], (EC3640, EC3641) [20NO], (EC3669) [21NO], (EC3756, EC3757) [10DE], (EC3783, EC3849) [16DE], (EC3969) [19DE]

Dept. of Transportation, (EC154) [24JA], (EC213) [29JA], (EC372, EC376, EC377, EC378, EC379, EC380, EC381, EC382, EC383, EC384, EC385, EC386, EC387, EC388, EC389, EC390) [13FE], (EC481) [27FE], (EC634) [7MR], (EC831) [19MR], (EC875, EC895, EC896, EC897, EC898, EC902) [21MR], (EC1174, EC1206) [18AP], (EC1254, EC1255, EC1256) [22AP], (EC1465, EC1466) [14MY], (EC1499, EC1500, EC1501, EC1502, EC1503, EC1518, EC1519, EC1520) [15MY], (EC1623, EC1626, EC1627) [22MY], (EC1853) [11JN], (EC1933) [12JN], (EC1960) [18JN], (EC2343, EC2344, EC2346, EC2347) [23JY], (EC2470, EC2476, EC2477) [30JY], (EC2806, EC2852, EC2853) [12SE], (EC2953) [18SE], (EC3047, EC3048) [19SE], (EC3169, EC3170) [24SE], (EC3460) [31OC], (EC3558, EC3559, EC3560, EC3561, EC3562, EC3563, EC3564, EC3565) [18NO], (EC3617) [19NO], (EC4001, EC4006) [19DE], (EC4041, EC4144) [20DE]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs, (EC50) [22JA], (EC371) [12FE], (EC547, EC548, EC549) [28FE], (EC1059) [9AP], (EC1130) [11AP], (EC1459, EC1460) [13MY], (EC1568) [21MY], (EC1678) [23MY],

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District of Columbia, (EC51, EC52, EC53, EC54, EC55, EC56, EC57, EC58, EC59, EC60, EC61, EC62, EC63, EC64, EC65, EC66, EC67, EC68, EC69) [22JA], (EC264, EC265, EC266, EC267, EC268, EC269, EC270, EC271, EC272, EC273, EC274, EC275, EC276, EC277, EC278, EC279, EC280, EC281, EC282, EC283, EC284, EC285, EC286, EC287, EC288, EC289, EC290, EC291, EC292, EC293) [4FE], (EC564, EC565, EC566, EC567, EC568, EC569, EC570, EC571, EC572, EC573, EC574, EC575, EC576, EC577, EC578, EC579, EC580, EC581, EC582, EC583, EC584, EC585, EC586, EC587, EC588, EC589, EC590, EC591, EC592, EC593, EC594, EC595, EC596) [4MR], (EC628) [7MR], (EC729, EC730, EC731, EC732, EC733, EC734, EC735, EC736, EC737, EC738, EC739, EC740, EC741, EC742, EC743, EC744, EC745, EC746, EC747, EC748, EC749, EC750, EC751, EC752, EC753, EC754, EC755, EC756, EC757, EC758, EC759, EC760, EC761, EC762, EC763, EC764) [11MR], (EC917) [21MR], (EC1062, EC1063, EC1064, EC1068, EC1073, EC1074, EC1075, EC1076) [10AP], (EC1152) [16AP], (EC1486, EC1487, EC1488, EC1489, EC1490) [14MY], (EC1524) [15MY], (EC1615, EC1616, EC1617) [22MY], (EC1828, EC1829) [11JN], (EC2196) [8JY], (EC2233, EC2234, EC2235, EC2236, EC2237, EC2238, EC2239, EC2240) [11JY], (EC2419) [24JY], (EC2457, EC2460, EC2461, EC2462, EC2463, EC2464) [25JY], (EC2676, EC2677, EC2678, EC2679, EC2680, EC2681, EC2682, EC2683, EC2684, EC2685, EC2689) [9SE], (EC3106, EC3107, EC3108, EC3111) [24SE], (EC3218, EC3219, EC3220, EC3221, EC3222, EC3223, EC3224) [30SE], (EC3359, EC3363, EC3364, EC3365, EC3366, EC3367, EC3368, EC3369, EC3370, EC3371, EC3372, EC3373, EC3374, EC3375, EC3376, EC3377, EC3378, EC3379, EC3380, EC3381, EC3382, EC3383, EC3384, EC3385, EC3386, EC3387, EC3388, EC3389, EC3390) [30OC], (EC3851, EC3852, EC3853, EC3854) [16DE], (EC4003) [19DE]
Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, (EC1058) [9AP]
EEOC, (EC1077) [10AP], (EC2000) [19JN], (EC3133) [24SE]
Election Assistance Commission, (EC1848) [11JN], (EC2141) [27JN], (EC3846) [16DE], (EC4002) [19DE]
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Executive Office of the President, (EC109) [23JA], (EC338) [12FE], (EC467) [27FE], (EC861, EC862) [20MR], (EC872) [21MR], (EC971, EC1057) [9AP], (EC1409) [8MY], (EC1434) [9MY], (EC1441) [13MY], (EC1531) [16MY], (EC1981) [18JN], (EC2050) [24JN], (EC2077) [25JN], (EC2378) [24JY], (EC2481) [30JY], (EC2625) [9SE], (EC2759, EC2782, EC2783) [12SE], (EC2907) [17SE], (EC3411) [31OC], (EC3529) [7NO], (EC3639) [20NO], (EC4013) [19DE]
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Farm Credit Administration, (EC147) [24JA], (EC331) [12FE], (EC1079) [10AP], (EC1132) [16AP], (EC1378) [8MY], (EC1464) [14MY], (EC1566) [21MY], (EC1786) [10JN], (EC2038) [24JN], (EC2564) [1AU], (EC2696) [11SE], (EC3476) [5NO], (EC3772, EC3839) [16DE]

Farm Credit System Insurance Corp., (EC1093) [10AP]

FCC, (EC155, EC156, EC157, EC158, EC159, EC160, EC183, EC184, EC185) [24JA], (EC212) [29JA], (EC303, EC304, EC305) [11FE], (EC640, EC641, EC642, EC643, EC644) [7MR], (EC899, EC900, EC901) [21MR], (EC941, EC942, EC943) [22MR], (EC1258, EC1259, EC1260) [22AP], (EC1371) [25AP], (EC1569, EC1570, EC1571, EC1572) [21MY], (EC1651, EC1652, EC1653, EC1654) [23MY], (EC1958) [18JN], (EC2012, EC2013) [20JN], (EC2348, EC2349, EC2350, EC2351, EC2352, EC2354) [23JY], (EC2495, EC2496, EC2497) [1AU], (EC2807) [12SE], (EC2957, EC2958) [18SE], (EC2959, EC2960, EC2961, EC3046) [19SE], (EC3167, EC3168) [24SE], (EC3462, EC3464, EC3465) [31OC], (EC3629, EC3630) [19NO], (EC3932, EC3933, EC3934) [17DE], (EC4034) [20DE]

FDA, (EC337) [12FE], (EC783) [12MR], (EC828) [14MR], (EC1047, EC1048, EC1049, EC1050, EC1051) [9AP], (EC1527) [16MY], (EC1783) [10JN], (EC1857) [11JN], (EC2054, EC2055) [24JN], (EC2194) [8JY], (EC2246) [11JY], (EC2339) [23JY], (EC2411, EC2412) [24JY], (EC2886, EC2887) [17SE], (EC3132) [24SE], (EC3260) [30SE], (EC3285) [2OC], (EC3826, EC3827, EC3828, EC3829, EC3830, EC3880) [16DE], (EC3963) [19DE]

FDIC, (EC1088) [10AP], (EC2308) [18JY], (EC3087, EC3088) [23SE], (EC3763) [10DE]

FEC, (EC150) [24JA], (EC1153) [16AP], (EC1854) [11JN], (EC3139) [24SE], (EC3847) [16DE]

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, (EC974) [9AP], (EC2041) [24JN]

Federal Home Loan Banks, (EC983) [9AP], (EC1108) [10AP], (EC1388, EC1396) [8MY], (EC1533, EC1534) [16MY], (EC1872) [11JN], (EC1970) [18JN], (EC2042) [24JN], (EC2189) [8JY], (EC2309) [18JY], (EC2379, EC2380) [24JY]

Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, (EC1870) [11JN]

Federal Housing Finance Agency, (EC195) [29JA], (EC802) [13MR], (EC1107) [10AP], (EC1532) [16MY], (EC1984) [19JN], (EC2206, EC2207) [10JY], (EC3091) [23SE], (EC3314) [30OC], (EC3494) [6NO], (EC3762) [10DE]

Federal Labor Relations Authority, (EC205) [29JA], (EC1091) [10AP], (EC2421) [24JY], (EC3530) [7NO]

Federal Maritime Commission, (EC1173) [18AP], (EC1677) [23MY], (EC3172) [24SE], (EC3843) [16DE]

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, (EC143) [24JA]

Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, (EC1083) [10AP]

Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, (EC3286) [2OC], (EC3360) [30OC]

Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, (EC1870) [11JN]

FEMA, (EC10, EC8, EC9) [22JA], (EC111) [23JA], (EC144) [24JA], (EC191, EC192) [29JA], (EC244, EC245, EC246) [31JA], (EC296, EC297) [11FE], (EC444, EC445, EC446) [26FE], (EC601) [5MR], (EC620) [7MR], (EC769) [11MR], (EC816) [14MR], (EC981, EC982) [9AP], (EC1140, EC1141) [16AP], (EC1393, EC1394) [8MY], (EC1435, EC1436, EC1437) [9MY], (EC1666, EC1667) [23MY], (EC1968, EC1969) [18JN], (EC2004, EC2005) [20JN], (EC2203) [10JY], (EC2429, EC2430) [25JY], (EC2773, EC2774, EC2775, EC2776, EC2777, EC2778, EC2779, EC2780) [12SE], (EC3084, EC3089, EC3090) [23SE], (EC3178, EC3179, EC3217) [30SE], (EC3496) [6NO], (EC3542) [7NO], (EC3759, EC3760, EC3761) [10DE], (EC3786) [16DE], (EC3970) [19DE]

FERC, (EC119, EC120) [23JA], (EC346) [12FE], (EC474) [27FE], (EC603) [5MR], (EC627) [7MR], (EC803) [13MR], (EC984) [9AP], (EC1090) [10AP], (EC1303, EC1304) [24AP], (EC1806, EC1807) [10JN], (EC2796, EC2797, EC2798, EC2799, EC2804) [12SE], (EC3317, EC3319) [30OC], (EC3477) [5NO], (EC3790, EC3791, EC3792) [16DE], (EC3889) [17DE], (EC3974, EC3975) [19DE]

Financing Corp., (EC2387) [24JY]

Florida, (EC2917) [17SE]

Forest Service, (EC1874) [11JN], (EC2209) [10JY], (EC2805) [12SE], (EC3083) [23SE]

FRS, (EC449) [26FE], (EC470) [27FE], (EC1333, EC1375) [25AP], (EC1484) [14MY], (EC1668) [23MY], (EC1769) [4JN], (EC2381) [24JY], (EC2482) [30JY], (EC3309, EC3315) [30OC], (EC3531) [7NO]

FTC, (EC14) [22JA], (EC151) [24JA], (EC215, EC216) [29JA], (EC373) [13FE], (EC635) [7MR], (EC1497) [14MY], (EC1836) [11JN], (EC2014, EC2015, EC2016, EC2017) [20JN], (EC2143, EC2144) [27JN], (EC2365) [23JY], (EC2908) [17SE], (EC2956) [18SE], (EC3566) [18NO], (EC3765) [10DE], (EC3952) [18DE], (EC4143, EC4146) [20DE]

GAO, (EC149) [24JA]

GSA, (EC148) [24JA], (EC232, EC233, EC234, EC235, EC236, EC237, EC238) [30JA], (EC557, EC558, EC559, EC560, EC561, EC562) [4MR], (EC809) [13MR], (EC1072, EC1086) [10AP], (EC1154) [17AP], (EC2057, EC2058, EC2059, EC2060, EC2061, EC2062, EC2063, EC2064, EC2065, EC2066, EC2067, EC2068, EC2069) [24JN], (EC2117, EC2118, EC2119) [27JN], (EC2665, EC2666, EC2667, EC2668, EC2669, EC2670, EC2671, EC2672) [9SE], (EC3103) [24SE], (EC3302, EC3303, EC3304) [3OC], (EC3321) [30OC], (EC3528) [7NO], (EC3631) [20NO], (EC3856, EC3857, EC3858, EC3859, EC3860) [16DE]

Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, (EC141) [24JA]

Inter-American Foundation, (EC1151) [16AP]

Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, (EC2071) [24JN], (EC2098) [25JN]

IRS, (EC26, EC27, EC28) [22JA], (EC123, EC124, EC125, EC126) [23JA], (EC200, EC201, EC202, EC203, EC204) [29JA], (EC259, EC260, EC261, EC262, EC263) [31JA], (EC357, EC358, EC359) [12FE], (EC505, EC506, EC507, EC508, EC509, EC510, EC511, EC512, EC513, EC514, EC515) [28FE], (EC609, EC610) [5MR], (EC822) [14MR], (EC860) [20MR], (EC912, EC913, EC914) [21MR], (EC1022, EC1023, EC1024, EC1025, EC1026) [9AP], (EC1155, EC1156, EC1157, EC1158, EC1159) [17AP], (EC1323, EC1324) [24AP], (EC1338) [25AP], (EC1410) [8MY], (EC1429, EC1430, EC1431, EC1432) [9MY], (EC1543, EC1544) [16MY], (EC1602, EC1603, EC1604, EC1605, EC1606, EC1607) [22MY], (EC1855, EC1866, EC1867, EC1868) [11JN], (EC1971) [18JN], (EC1990, EC1991) [19JN], (EC2008, EC2009, EC2011) [20JN], (EC2220, EC2221, EC2222, EC2223, EC2224) [10JY], (EC2270, EC2271, EC2272, EC2273) [16JY], (EC2341) [23JY], (EC2404, EC2405, EC2406, EC2407, EC2408, EC2409) [24JY], (EC2599) [1AU], (EC2610, EC2611, EC2612, EC2613, EC2614, EC2615, EC2616, EC2617, EC2618, EC2619, EC2620) [9SE], (EC2741, EC2742, EC2743, EC2744, EC2747, EC2748, EC2749, EC2750) [11SE], (EC3095, EC3096, EC3097, EC3098) [23SE], (EC3210, EC3211, EC3212) [30SE], (EC3330, EC3331, EC3332, EC3334, EC3335) [30OC], (EC3520, EC3521, EC3522, EC3523, EC3524, EC3525) [7NO], (EC3717, EC3718, EC3719, EC3720, EC3721, EC3722, EC3723, EC3724, EC3725, EC3726, EC3727, EC3728, EC3729, EC3730, EC3731, EC3732, EC3733, EC3734) [9DE], (EC3795, EC3796, EC3797, EC3798, EC3799, EC3800, EC3801) [16DE], (EC3985, EC3986) [19DE]

ITC, (EC1320) [24AP], (EC2403) [24JY], (EC3295) [3OC]

Joint Chiefs of Staff, (EC339) [12FE], (EC1385) [8MY], (EC1775) [4JN]

Judicial Conference of the U.S., (EC46) [22JA], (EC1126, EC1127) [11AP]

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, (EC3429) [31OC]

Library of Congress, (EC3691) [21NO]

Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, (EC353) [12FE], (EC851) [19MR], (EC1972) [18JN]

Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, (EC915) [21MR], (EC2048) [24JN]

Merit Systems Protection Board, (EC369) [12FE], (EC1118) [11AP], (EC1376) [25AP], (EC3902) [17DE]

Millennium Challenge Corp., (EC1835) [11JN]

Mississippi River Commission, (EC142) [24JA]

NASA, (EC152) [24JA], (EC374, EC375) [13FE], (EC639) [7MR], (EC1624) [22MY], (EC2142) [27JN]

National Archives and Records Administration, (EC1) [3JA], (EC1092) [10AP], (EC2333) [18JY], (EC3110) [24SE], (EC3862) [16DE]

National Credit Union Administration, (EC219, EC220, EC221) [30JA], (EC342) [12FE], (EC977) [9AP], (EC1804) [10JN], (EC1834) [11JN], (EC2006) [20JN], (EC3690) [21NO]

National Endowment for the Arts, (EC1053) [9AP], (EC1841) [11JN], (EC3841) [16DE]

National Endowment for the Humanities, (EC3995) [19DE]

National Gallery of Art, (EC3552) [14NO]

National Health Care Workforce Commission, (EC1054) [9AP], (EC3300) [3OC]
National Indian Gaming Commission, (EC1084) [10AP], (EC3863, EC3864, EC3865, EC3866, EC3867, EC3868, EC3869, EC3870) [16DE]
National Mediation Board, (EC563) [4MR]
National Park Service, (EC478) [27FE], (EC621, EC622) [7MR], (EC1477) [14MY], (EC2043) [24JN], (EC3292) [3OC], (EC3788, EC3789) [16DE]
National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, (EC625) [7MR]
National Security Agency, (EC2422) [24JY]
National Tropical Botanical Garden, (EC3555) [14NO]
NeighborWorks America, (EC873) [21MR]
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Appointments
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Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 625), [20MR]
———making continuing (see S.J. Res. 23), [2OC]
———provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [13MR]
———limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
———replace current fiscal year sequestration (see S. 18), [27FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (see S. 16), [27FE] (see S. 799), [24AP]
———require the President to submit a budget to Congress listing current fiscal year spending levels for proposed programs and separate amounts for proposed spending increases (see S. 1314), [17JY] (see S. 1321), [18JY]
———setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023 (see S. Con. Res. 8), [18MR]
———setting forth the Federal budget for 2014–2023 (see S. Con. Res. 14), [22AP]
———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
CBO: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 1472), [1AU]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 25), [11OC]
Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [27JN]
———require transparency in meeting Federal goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
Dept. of Commerce and the Workforce: establish (see S. 1836), [17DE]

Dept. of Energy: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [9AP]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
FAA: exempt from reduction under any order issued to carry out a sequestration (see S. 817), [25AP]
Federal agencies and departments: allow interagency transfers of funds to provide more flexibility for the agency to comply with a sequestration order (see S. 465), [5MR] (see S. 1017), [22MY]
———close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1792), [10DE]
———codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 1231), [26JN]
———develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 350), [14FE]
———establish Federal customer service standards and improve service provided by Federal agencies (see S. 760), [18AP]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
———improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [24JY]
———improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———modify appointment of Inspectors General (see S. 1366), [25JY]
———permit agencies to count certain contracts toward certain small business contracting goals (see S. 1190), [19JN]
———prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 1097), [6JN]
———prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [11JY]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]
———quantify costs associated with proposed economically significant regulations (see S. 786), [23AP]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
———reform regulatory process to ensure freedom of small businesses to compete and create jobs (see S. 1730), [19NO]
———reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
———report on responses to Inspector General recommendations on cost-saving measures or reimbursement for poor contractor performance, cost overruns, or other reasons (see S. 664), [22MR]
———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1611), [30OC]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1173), [18JN]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 523), [12MR]
———set forth reasons for determining that a proposed regulatory action is significant (see S. 787), [23AP]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [21MR]
Federal employees: clarify certain due process rights of employees serving in sensitive positions (see S. 1809), [12DE]
———eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
———eliminate use of official time (see S. 785), [23AP]
———establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]
———limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
———prohibit performance awards in the Senior Executive Service during sequestration periods (see S. 986), [16MY]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for official portraits of Members of Congress or heads of executive or legislative branch agencies or offices (see S. 1820), [12DE]
Firearms: limit amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [25AP]
Foreign aid: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
Government regulations: require that Federal regulations use plain writing that is clear, concise, well-organized, and follows other best practices appropriate to the subject or field and intended audience (see S. 807), [24AP]
Government Transformation Commission: establish (see S. 1297), [16JY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of non-essential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 417), [28FE]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [30JY]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
OPM: require submittal of an annual report on the use of official time by Federal employees (see S. 1338), [23JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 902), [8MY]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
Privacy: prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
———recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 26), [21NO]
Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 1390), [30JY]
Senate Rules: prevent creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs (see S. Res. 110), [24AP]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Veterans: require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
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Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
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Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2217) (S. Rept. 113–77), [18JY]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]
Federal Real Property Asset Management Reform Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1398) (S. Rept. 113–122), [19NO]
Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1271) (S. Rept. 113–131), [20DE]
Security Clearance Oversight and Reform Enhancement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1276) (S. Rept. 113–111), [24SE]
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Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Firearms: provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect and prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes (see S. 82), [23JA]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Manufacturing Strategy: require development (see S. 544), [13MR]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 902), [8MY]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
Public debt: retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
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Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
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Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Cluster munitions: limit use (see S. 419), [28FE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
Law enforcement: strengthen enforcement of background checks relative to the use of explosive materials (see S. 792), [23AP]
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Abolish (see S. 1102), [6JN]
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Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 1179), [18JN]
Reports filed
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1372) (S. Rept. 113–81), [25JY]
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EXTREME WEATHER PREVENTION AND RESILIENCE ACT
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Enact (see S. 7), [22JA]
FAA MODERNIZATION AND REFORM ACT
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FAA: provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 1639), [4NO]
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Technology: provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a network of digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools (see S. 1705), [14NO]
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Smithsonian Institution: appoint as citizen regent of Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 28), [11DE]
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Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 85), [23JA]
FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies (see S. 1613), [30OC]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
———require inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers (see S. 471), [6MR]
FAIR HOUSING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service (see S. 1281), [11JY]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [12NO]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 1626), [30OC]
Minimum wage: increase, and extend increased expensing limitations for depreciable business assets and treatment of certain property as section 179 property (see S. 1737), [19NO]
———increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Motor vehicles: provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 487), [7MR]
Volunteer workers: clarify that volunteers at children's consignment events are not employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 1656), [6NO]
Women: provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]
FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 460), [5MR]
FAIR SENTENCING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]
FAIR TELEPHONE BILLING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1144), [12JN]
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FAIRNESS FOR STRUGGLING STUDENTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
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Bills and resolutions
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
FAMILIES AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS *related term(s)* **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**
Appointments
Commission To Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, [7MR], [9MY]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 143), [24JA]
———prohibit Federal funding of abortions (see S. 142), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
Adoption: reauthorize and restructure adoption incentives payments (see S. 1870, 1876), [19DE]
———remove barriers to the adoption of children in foster care through reauthorization and improvement of the adoption incentives program (see S. 1511), [17SE]
Afterschool Alliance (organization): support goals and ideals of Lights on Afterschool! event (see S. Res. 274), [16OC]
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [14FE]
———exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872, 1880), [19DE]
———improve protections for servicemembers and their families (see S. 1579), [28OC]
———pay monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant (see S. 1076), [23MY]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent,

safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
———encourage the placement of children in foster care with siblings (see S. 1786), [10DE]
———enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 1527), [19SE]
———establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1203), [20JN]
———improve outcomes for youth at risk for sex trafficking (see S. 1518), [18SE]
———increase effectiveness of State child support enforcement programs (see S. 1763), [21NO]
———increase reliability of child support (see S. 1870, 1877), [19DE]
———issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1047), [23MY]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [11JY]
Citizenship: constitutional amendment to restrict citizenship of individuals born in the U.S. to those with one parent that is a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or active member of the U.S. military (see S.J. Res. 4), [23JA]
Coast Guard: improve quality of life for members and families through expanded child care availability, increased educational opportunities, and eased transition to post-service life (see S. 1760), [21NO]
———making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members (see S.J. Res. 24), [10OC]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Credit: provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death or disability of the student borrower (see S. 1773), [21NO]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [22JA] (see S. 369), [14FE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———establish, enhance, and increase access to early childhood parent education and family engagement programs (see S. 1674), [7NO]
———improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students (see S. 870), [7MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 13), [26FE]
———ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 834), [25AP]
———establish a public-private partnership program to provide child care (see S. 442), [4MR]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [28FE]
———improve the quality of infant and toddler care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1065), [23MY]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
———reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of HUD: develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
Dept. of Justice: establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
———increase authorization for Children's Advocacy Centers (see S. 1799), [11DE]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [16JY]
———report on State law penalties for certain child abusers and expand the predicate for increased penalties for domestic assaults against children (see S. 1778), [9DE]
Dept. of Labor: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders (see S. 1583), [28OC]
———conduct study relative to claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans (see S. 1755), [21NO]
———establish a continuing medical education program for medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of conditions common to veterans and their families (see S. 1863), [19DE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 1602), [29OC]
———expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [23MY]
———furnish case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam and certain Korean war veterans born with spina bifida or certain birth defects (see S. 832), [25AP]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
———improve benefits and assistance to surviving spouses of veterans (see S. 735), [16AP]
———provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to Armed Forces members, screen veterans for domestic abuse, and report on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse (see S. 1581), [28OC]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 1573), [16OC]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [16AP]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 125), [25AP]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
———prohibit in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
———permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 1248), [27JN]
———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 1626), [30OC]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [4FE]
———allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 846), [25AP] (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [19SE]
Firearms: prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 67), [5MR]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
———clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 301), [13FE]
———eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants and increase the per-country limitation for family-sponsored immigrants (see S. 293), [13FE]
———impose a fine on international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the U.S. (see S. 1176), [18JN]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]
———require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [18AP]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
Law enforcement: protect prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and their families from retaliation or intimidation and create stronger offenses for those who target public officials (see S. 698), [10AP]
Little Rock, AR: treat Armed Forces members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]
Marriage: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]

Medicaid: extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 1672), [7NO]
Medicare: cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [14MR]
Military and Veterans Caregiver Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [7MR]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [26FE]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 148), [16MY]
National Runaway Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 308), [20NO]
National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care: designate (see S. Res. 21), [30JA]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
Older Americans Month: designate (see S. Res. 137), [9MY]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 64), [23JA]
Prescott, AZ: honor memory and commend bravery and sacrifice of Prescott Fire Dept., Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew killed battling wildfire and extend condolences to surviving families (see S. Res. 193), [10JY]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
———require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 873), [7MY]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 61), [27FE]
Social Security: improve enforcement, collection, and administration of child support payments (see S. 508), [7MR]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 1810), [12DE]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 79), [18MR]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 91), [23JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 86), [23JA]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [15AP]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 56), [22JA]
———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 1713), [14NO]
———provide a credit for costs of certain infertility treatments (see S. 881), [7MY]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 1485), [1AU]
———provide deduction for itemizers and nonitemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 87), [23JA]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 1056), [23MY]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [28FE]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
———rename the section of the Internal Revenue Code known as the spousal individual retirement account as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA (see S. 1221), [25JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal estate and gift taxes (see S. 1402), [31JY]
———repeal Internal Revenue Code and replace with a flat tax (see S. 173), [29JA]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Veterans: authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1058), [23MY]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 851), [25AP]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5, 47), [22JA]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [19NO]
Women: provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 171), [13JN]
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Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 893) (S. Rept. 113–87), [9SE]
Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]
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FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT
Bills and resolutions
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Death and dying: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [4FE]
Employment: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 846), [25AP] (see S. 857), [6MY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 1810), [12DE]

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INCLUSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 846), [25AP]

FAMILY FARMER BANKRUPTCY CLARIFICATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1427), [1AU]

FAMILY FRIENDLY AND WORKPLACE FLEXIBILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1626), [30OC]

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 454), [5MR]

FANNIE MAE (GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISE)
Bills and resolutions
Credit: provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
———require portion of closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage loans (see S. 1375), [25JY]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [23MY]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]

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North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 32), [13FE]

FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
———modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
———provide for the conduct of activities to detect, and respond in a timely manner to, threats to animal health (see S. 859), [6MY]

FARMER IDENTITY PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
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Appointments
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Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
Agriculture: make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [24JA]
———permanently suspend application of certain price support authority (see S. 956), [15MY]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]
———reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
———restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits to farmers (see S. 281), [12FE]
Armed Forces: better connect current and former members with employment opportunities by consolidating duplicative Federal Government websites and conserve resources by merging redundant and competing programs (see S. 1637), [31OC]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1399), [30JY]
———pay monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant (see S. 1076), [23MY]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [6MR]
Budget: exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
———require the President to submit a budget to Congress listing current fiscal year spending levels for proposed programs and separate amounts for proposed spending increases (see S. 1314), [17JY] (see S. 1321), [18JY]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [22MY]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [7MR]
Children and youth: establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
———improve outcomes for youth at risk for sex trafficking (see S. 1518), [18SE]
———issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1047), [23MY]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]
Colleges and universities: require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
———require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [12MR]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency and energy savings in residential buildings (see S. 1200), [20JN]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Contracts: increase contracting goals for service-disabled veteran-owned small business and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 259), [7FE]
Credit: increase access to refinancing for homeowners (see S. 1373), [25JY]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a market-driven inventory system for farmers and ranchers (see S. 746), [17AP]
———establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]
———expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans (see S. 784), [23AP]
———expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [31OC]
———improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 458), [5MR]
———improve Federal dairy programs (see S. 605), [19MR] (see S. 670), [9AP]
———improve the crop insurance program (see S. 677), [9AP]
———improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 762), [18AP]
———include California as a separate Federal milk marketing order upon the petition and approval of California dairy producers (see S. 663), [22MR]
———increase purchase of Kosher and Halal food and modify labeling of the commodities list under the Emergency Food Assistance Program to assist food banks in obtaining such foods (see S. 811), [25AP]
———modernize conservation programs, protect long term investments, increase small and midsize farmer's access to programs, and prioritize modern-day conservation needs (see S. 923), [9MY]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
———reduce crop insurance premium subsidies (see S. 446), [5MR]
———terminate certain direct payments to farmers (see S. 334), [14FE]
Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 521), [11MR]
———establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 868), [7MY]
———implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [25AP]
———improve the Transition Assistance Program (see S. 889), [7MY]
———provide certain information to State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of Armed Forces members from military service to civilian life (see S. 1684), [12NO]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 1066), [23MY]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 756), [17AP]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———amend the Small, Rural School Achievement Program and the Rural and Low-Income School Program (see S. 1222), [25JN]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 1129), [11JN]
———award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 918), [9MY]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [7MR]
———award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [13FE]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]
———establish a comprehensive literacy program (see S. 758), [18AP]
———establish a new counseling program (see S. 282), [12FE]
———establish a Pay It Forward model for funding postsecondary education that requires students to pay a percentage of their income back into the fund upon graduation (see S. 1884), [20DE]
———establish a program to provide professional development activities for educators (see S. 441), [4MR]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 439), [4MR]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———establish an alternative accountability model for elementary and secondary schools to measure student progress (see S. 943), [14MY]
———establish Federal-State partnership to increase higher education funding and need-based student financial aid (see S. 1874), [19DE]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [11AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools by authorizing school turnaround grants and reward schools that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps (see S. 578), [14MR]

———improve programs operated by local educational agencies with high numbers of children from low-income families (see S. 1110), [6JN]
———improve teacher and principal quality (see S. 1063), [23MY]
———improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, increasing cap on subsidized loans, and refinancing current fixed-rate loans (see S. 909), [8MY]
———make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students (see S. 870), [7MY]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1873), [19DE]
———provide for loan forgiveness for early childhood educators (see S. 440), [4MR]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
———provide new program review requirements relative to colleges and universities (see S. 406), [28FE]
———provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development (see S. 1113), [7JN]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
———recruit, prepare, and support principals through capacity-building measures that will improve student academic achievement in high-need schools (see S. 840), [25AP]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682), [9AP] (see S. 1003), [21MY]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 1659), [6NO]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [9MY]
Dept. of Energy: establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]
———establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1501), [12SE]
———establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [11AP]
———promote mapping and development of U.S. geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells (see S. 362), [14FE]
———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
———reauthorize weatherization and State energy programs (see S. 1213), [20JN]
Dept. of HHS: allow use of Child Care and Development Block Grant Program funds to improve child safety and reduce incidence of preventable infant deaths in child care settings (see S. 1494), [11SE]
———assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care (see S. 466), [5MR]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 13), [26FE]
———better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of victims under adoption assistance and foster care programs (see S. 1823), [13DE]
———ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 834), [25AP]
———establish a public-private partnership program to provide child care (see S. 442), [4MR]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [28FE]
———improve the quality of infant and toddler care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1065), [23MY]
———include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1815), [12DE]
———integrate mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and provide grants for geriatric mental health treatment outreach teams (see S. 1119), [7JN]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]
———provide for participation in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program of certain specialists needed to respond to environmental public health emergencies (see S. 426), [28FE]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 1445), [1AU]
———provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
———provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary education system (see S. 1259), [27JN]
———reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
———reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 883), [7MY] (see S. 1850), [18DE]
———remove Social Security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to beneficiaries (see S. 612), [19MR]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of HUD: authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance (see S. 1177), [18JN]
———develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
———establish a pilot program to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans (see S. 1387), [30JY]
———reauthorize programs for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians (see S. 640), [21MR]
———reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [13FE]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [28FE]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
———improve administration of grants to States under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and ensure that all criminal defendants receive adequate representation (see S. 597), [18MR]
———strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [24JA]
Dept. of Labor: authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1227), [26JN]
———extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1357), [24JY]
———improve management of the Job Corps program (see S. 1825), [13DE]
———list employers that relocate call centers overseas, make such companies ineligible for Federal grants and loans, and require call center employees to disclose their physical location (see S. 1565), [30SE]
———prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]
———provide grants for an Urban Jobs Program (see S. 655), [22MR]
———require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [5MR]
———strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
———strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (see S. 1356), [24JY]
Dept. of the Treasury: authorize States to use assistance provided under the Hardest Hit Fund program to demolish blighted structures (see S. 1122), [10JN]
———provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire real property that complies with certain approved habitat conservation plans (see S. 1175), [18JN]
Dept. of Transportation: establish an Emergency Transportation Safety Fund (see S. 911), [9MY]
———obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]
———reauthorize Projects of National and Regional Significance program to fund high-cost surface transportation projects (see S. 823), [25AP]
———withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow use of educational assistance funds to defray training costs associated with purchasing certain franchise enterprises (see S. 938), [14MY]
———assess feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of veterans' benefits, services, and outreach activities (see S. 927), [9MY]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11MR]
———carry out a program of outreach for veterans (see S. 1558), [27SE]

———conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders (see S. 1583), [28OC]
———deduct amounts for repayment from the last months of educational assistance entitlement in cases of overpayments under Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 930), [13MY]
———deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for benefit purposes (see S. 690), [9AP]
———ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 800), [24AP]
———expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services (see S. 1604), [29OC]
———expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [12FE]
———expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [23MY]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 515), [11MR]
———extend work-study program for individuals pursuing rehabilitation, education, or training and expand program to veterans' outreach services provided by congressional offices (see S. 894), [8MY]
———furnish case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam and certain Korean war veterans born with spina bifida or certain birth defects (see S. 832), [25AP]
———improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs (see S. 1216), [25JN]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
———improve benefits and assistance to surviving spouses of veterans (see S. 735), [16AP]
———improve Health Professionals Education Assistance Program (see S. 845), [25AP]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 825), [25AP]
———include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects (see S. 1540), [24SE]
———issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans (see S. 778), [23AP]
———make certain clarifications and improvements in academic and vocational counseling programs (see S. 1682), [12NO]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———provide additional assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program to veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) (see S. 514), [11MR]
———provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program who are pursuing education programs (see S. 262), [7FE]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [10AP]
———provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved (see S. 1148), [12JN]
———provide veterans, when they electronically file claims for benefits, with notice that relevant services may be available to them from veterans service organizations (see S. 1295), [15JY]
———repeal time limitations on eligibility for use of All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program benefits and improve veterans education outreach (see S. 863), [6MY]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 944), [14MY]
———require recipients of per diem payments for provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided (see S. 1580), [28OC]
———review the dialysis pilot program and submit a report to Congress before expanding such program (see S. 1547), [24SE]
———update basis for establishing Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program premium rates (see S. 1585), [28OC]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve oversight of educational assistance (see S. 1717), [14NO]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]
Disasters: extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster (see S. 1274), [10JY]
———provide assistance for condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster (see S. 1480), [1AU]
———provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters (see S. 243), [7FE]
———provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1819), [12DE]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
Diseases: extend authorities relative to global HIV/AIDS and promote oversight of U.S. programs (see S. 1545), [24SE]
———foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [12MR]
———improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 608), [19MR]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
———provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
———provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and work-based training for unemployed adults and youth (see S. 1383), [29JY]
Education: establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]
———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for pre-kindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Employment: streamline Federal job training system, steer training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide State access to National Directory of New Hires (see S. 804), [24AP]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 1508), [17SE]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
———prohibit awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or financial assistance under the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity to occur outside the U.S. (see S. 558), [13MR]
Families and domestic relations: enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 1527), [19SE]
———increase effectiveness of State child support enforcement programs (see S. 1763), [21NO]
———increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1870, 1877), [19DE]
———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
FCC: prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 874), [7MY]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1792), [10DE]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 1231), [26JN]
———improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [24JY]
———prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [11JY]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [21MR]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 101), [23JA]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 667), [8AP]
———award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire (see S. 1396), [30JY]
———enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]
———establish pilot program to provide for wildfire mitigation grants (see S. 1428), [1AU]
———extend phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties (see S. 1075), [23MY]
———improve the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 996), [21MY]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
———provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage (see S. 1851), [18DE]
———reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
Hurricanes: provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 803), [24AP]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Income: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 1099), [6JN]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 108), [23JA]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [1AU]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [17AP]

———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 1672), [7NO]
———repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
———require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 1655), [6NO]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [26FE]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico under part B (see S. 324), [14FE]
———establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health (see S. 1228), [26JN]
———include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the ''Medicare and You Handbook'' and coordinate programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1184), [19JN]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [30JA]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
———delay implementation schedule of the reductions of disproportionate share hospital payments (see S. 1555), [26SE]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [26FE]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Native Americans: facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1574), [16OC]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [30SE]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 92), [23JA]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
———require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 873), [7MY]
Public works: provide financing assistance for qualified water infrastructure projects (see S. 335), [14FE]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act: reauthorize (see S. 659), [22MR]
SBA: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
———clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [28FE]
———enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program and provide for a small business early-stage investment program (see S. 1285), [11JY]
———establish a grant program to empower encore entrepreneurs (see S. 1454), [1AU]
———expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 206), [31JA]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [12FE]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 550), [13MR]
———increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 936), [14MY]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 88), [23JA]
———make grants available to local governments to place law enforcement officers in schools (see S. 148), [24JA]
———provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis (see S. 1025), [22MY]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Senate Rules: prevent creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs (see S. Res. 110), [24AP]
Senior citizens: provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
Social Security: improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [13FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
———provide for a phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 1311), [17JY]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [15AP]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [14MR]
Taxation: establish dairy farm savings accounts (see S. 493), [7MR]
———expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 1368), [25JY]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Transportation: limit executive compensation at public transit agencies that receive Federal funds (see S. 1496), [11SE]
———provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747), [20NO] (see S. 1797), [10DE] (see S. 1845), [17DE]
Veterans: appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [30SE]
———authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1058), [23MY]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [10AP]
———exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]
———improve coordination of Federal veteran job training services (see S. 140), [24JA]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of Dept. of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 257), [7FE]
———require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses (see S. 492), [7MR]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 970), [16MY]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [15MY]
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), [10JY], [15JY], [17JY]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (S. 1356), [21NO], [9DE], [10DE], [11DE], [16DE], [17DE], [18DE], [19DE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [18JY], [23JY], [25JY], [31JY]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]

Reports filed
Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954), [14MY]
———Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954) (S. Rept. 113–88), [9SE]
Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 289) (S. Rept. 113–89), [10SE]
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reauthorization: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 933), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Expansion of Definition of Homeless Veteran for Purposes of Benefits: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 287) (S. Rept. 113–110), [23SE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1243) (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1417), [19DE]
PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1545) (S. Rept. 113–112), [2OC]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 659) (S. Rept. 113–73), [15JY]
School Safety Enhancements Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 146), [12MR]
Small Business Disaster Reform Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 415) (S. Rept. 113–84), [31JY]
Strengthen Workforce Development System Through Innovation and Alignment and Improvement of Employment, Training, and Education Programs and Promote Economic Growth: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1356), [12NO]
Supporting At-Risk Children Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]
Veterans' Educational Transition Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 944) (S. Rept. 113–123), [9DE]
Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 131) (S. Rept. 113–106), [17SE]

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
Bills and resolutions
Aviation: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
———provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 1639), [4NO]
Budget: exempt from reduction under any order issued to carry out a sequestration (see S. 817), [25AP]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]
Noise pollution: issue regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas of Los Angeles County, CA (see S. 208), [4FE]
Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, Nashua, NH: designate (see S. 540), [12MR]
Safety: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 1495), [11SE]
Space policy: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [18JY], [23JY], [25JY], [31JY]
Reports filed
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1243) (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
Small Airplane Revitalization Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1072) (S. Rept. 113–108), [17SE]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [23JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
———ensure that individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and require a background check for every firearm sale (see S. 374), [25FE]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 312), [9DE]
Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
Schools: require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 111), [23JA]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Cloture motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
Reports filed
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
Protecting Responsible Gun Sellers Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 374), [12MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]
Urge Intensified Cooperation by Iran on the Case of the Disappearance of Former FBI Agent, Robert Levinson, While on Business Trip in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 312), [18DE]
Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
Government regulations: authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 245), [7FE]
———consolidate reporting obligations to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (see S. 1379), [29JY]
Intellectual property: provide that certain uses of a patent or copyright in compliance with an order for emergency communications services shall be construed as use or manufacture for the U.S. (see S. 1478), [1AU]
Lifeline program: prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service (see S. 874), [7MY]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
Rural areas: provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 1766), [21NO]
———suspend and revise proposed rule that revised Universal Service fund distribution to rural carriers and encourage investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure (see S. 1858), [18DE]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts and require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball (see S. 1721), [18NO]
Technology: direct wireless providers to permit the unlocking of mobile devices (see S. 481), [6MR]
Telecommunications: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 1776), [21NO]
———increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace (see S. 1680), [12NO]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
———prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills (see S. 1144), [12JN]
Television: allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide subscribers a la carte video programming, penalize broadcasters for downgrading services, and eliminate sports blackout rule (see S. 912), [9MY]
———establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1789), [10DE]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
Improve Telephone Service in Rural Areas and Express That No Entity May Unreasonably Discriminate Against Telephone Users in Those Areas: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Res. 157) (S. Rept. 113–130), [19DE]
Violent Content Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 134) (S. Rept. 113–126), [17DE]

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION COLLABORATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 245), [7FE]

FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: provide for crop production on native sod (see S. 801), [24AP]

Dept. of Agriculture: improve the crop insurance program (see S. 677), [9AP]
———reduce crop insurance premium subsidies (see S. 446), [5MR]

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: ensure that customers can immediately close accounts at insured depository institutions on demand and without cost, and that consumers receive any balance in accounts immediately (see S. 1534), [19SE]

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORP. *related term(s)* **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———require a quantitative impact study on cumulative effect of the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets (see S. 737), [16AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]

FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT
Bills and resolutions
Elections: require disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity (see S. 791), [23AP]

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Elections: require disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity (see S. 791), [23AP]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act: Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. 375), [24JY]

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**
Bills and resolutions
Disasters: enhance existing programs providing mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]
———establish pilot program to provide for wildfire mitigation grants (see S. 1428), [1AU]
———extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster (see S. 1274), [10JY]
National Flood Insurance Program: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 667), [8AP]
———delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [6JN]
———delay increases in flood insurance premium rates until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
———ensure certain communities are granted exceptions for floodproofed residential basements for purposes of determining flood insurance premium rates (see S. 1601), [29OC]
———extend phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties (see S. 1075), [23MY]
———improve (see S. 996), [21MY]
Wildfires: award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire (see S. 1396), [30JY]
Reports filed
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2217) (S. Rept. 113–77), [18JY]

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETROACTIVE PAY FAIRNESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1567), [1OC]

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES *related term(s)* **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS**
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 171), [29JA] (see S. 1541, 1543), [24SE]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [18JY]
Budget: modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: reform the Border Patrol agent pay schedule (see S. 1691), [13NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Collective bargaining: eliminate use of official time (see S. 785), [23AP]
———limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
Committees of the Senate: authorize reporting of funding resolutions (see S. Res. 58), [27FE] (see S. Res. 228), [17SE]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 25), [11OC]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [27JN]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Courts: clarify certain due process rights of employees serving in sensitive positions (see S. 1809), [12DE]
DEA: anniversary (see S. Res. 178), [20JN]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
———improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [21MY]
———provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime (see S. 1078), [23MY]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [15MY]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 1812), [12DE]
Dept. of State: enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [30JY]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [9MY]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1556), [27SE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Employment: permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 1248), [27JN]
Families and domestic relations: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [19SE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 846), [25AP] (see S. 857), [6MY]
Federal agencies and departments: exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———modify appointment of Inspectors General (see S. 1366), [25JY]
———prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 1097), [6JN]
———provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [21MR]
Firefighters: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
Income: eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
———prohibit performance awards in the Senior Executive Service during sequestration periods (see S. 986), [16MY]
———provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
IRS: condemn targeting of Tea Party groups and call for an investigation (see S. Res. 159), [4JN]
———prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
———prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [14MY]
———prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Law enforcement officers: amend the definition of a law enforcement officer to include certain positions relative to retirement benefits (see S. 1172), [18JN]
Little Rock, AR: treat Armed Forces members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]

Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]
Members of Congress: require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
Merit Systems Protection Board: extend right of appeal to certain Postal Service employees (see S. 686), [9AP]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [30JY]
NLRB: delay enforcement of any rulings until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments of certain members (see S. 180), [30JA]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [23MY]
Official portraits: prohibit use of Federal funds for official portraits of Members of Congress or heads of executive or legislative branch agencies or offices (see S. 1820), [12DE]
OMB: withhold salary of the Director, Deputy Director, and Deputy Director for Management upon failure to submit the President's budget to Congress (see S. 620), [20MR]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
———require submittal of an annual report on the use of official time by Federal employees (see S. 1338), [23JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 902), [8MY]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 1629), [31OC]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Pensions: end the defined benefit portion of the Federal Employee Retirement System for any individual hired after a certain date (see S. 1678), [12NO]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 64), [23JA]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 1486), [1AU]
———recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Science: establish a position of Science Laureate of the U.S. (see S. 899), [8MY]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony, documents, and representation in Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough (see S. Res. 264), [1OC]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]
Senior citizens: provide higher-quality, lower-cost health care to seniors (see S. 1469), [1AU]
Senior Executive Service: provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
Small business: make enrollment in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program available when fewer than 2 qualified health plans are offered through the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) (see S. 1327), [18JY]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]
Sound recording and reproducing: establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]
Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act: modify requirements regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms (see S. 716), [11AP]
Taxation: make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 1045), [23MY]
Thrift Savings Plan: provide a corporate responsibility investment option (see S. 1746), [20NO]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Veterans: require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
Reports filed
Embassy Security, Threat Mitigation, and Personnel Protection Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1386), [9DE]
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]
Security Clearance Oversight and Reform Enhancement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1276) (S. Rept. 113–111), [24SE]
Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2747), [30OC]

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
———promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Idaho: reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (see S. 276), [11FE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (see S. 275), [11FE]
Land use: remove authority to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation (see S. 564), [14MR]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities (see S. 763), [18AP]
Reports filed
American Falls Reservoir Hydroelectric Project Deadline for Commencement of Construction Reinstatement and Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 276) (S. Rept. 113–24), [22AP]
Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 316) (S. Rept. 113–69), [27JN]
Hydropower Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545) (S. Rept. 113–36), [3JN]
Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267) (S. Rept. 113–38), [3JN]

FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [15AP]

FEDERAL FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 1653), [5NO]
———prevent abuse of dextromethorphan by restricting over-the-counter sales and bulk distribution (see S. 644), [21MR]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
FDA: ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
———improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
———improve safety of dietary supplements by requiring manufacturers to register supplement products with the FDA and amending labeling requirements (see S. 1425), [1AU]
———reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs (see S. 622), [20MR]
———require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [7FE]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
———strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [21NO]
Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Cloture motions
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Motions
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), [6NO], [7NO], [12NO], [13NO], [14NO]
Reports filed
Dept. of HHS Programs To Protect Against Pandemics and Attacks From Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 307), [14FE]
FDA User Fee Programs Relating to New Animal Drugs and Generic New Animal Drugs Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 622), [20MR]
Pharmaceutical Compounding Quality and Accountability Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 959), [19JN]

FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Federal agencies and departments: require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21MY]

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT *see* **GOVERNMENT—U.S.**
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Transportation: obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1806), [12DE]
FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Housing: improve, and ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (see S. 1376), [25JY]
Reports filed
FHA Solvency Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1376) (S. Rept. 113–129), [19DE]
FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
Bills and resolutions
Credit: increase access to refinancing for homeowners (see S. 1373), [25JY]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
———clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
FEDERAL JUDGESHIP ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1385), [30JY]
FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY
Bills and resolutions
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
FEDERAL LAND TRANSACTION FACILITATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Reports filed
Reauthorize: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 368) (S. Rept. 113–61), [27JN]
FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Corps of Engineers: include as a Federal land management agency (see S. 400), [28FE]
FEDERAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE CORP.
Bills and resolutions
Credit: provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
FEDERAL POWER ACT
Bills and resolutions
FERC: remove authority to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation (see S. 564), [14MR]
FEDERAL PRISON REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1783), [9DE]
FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT REFORM ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1398) (S. Rept. 113–122), [19NO]
FEDERAL REGISTER
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 473), [6MR]
FEDERAL REGULATIONS *see* **GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS**
FEDERAL RESERVE ACT
Bills and resolutions
FRS: improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and the Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 238), [7FE]
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
Bills and resolutions
Conflicts of interest: restrict conflicts of interest on the boards of directors of Federal Reserve banks (see S. 1018), [22MY]
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information maintained on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
———replace the Director with a 5-person commission and bring the Bureau into the regular appropriations process (see S. 205), [31JA]
———require Senate confirmation of Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
Dept. of Education: provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [8MY]
Economy: ensure conduct of policies to ensure long-term price stability and a low rate of inflation (see S. 215), [4FE]
Federal Reserve Act: improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and the Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 238), [7FE]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 101), [23JA]
Financial institutions: require a quantitative impact study on cumulative effect of the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets (see S. 737), [16AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]
Government regulations: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Insurance: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [25JY]
Money: improve circulation of $1 coins in order to phase out production of $1 bills (see S. 1105), [6JN]
———treat gold and silver coins used as legal tender in the same manner as U.S. currency (see S. 768), [18AP]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [16MY]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
Economy: permit voluntary economic activity (see S. 1004), [21MY]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Government regulations: prescribe regulations on the collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 418), [28FE]
Internet: prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 1830), [16DE]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors: establish (see S. 1358), [24JY]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [16MY]
Telephones: prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills (see S. 1144), [12JN]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
Violent Content Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 134) (S. Rept. 113–126), [17DE]
FEDERAL VACANCIES REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Federal agencies and departments: modify appointment of Inspectors General (see S. 1366), [25JY]
FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT
Bills and resolutions
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
———provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
———protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]
Mining and mineral resources: facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Power resources: prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 224), [4FE]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]

Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]

FEDERAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Bills and resolutions

Dept. of Labor: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]

FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS

Bills and resolutions

Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]

———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]

———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]

Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]

Appalachian Regional Commission: add Hickman, Perry, and Wayne Counties, TN, to the Appalachian region (see S. 1646), [5NO]

Arizona: facilitate efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land (see S. 339), [14FE]

Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [14FE]

BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]

Budget: exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]

———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]

Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]

Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]

Corps of Engineers: establish program to evaluate cost-effectiveness and efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for civil works flood control and navigation construction projects (see S. 66), [23JA]

Crime: ensure prisoners do not profit from their violent acts through the sale of ''murderabilia'' by restricting mailing and delivery privileges of prisoners for commercial purposes (see S. 1549), [24SE]

Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]

Dept. of Defense: provide certain information to State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of Armed Forces members from military service to civilian life (see S. 1684), [12NO]

Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]

———ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]

———ensure decisions to award grants or other assistance to States or local agencies are not contingent upon adoption of specific educational curricula (see S. 1890), [20DE]

———establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]

———establish a comprehensive literacy program (see S. 758), [18AP]

———establish Federal-State partnership to increase higher education funding and need-based student financial aid (see S. 1874), [19DE]

———modify the High School Graduation Initiative (School Dropout Prevention Program) (see S. 1109), [6JN]

———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]

Dept. of Energy: establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]

———establish Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [3JN]

———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]

Dept. of HHS: require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]

Dept. of Justice: establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]

———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]

———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs (see S. 1418), [1AU]

———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]

———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]

———provide incentives to States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at polls and simplify voter registration (see S. 85), [23JA]

———strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [24JA]

Dept. of the Interior: conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]

———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]

Dept. of the Treasury: allow reliance on State examinations for certain financial institutions in order to assist immigrant communities in making remittances to their countries of origin (see S. 1840), [17DE]

———establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by or on behalf of State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in financial recovery from earthquakes and related events (see S. 1813), [12DE]

———prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]

———reimburse States that use State funds to operate national parks during the Government shutdown (see S. 1572), [15OC]

Dept. of Transportation: set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [14NO]

———withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: assess feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of veterans' benefits, services, and outreach activities (see S. 927), [9MY]

———include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects (see S. 1540), [24SE]

———report cases of certain infectious diseases at departmental medical facilities (see S. 875), [7MY]

Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]

———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]

Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]

District of Columbia: make local funds available during any portion of the fiscal year at the rate of operations provided under the local budget act if the regular appropriation bill has not yet become law (see S. 1571), [12OC]

Economy: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 101), [23JA]

Education: establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]

———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]

———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]

———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]

———increase access to adult education to provide for economic growth (see S. 1400), [30JY]

———promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]

———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18AP]

EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]

———provide adequate data, modeling, and support in the development of a State implementation plan under the Clean Air Act (see S. 319), [13FE]

Families and domestic relations: establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1203), [20JN]

———increase effectiveness of State child support enforcement programs (see S. 1763), [21NO]

———increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1870, 1877), [19DE]

———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]

FEMA: award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire (see S. 1396), [30JY]

———delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [6JN]

———delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]

———enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]

———establish pilot program to provide for wildfire mitigation grants (see S. 1428), [1AU]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act: consent to certain amendments (see S.J. Res. 12), [21MR]
Interagency Council on Healthy Housing: establish (see S. 291), [13FE]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Medicaid: repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
———require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 1655), [6NO]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 472), [6MR]
National Guard: allow Federal reimbursement of States that choose to use National Guard troops to enhance school safety (see S. 145), [24JA]
Northern Mariana Islands: convey certain submerged lands (see S. 256), [7FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers (see S. 858), [6MY]
———allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore and the Federal Government (see S. 630), [20MR] (see S. 1273), [10JY]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
Roads and highways: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 88), [23JA]
———make grants available to local governments to place law enforcement officers in schools (see S. 148), [24JA]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN] (see S. 1870, 1878), [19DE]
States: prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]
———provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
———recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 1743), [20NO]
Taxation: establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 1795), [10DE]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 41), [22JA] (see S. 127), [24JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 1237), [27JN]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [14NO]
———provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
———provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
Utah: convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (see S. 1732), [19NO]
Veterans: require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses (see S. 492), [7MR]
Cloture motions
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Motions
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [18AP]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
Reports filed
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reauthorization: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 933), [1AU]
Good Neighbor Forestry Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 327) (S. Rept. 113–97), [10SE]
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act Amendments Consent: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S.J. Res. 12) (S. Rept. 113–76), [15JY]
Northern Mariana Islands Submerged Lands Conveyance: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 256) (S. Rept. 113–55), [27JN]
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]
School Safety Enhancements Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 146), [12MR]
Supporting At-Risk Children Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]

FEED AMERICA DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]

FEINSTEIN, DIANNE ***(a Senator from California)***
Appointments
Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China, [7FE]
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees, [22MR]
Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Afterschool Alliance (organization): support goals and ideals of Lights on Afterschool! event (see S. Res. 274), [16OC]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Amtrak: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1710), [20DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [16AP]
Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [13MY]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [12SE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [12DE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
California Coastal National Monument: designate Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (see S. 61), [22JA]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [15JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [12FE]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [13NO]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [24JY]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]

Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [22MR]
Corporations: require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Courts: appoint additional Federal circuit and district judges (see S. 1385), [1AU]
Credit: exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [24JN]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———require inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers (see S. 471), [6MR]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [6MR]
———prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
———prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [14MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
Dept. of Education: collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [17JY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [8JY]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 1659), [12DE]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [28OC]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [20MR]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [10SE]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [13MY]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [28OC]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [31JY]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1219), [25JN]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———provide with a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of Soledad Canyon, CA, mining contracts (see S. 771), [18AP]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [20MY]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [17JY]
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial: designate (see S. 59), [22JA]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
———make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [20MR]
Education: increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [29OC]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [17JY]
———ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [7MY]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [31JY]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [12FE]
———provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
Forest Service: revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]
FTC: prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [20JN]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [14MY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [12DE]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [7MY]
Immigration: reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [24JA]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [20MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [12MR]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [31OC]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [11SE]
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [8MY]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act: reauthorize (see S. 231), [25JN]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [31OC]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
NOAA: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1642), [12NO]
———extend open enrollment period for health care plans and protect individuals from penalties during the enrollment extension (see S. 1693), [13NO]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 457), [10AP]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [15MY]

Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [17JN]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [29JY]
Red Ribbon Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 279), [31OC]
Roads and highways: amend length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways (see S. 880), [7MY]
Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [4JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [1AU]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
Taxation: allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [10SE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [19DE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [23JA]
Western States Trail: study for potential designation as a national historic trail (see S. 60), [22JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [6JN]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [20MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [25AP]
Aranda De Buendia, Alicia: relief (see S. 592), [18MR]
Arenas, Maria L.: relief (see S. 594), [18MR]
Arreola-Saucedo, Esidronio and family: relief (see S. 591), [18MR]
Buendia Aranda, Ana L.: relief (see S. 592), [18MR]
Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 50), [26FE] (see S. Res. 245), [19SE]
Crime: enhance penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors (see S. 1686), [12NO]
DEA: anniversary (see S. Res. 178), [20JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: include California as a separate Federal milk marketing order upon the petition and approval of California dairy producers (see S. 663), [22MR]
Dept. of Education: allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 756), [17AP]
Dept. of HHS: allow use of Child Care and Development Block Grant Program funds to improve child safety and reduce incidence of preventable infant deaths in child care settings (see S. 1494), [11SE]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
Dept. of Justice: provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the national parks (see S. 225), [4FE]
———prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling (see S. 598), [18MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by or on behalf of State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in financial recovery from earthquakes and related events (see S. 1813), [12DE]
———provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire real property that complies with certain approved habitat conservation plans (see S. 1175), [18JN]
Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA): extend preferential tariff treatment for certain textile goods imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1136), [11JN]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 1245), [27JN]
EPA: eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
FAA: issue regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas of Los Angeles County, CA (see S. 208), [4FE]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 667), [8AP]
Firearms: prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]
Gabra, Joseph: relief (see S. 589), [18MR]
Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Intelligence services: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1681), [12NO]
Inyo National Forest: facilitate a land exchange involving certain non-Federal lands (see S. 1888), [20DE]
Kamel, Sharon: relief (see S. 589), [18MR]
Karapetian, Asmik: relief (see S. 587), [18MR]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Liang, Robert and Alice: relief (see S. 588), [18MR]
Lopez-Urenda, Javier: relief (see S. 594), [18MR]
Marquez Rico, Claudia: relief (see S. 590), [18MR]
Martinez Moreno, Jose A., and family: relief (see S. 585), [18MR]
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
Mkoian, Ruben: relief (see S. 587), [18MR]
Mkoyan, Arthur: relief (see S. 587), [18MR]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 173), [18JN]
Native Americans: require tribes to demonstrate a substantial direct modern and aboriginal connection to certain lands to allow for gaming on such lands (see S. 477), [6MR]
Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Nepal: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 431), [28FE]
Peralta, Rafael: award Medal of Honor posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 9), [19MR]
Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
Plascencia Lopez, Alfredo and family: relief (see S. 586), [18MR]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Rojas Gutierrez, Jorge and family; relief (see S. 584), [18MR]
Sacramento, CA: authorize improvements to flood damage reduction facilities adjacent to the American and Sacramento Rivers (see S. 197), [31JA]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 228), [4FE]
San Francisco, CA: tribute to Oracle Team USA for winning the America's Cup sailing competition (see S. Res. 286), [5NO]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 224), [4FE]
Tan, Shirley Constantino: relief (see S. 595), [18MR]
Tape, Guy P.: relief (see S. 593), [18MR]
Taxation: disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil (see S. 599), [18MR]
Toto, Lou N.R.: relief (see S. 593), [18MR]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 1889), [20DE]
Yosemite National Park: modify boundaries (see S. 781), [23AP]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Reports filed
Activities During the 112th Congress: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. Rept. 113–7), [22MR]
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1245) (S. Rept. 113–47), [27JN]
Expenditures: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. Res. 50), [26FE]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. Res. 245), [19SE]
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
Intelligence Services Appropriations: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1681), [12NO]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1681) (S. Rept. 113–120), [13NO]

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Bills and resolutions
Edward J. Devitt U.S. Courthouse: designate (see S. 711), [11AP]
FHA SOLVENCY ACT
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Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, [5MR], [1AU]
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Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
Armed Forces: enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses relative to mortgages (see S. 1593), [28OC]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
———provide a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt (see S. 1861), [19DE]
Colleges and universities: require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on JP Morgan Chase & Co., ''whale trades'' and risks and abuses of derivatives (see S. Res. 300), [19NO]
Community banks: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24JY]
Consumers: ensure that customers can immediately close accounts at insured depository institutions on demand and without cost, and that consumers receive any balance in accounts immediately (see S. 1534), [19SE]
———provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards (see S. 1867), [19DE]
Corporations: require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
———clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies (see S. 1613), [30OC]
———empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [26JN]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 673), [9AP]
———exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [28JA]
———improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 949), [14MY] (see S. 1577), [28OC]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [16DE]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [13JN]
———prohibit distribution of checks or other negotiable instruments as part of a creditor solicitation to extend credit and limit consumer liability in conjunction with such solicitations (see S. 187), [30JA]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death or disability of the student borrower (see S. 1773), [21NO]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
———require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
———require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
———require portion of closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage loans (see S. 1375), [25JY]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [23MY]
Credit unions: advance the ability to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1806), [12DE]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: develop innovative financial products that encourage savings and wealth-creation among active servicemembers and reduce use of predatory lenders (see S. 1741), [20NO]
Dept. of Education: improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———provide for loan forgiveness for early childhood educators (see S. 440), [4MR]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [8MY]
Dept. of HHS: provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [19MR]
Dept. of HUD: assist in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program (see S. 469), [6MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: allow reliance on State examinations for certain financial institutions in order to assist immigrant communities in making remittances to their countries of origin (see S. 1840), [17DE]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Eximbank: abolish (see S. 1102), [6JN]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1792), [10DE]
FHA: improve, and ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (see S. 1376), [25JY]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Financial Stability Oversight Council: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 100), [23JA]
FRS: ensure conduct of policies to ensure long-term price stability and a low rate of inflation (see S. 215), [4FE]
———improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and the Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 238), [7FE]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
———replace the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau with a 5-person commission, bring the Bureau into the regular appropriations process, and provide for a safety and soundness check (see S. 205), [31JA]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
———restrict conflicts of interest on the boards of directors of Federal Reserve banks (see S. 1018), [22MY]
Government regulations: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 685), [9AP]
———ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 947), [14MY]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [15AP]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———require a quantitative impact study on cumulative effect of the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets (see S. 737), [16AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]
———require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
———restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 985), [16MY]
———revise certain regulations governing financial assistance for swaps entities (see S. 474), [6MR]
———set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks (see S. 798), [24AP]
Housing: enable Federal and State chartered banks and thrifts to meet the credit needs of homebuilders, and provide liquidity and ensure stable credit for meeting the need for new homes (see S. 1002), [21MY]
———ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]
———permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property and establish a right of action to enforce compliance with such protections (see S. 1761), [21NO]
Investments: allow use of prize-linked savings accounts to encourage personal savings (see S. 1597), [29OC]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
Privacy: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [28FE]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 537), [12MR]

Securities: make shareholder registration threshold for savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies (see S. 872), [7MY]
———protect transactions in the U.S. from enforcement of certain excise taxes imposed by foreign governments (see S. 1257), [27JN]
———provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Syria: impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
Taxation: prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
———repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
———technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Iran: President Obama, [12MR], [3JN]
Reports filed
Communicating Lender Activity Reports From the SBA (CLEAR SBA) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 537) (S. Rept. 113–91), [10SE]
Condemn Political Violence, Provide Fair Elections, Support Dialogue Between Political Factions, Judicial Independence, Human Rights, and Grameen Bank Independence in Bangladesh: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 318), [18DE]
FHA Solvency Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1376) (S. Rept. 113–129), [19DE]
Small Business Disaster Reform Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 415) (S. Rept. 113–84), [31JY]

FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]

FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
———restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 985), [16MY]

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Bills and resolutions
Government regulations: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 100), [23JA]

FIRE PREVENTION
Bills and resolutions
Campus Fire Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 259), [24SE]
Dept. of Education: make grants to support fire safety education programs on college campuses (see S. 750), [17AP]
Dept. of the Interior: provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 1479), [1AU]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
FEMA: award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire (see S. 1396), [30JY]
———establish pilot program to provide for wildfire mitigation grants (see S. 1428), [1AU]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
———provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP] (see S. 1300), [16JY]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Lincoln County, NV: facilitate planning, permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects (see S. 1640), [4NO]
Ships and vessels: extend exemption from fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line (see S. 1022), [22MY]
Taxation: provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 1421), [1AU]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1163), [13JN]

FIREARMS *related term(s)* **WEAPONS**
Bills and resolutions
Ammunition: appropriately restrict sales by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [29JA]
———limit amount purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [25AP]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Civil liberties: provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect and prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes (see S. 82), [23JA]
Coltsville National Historical Park: establish (see S. 615), [19MR]
Crime: protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1290), [11JY]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in Wyoming (see S. 130), [24JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
Foreign countries: prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
Government regulations: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
Immigration: prohibit purchase and possession by nonimmigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
Law enforcement: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking (see S. 730), [15AP]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [22JA] (see S. 179), [30JA] (see S. 443), [4MR]
———protect prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and their families from retaliation or intimidation and create stronger offenses for those who target public officials (see S. 698), [10AP]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [12JN]
National Instant Criminal Background Check System: ensure that individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed and require a background check for every firearm sale (see S. 374), [25FE]
———improve effectiveness by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
Schools: provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis (see S. 1025), [22MY]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [18JY] (see S. 1660), [6NO]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [29JA]
States: establish minimum standards for States that allow carrying of concealed firearms (see S. 147), [24JA]
———facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Weapons: reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms (see S. 1774), [21NO]
Cloture motions
Law enforcement: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Motions
Law enforcement: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
Reports
Firearms at Army Corps Water Resources Projects—Proposed Legislation and Issues for Congress: Nicole T. Carter, Congressional Research Service, [8MY]
Reports filed
Assault Weapons Ban: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 150), [14MR]
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reauthorization: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 933), [1AU]
Powell Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 130) (S. Rept. 113–18), [22AP]
Protecting Responsible Gun Sellers Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 374), [12MR]
Stop Illegal Trafficking in Firearms Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54), [11MR]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54) (S. Rept. 113–9), [8AP]

Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]

FIREFIGHTERS

Bills and resolutions

Contracts: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]

Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]

National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]

Prescott, AZ: honor memory and commend bravery and sacrifice of Prescott Fire Dept., Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew killed battling wildfire and extend condolences to surviving families (see S. Res. 193), [10JY]

Public safety officers: extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers (see S. 876), [7MY]

Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]

Taxation: extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [7MR]

———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 506), [7MR]

———treat payments by charitable organizations to certain firefighters as exempt payments (see S. 1115), [7JN] (see S. 1689), [13NO]

Telecommunications: require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]

Water: exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]

FIRST STATE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ACT

Reports filed

Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 347) (S. Rept. 113–27), [22AP]

FISA ACCOUNTABILITY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 1215), [24JN]

FISA COURT REFORM ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 1467), [1AU]

FISA IMPROVEMENTS ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 1631), [31OC]

Reports filed

Provisions: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]

———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]

FISCHER, DEB ***(a Senator from Nebraska)***

Attendance

Present, [3JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]

———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]

———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [6MR]

———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]

———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]

———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]

———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]

Arbor Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 14), [25AP]

Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]

———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]

Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]

Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]

Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]

Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]

Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]

Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [6MR]

Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]

Dept. of Defense: improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [21MY]

———improve sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities (see S. 1775), [21NO]

———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [6NO]

Dept. of HHS: improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]

———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [28OC]

———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [18DE]

Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]

Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [9AP]

Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [24SE]

———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [17SE]

———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]

District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]

Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]

Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]

English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [18MR]

EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]

———change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MR]

———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]

———prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [25JY]

———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 1536), [23SE]

———require Inspector General to include certain assessments in reports (see S. 317), [13FE]

Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]

———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]

———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]

———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]

———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]

Federal employees: establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]

———prohibit use of Federal funds for official portraits of Members of Congress or heads of executive or legislative branch agencies or offices (see S. 1820), [12DE]

———provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]

Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [19NO]

Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]

FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]

GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]

Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]

Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]

Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]

———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]

Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]

Iran: impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]

———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [20MY]

———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]

———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]

IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]

ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [24AP]

Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]

Lincoln Highway: anniversary of first transcontinental highway (see S. Res. 188), [26JN]

Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]

Mosaic (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 36), [14FE]

National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19JN]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [28OC]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [30JA]
———clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [6JN]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [8MY]
Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office, Chadron, NE: designate (see S. 1499), [12SE]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Taxation: clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 91), [12FE]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [20DE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Telecommunications: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 1776), [21NO]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [18MR]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 950), [6JN] (see S. 1171), [11JY]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Dept. of HHS: require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 1420), [1AU]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1792), [10DE]
National Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 116), [25AP]

FISH AND FISHING *related term(s)* **MARINE MAMMALS; NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES; WILDLIFE**

Bills and resolutions

Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]
Corps of Engineers: manage threat of Asian carp traveling up the Mississippi River in Minnesota (see S. 365), [14FE]
———prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
Dept. of Agriculture: include farmed shellfish as specialty crops (see S. 754), [17AP]
———repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Dept. of the Interior: require Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote artificial reefs (see S. 1079), [23MY]
Disasters: assistance for fishing communities funding through reductions in Dept. of Commerce funding, [14MR]
Ecology and environment: prohibit Federal agencies from requiring seafood to be certified as sustainable by a third party nongovernmental organization (see S. 1521), [18SE]
EPA: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [17SE]
FDA: require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [7FE]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Government regulations: allow fishermen who hold capital construction fund accounts to make a penalty-free withdrawal from such accounts without requiring reinvestment in the fishing industry (see S. 551), [13MR]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
Gulf of Mexico: authorize use of certain offshore oil and gas platforms for artificial reefs (see S. 96), [23JA]
———develop a fishery management plan for red snapper (see S. 1161), [13JN]
———provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Immigration: authorize issuance of H2O nonimmigrant visas for aliens temporarily performing labor in the seafood processing industry (see S. 518), [11MR]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Law enforcement: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
NOAA: limit maritime liens on fishing licenses (see S. 542), [13MR]
———permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs (see S. 221), [4FE]
———provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1757), [21NO]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
Rhode Island: add to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see S. 713), [11AP]
Science: prevent escapement of genetically altered salmon (see S. 246), [7FE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [18JY] (see S. 1660), [6NO]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [29JA]
States: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 747), [17AP]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]

Messages

Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: President Obama, [22AP]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: President Obama, [22AP]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: President Obama, [22AP]

Reports filed

International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 269) (S. Rept. 113–127), [17DE]

FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Bills and resolutions

Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Fish and fishing: permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs (see S. 221), [4FE]
Rhode Island: add to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see S. 713), [11AP]

FLAGS

Bills and resolutions

Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 1816), [12DE]

FLAG—U.S.

Bills and resolutions

Constitutional amendments: prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Government: require purchase of domestically made U.S. flags for use by the Federal Government (see S. 1214), [24JN]

FLAKE, JEFF ***(a Senator from Arizona)***

Attendance

Present, [3JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
African Union: anniversary (see S. Res. 166), [10JN]
Arizona: facilitate efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land (see S. 339), [14FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and

commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal reclamation law (see S. 306), [16AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [21MR]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [16JY]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [10AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [18AP]
———terminate certain direct payments to farmers (see S. 334), [14FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [31OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 1479), [1AU]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [13NO]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
EPA: eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18SE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [25JN]
———require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 1363), [18SE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 1099), [6JN]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [15MY]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [15AP]
Firearms: improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
Forest Service: revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [18DE]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [23AP]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [6NO]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [24JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [30JA]
———reform (see S. 744), [16AP] (see S. 744), [17AP]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [9SE]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [11MR]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [17SE]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [11OC]
———congratulate commitment to peaceful elections, call for justice for victims of political violence, and support democratic reforms (see S. Res. 90), [22MR]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [21NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [21NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [18AP]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [17AP]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [29OC]
Prescott, AZ: honor memory and commend bravery and sacrifice of Prescott Fire Dept., Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew killed battling wildfire and extend condolences to surviving families (see S. Res. 193), [10JY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [12JN] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [23AP]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Sports: recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [17JN]
Taxation: provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [12JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [19MR]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [2OC]
U.N.: promote transparency, accountability, and reform (see S. 1313), [25JY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest: convey a small parcel of land to Brigham Young University (see S. 28), [22JA]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [10DE]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [25JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Africa: condemn acts of piracy and other maritime crime in the Gulf of Guinea, support U.S. assistance in combating such crimes, and commend international agencies that have enhanced maritime security (see S. Res. 288), [6NO]
Courts: provide for Federal civil liability for trade secret misappropriation in certain circumstances (see S. 1770), [21NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: reduce crop insurance premium subsidies (see S. 446), [5MR]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 1536), [23SE]
Forests: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 1300), [16JY]
IRS: prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [14MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]

Taxation: permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses (see S. 1342), [23JY]

FLOOD CONTROL *see* **FLOODS**

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ACT

Bills and resolutions

FEMA: delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [6JN]

———delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]

———extend phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties (see S. 1075), [23MY]

FLOODS *related term(s)* **DISASTERS**

Appointments

Conferees: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]

Bills and resolutions

Corps of Engineers: establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects (see S. 566), [14MR]

———establish program to evaluate cost-effectiveness and efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for civil works flood control and navigation construction projects (see S. 66), [23JA]

———provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [14MR]

Dept. of the Interior: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 510), [7MR]

Dept. of Transportation: obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]

FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 667), [8AP]

———delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [6JN]

———delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]

———ensure certain communities are granted exceptions for floodproofed residential basements for purposes of determining flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 1601), [29OC]

———extend phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties (see S. 1075), [23MY]

———improve the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 996), [21MY]

GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]

Hurricanes: provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 803), [24AP]

Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]

Sacramento, CA: authorize improvements to flood damage reduction facilities adjacent to the American and Sacramento Rivers (see S. 197), [31JA]

Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]

Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]

Cloture motions

Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]

———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]

Motions

Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [25AP]

Reports filed

Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]

FLORIDA

Bills and resolutions

C.W. Bill Young Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Bay Pines, FL: designate (see S. 1576), [28OC]

Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]

Corps of Engineers: expedite implementation of comprehensive Everglades restoration project plan (see S. 414), [28FE]

Ponce de Leon, Juan: issue postage stamp in commemoration of anniversary of landing on Florida (see S. Res. 23), [31JA]

Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony, documents, and representation in Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough (see S. Res. 264), [1OC]

———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]

FLYNN, TERENCE F.

Bills and resolutions

NLRB: delay enforcement of any rulings until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments of certain members (see S. 180), [30JA]

———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]

———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]

FOLLOW THE MONEY ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 791), [23AP]

FOND DU LAC, WI

Bills and resolutions

Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 993), [21MY]

FOOD *related term(s)* **AGRICULTURE**

Appointments

Conferees: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]

Bills and resolutions

Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]

———support maple syrup production research and education, sustainability of maple syrup resources, promotion of maple products, and access to lands for maple sugaring activities (see S. 879), [7MY]

Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1244), [27JN]

Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]

Dept. of Agriculture: authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm (see S. 751), [17AP]

———establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (see S. 821), [25AP]

———establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]

———extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [31OC]

———improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 458), [5MR]

———improve Federal dairy programs (see S. 605), [19MR] (see S. 670), [9AP]

———improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 762), [18AP]

———include California as a separate Federal milk marketing order upon the petition and approval of California dairy producers (see S. 663), [22MR]

———include farmed shellfish as specialty crops (see S. 754), [17AP]

———increase purchase of Kosher and Halal food and modify labeling of the commodities list under the Emergency Food Assistance Program to assist food banks in obtaining such foods (see S. 811), [25AP]

———modernize conservation programs, protect long term investments, increase small and midsize farmer's access to programs, and prioritize modern-day conservation needs (see S. 923), [9MY]

———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]

———protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1502), [12SE]

———provide for the conduct of activities to detect, and respond in a timely manner to, threats to animal health (see S. 859), [6MY]

———remove authority of the Agricultural Marketing Service to inspect apples (see S. 694), [10AP]

———repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]

Dept. of Education: provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]

Dept. of HHS: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 1653), [5NO]

EPA: prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [23JY]

FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]

———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]

Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]

Fish and fishing: prevent escapement of genetically altered salmon (see S. 246), [7FE]

———prohibit Federal agencies from requiring seafood to be certified as sustainable by a third party nongovernmental organization (see S. 1521), [18SE]

Health: improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]

———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [12MR]

Immigration: authorize issuance of H2O nonimmigrant visas for aliens temporarily performing labor in the seafood processing industry (see S. 518), [11MR]

National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]

Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]

Public buildings: allow traditional foods to be served at public facilities (see S. 1374), [25JY]

Safety: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]

Schools: strengthen nutrition education for elementary and secondary school students to promote healthy eating choices through developmentally appropriate lessons and activities integrated into the school day (see S. 274), [11FE]

Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 307), [20NO]

Taxation: allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food (see S. 910), [8MY]

———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 1395), [30JY]
———provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat (see S. 1194), [20JN]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [15MY]
Reports filed
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1244) (S. Rept. 113–46), [27JN]
Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954), [14MY]
———Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954) (S. Rept. 113–88), [9SE]

FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND ENERGY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm (see S. 751), [17AP]
———establish a market-driven inventory system for farmers and ranchers (see S. 746), [17AP]
———establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]
———repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
———terminate certain direct payments to farmers (see S. 334), [14FE]

FOOD ADDITIVES
Bills and resolutions
FDA: improve safety of dietary supplements by requiring manufacturers to register supplement products with the FDA and amending labeling requirements (see S. 1425), [1AU]

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1244), [27JN]
Animals: reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs (see S. 622), [20MR]
Budget: exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [31JY]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 1653), [5NO]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
Dietary supplements: improve safety by requiring manufacturers to register supplement products with the FDA and amending labeling requirements (see S. 1425), [1AU]
Diseases: reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
Drugs: encourage use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs (see S. Res. 97), [15AP]
———improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Fish and fishing: require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [7FE]
Food: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [21NO]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [11JN]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
———strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
Taxation: disapprove rule relative to taxable medical devices (see S.J. Res. 8), [27FE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Cloture motions
Drugs: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), [14NO]
———strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [12NO]
Motions
Drugs: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), [6NO], [7NO], [12NO], [13NO], [14NO]
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———include farmed shellfish as specialty crops (see S. 754), [17AP]
———protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1502), [12SE]
———repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of HHS: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 1653), [5NO]
FDA: require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [7FE]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Fish and fishing: prohibit Federal agencies from requiring seafood to be certified as sustainable by a third party nongovernmental organization (see S. 1521), [18SE]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Government regulations: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [21NO]
Immigration: authorize issuance of H2O nonimmigrant visas for aliens temporarily performing labor in the seafood processing industry (see S. 518), [11MR]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 1395), [30JY]
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Agriculture: restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits to farmers (see S. 281), [12FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: modernize conservation programs, protect long term investments, increase small and midsize farmer's access to programs, and prioritize modern-day conservation needs (see S. 923), [9MY]

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AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [23JA]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [19NO]
Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
Burma: place conditions on assistance relative to human rights (see S. 1885), [20DE]
Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
———suspend military assistance until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the parliamentary elections and election reforms are implemented (see S. Res. 271), [16OC]
Children and youth: express that foreign assistance for child welfare should adhere to the goals of the U.S. Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity (see S. Res. 190), [27JN]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Correctional institutions: eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety (see S. 657), [22MR]
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Diseases: extend authorities relative to global HIV/AIDS and promote oversight of U.S. programs (see S. 1545), [24SE]

Egypt: prohibit U.S. assistance as a result of military coup d'état (see S. 1278), [11JY]
———reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
Foreign countries: prohibit assistance following coups d'état (see S. 1857), [18DE]
Forests: provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
Government regulations: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
Haiti: measure progress of recovery and development efforts following earthquake (see S. 1104), [6JN]
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Health: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [23JA]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 102), [23JA]
Pakistan: prohibit assistance until Shakeel Afridi is freed (see S. 164), [28JA]
Syria: impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
———provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 856), [6MY] (see S. 960), [15MY]
———provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [19MR]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
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Call for End to Ongoing Conflict and Support International Efforts Toward Long-Term Peace, Stability, and Observance of Human Rights in Democratic Republic of the Congo: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 144), [25JN]
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Recognize Anniversary of Earthquake in Haiti, Honor Victims and Responders, and Reaffirm Support and Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 12), [14FE]
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Egypt Assistance Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1857), [18DE]

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Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
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Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [21MY]
Africa: condemn acts of piracy and other maritime crime in the Gulf of Guinea, support U.S. assistance in combating such crimes, and commend international agencies that have enhanced maritime security (see S. Res. 288), [6NO]
African Union: anniversary (see S. Res. 166), [10JN]
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [23JA]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [19NO]
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Business and industry: develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the U.S. and encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries (see S. 1615), [30OC]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
Colleges and universities: establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1822), [12DE]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on offshore profit shifting and the U.S. Tax Code (see S. Res. 62), [27FE]
———authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on review of funding for U.S. efforts in Afghanistan (see S. Res. 158), [23MY]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Correctional institutions: eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety (see S. 657), [22MR]
CPSC: clarify terms of cooperation with foreign government safety agencies to improve safety of imported products (see S. 1887), [20DE]
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations for the SelectUSA Initiative (see S. 1608), [29OC]
Dept. of Defense: close and consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and facilities and relocate overseas missions to U.S. installations prior to any domestic base realignment and closure (see S. Res. 132), [8MY]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [4FE]
———permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of Justice: provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
Dept. of Labor: list employers that relocate call centers overseas, make such companies ineligible for Federal grants and loans, and require call center employees to disclose their physical location (see S. 1565), [30SE]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [30JY]
———establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]
———offer rewards for information regarding the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya (see S. 1661), [7NO]

———require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1372), [25JY]
Dept. of the Treasury: allow reliance on State examinations for certain financial institutions in order to assist immigrant communities in making remittances to their countries of origin (see S. 1840), [17DE]
EPA: prohibit awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or financial assistance under the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity to occur outside the U.S. (see S. 558), [13MR]
Firearms: prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
———prohibit purchase and possession by nonimmigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [23JA]
———prohibit assistance following coups d'état (see S. 1857), [18DE]
———require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [9AP]
———repeal violation of sovereign nations' laws and privacy matters (see S. 887), [7MY]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 178), [30JA]
———create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [11AP]
———reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 662), [22MR]
Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1331), [18JY]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hong Kong: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 703), [11AP]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants and increase the per-country limitation for family-sponsored immigrants (see S. 293), [13FE]
———impose a fine on international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the U.S. (see S. 1176), [18JN]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
———reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]
———ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [21NO]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [16OC]
Israel: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 266), [7FE]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]
Kenya: congratulate commitment to peaceful elections, call for justice for victims of political violence, and support democratic reforms (see S. Res. 90), [22MR]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 102), [23JA]
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 969), [16MY]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: notify World Trade Organization if members fail during consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (see S. 355), [14FE]
Palau: approve an agreement between the U.S. and Palau (see S. 1268), [27JN]
Privacy: reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Securities: protect transactions in the U.S. from enforcement of certain excise taxes imposed by foreign governments (see S. 1257), [27JN]
Ships and vessels: provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients (see S. 12), [26FE] (see S. 1683), [12NO]
Snowden, Edward: call for Russia to turn over Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities and consider all economic and diplomatic options when pursuing him (see S. Res. 198), [18JY]
Social Security: provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements (see S. 767), [18AP]
Somalia: promote security, stability, and good governance through coordinated interagency strategy that supports consolidation of recent security and political gains (see S. 1745), [20NO]
Syria: impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
———provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 856), [6MY] (see S. 960), [15MY]
———provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [19MR]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [7MR]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, prevent U.S. tax avoidance, and eliminate tax loopholes for big oil companies (see S. 250), [7FE]
———provide that income attributable to certain passenger cruises beginning or ending in the U.S. be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. (see S. 1449), [1AU]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 1533), [19SE]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
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Treaties and agreements: seek inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements (see S. 1788), [10DE]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 95), [23JA]
———promote transparency, accountability, and reform (see S. 1313), [17JY]
———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 978), [16MY] (see S. 988), [20MY]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
———support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [19NO]
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Condemn Acts of Piracy and Maritime Crime in Gulf of Guinea, Support U.S. Assistance in Combating Such Crimes, and Commend International Agencies That Enhanced Maritime Security: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 288), [18DE]
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Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements (see S. 1168), [13JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
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FOREIGN INVESTMENTS
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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on offshore profit shifting and the U.S. Tax Code (see S. Res. 62), [27FE]
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations for the SelectUSA Initiative (see S. 1608), [29OC]
———produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [22MY]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, prevent U.S. tax avoidance, and eliminate tax loopholes for big oil companies (see S. 250), [7FE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]

FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY FAIRNESS ACT
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British-American Interparliamentary Group, [21MR]
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U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group, [21MR]
Bills and resolutions
Advisory Council on Human Trafficking: establish (see S. 121), [23JA]
Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [21MY]
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [23JA]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Burma: place conditions on assistance relative to human rights (see S. 1885), [20DE]
Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
———suspend military assistance until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the parliamentary elections and election reforms are implemented (see S. Res. 271), [16OC]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Contracts: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [9AP]
CPSC: clarify terms of cooperation with foreign government safety agencies to improve safety of imported products (see S. 1887), [20DE]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]
———require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
———require report on water sharing with Mexico (see S. 1125), [10JN]

Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1372), [25JY]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]
Diseases: extend authorities relative to global HIV/AIDS and promote oversight of U.S. programs (see S. 1545), [24SE]
Egypt: prohibit sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 201), [31JA]
———prohibit U.S. assistance as a result of military coup d'état (see S. 1278), [11JY]
———prohibit use of funds for U.S. participation in joint military exercises if Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (see S. 984), [16MY]
———reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
———restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [23JA]
———provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
———require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
Foreign countries: prohibit assistance following coups d'état (see S. 1857), [18DE]
———repeal violation of sovereign nations' laws and privacy matters (see S. 887), [7MY]
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [11DE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
———condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [24SE]
———eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [21NO]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [16OC]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [23MY]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13MR]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]
———strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [5MR]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [11OC]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 312), [9DE]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 102), [23JA]
Middle East: ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S–300 air defense system (see S. Con. Res. 27), [21NO]
———reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
NATO: anniversary of Allied Command Transformation (see S. Res. 156), [23MY]
Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy: establish (see S. 1021), [22MY]
OAS: support revitalization and reform (see S. 793), [24AP]
Pakistan: prohibit assistance until Shakeel Afridi is freed (see S. 164), [28JA]
Senate: express that President Obama should issue a statement regarding National Security Agency spying on Pope Francis (see S. Res. 281), [31OC]
Snowden, Edward: call for Russia to turn over Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities and consider all economic and diplomatic options when pursuing him (see S. Res. 198), [18JY]
Somalia: promote security, stability, and good governance through coordinated interagency strategy that supports consolidation of recent security and political gains (see S. 1745), [20NO]
Syria: call for Syria to become a signatory to, and comply with, the Chemical Weapons Convention and if such actions do not occur by a certain date, all elements of national power will be considered by the U.S. (see S.J. Res. 22), [10SE]
———impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
———provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 856), [6MY] (see S. 960), [15MY]
———provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [19MR]
———restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]
Thailand: anniversary of diplomatic relations (see S. Res. 77), [18MR]
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 95), [23JA]
———promote transparency, accountability, and reform (see S. 1313), [17JY]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
———support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
Vietnam: impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses against nationals of Vietnam or their families (see S. 929), [9MY]
———promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [5NO]
War of 1812: anniversary of Battle of Lake Erie (see S. Res. 153), [23MY]
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and Observance of Human Rights in Democratic Republic of the Congo: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 144), [25JN]
Call for Release of Yulia Tymoshenko, Urge European Union To Include Release as Criterion for Signing Certain Agreements, and Encourage Strong Relationship With Europe by Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 165), [25JN]
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Continued Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 75), [18DE]
Condemn Political Violence, Provide Fair Elections, Support Dialogue Between Political Factions, Judicial Independence, Human Rights, and Grameen Bank Independence in Bangladesh: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 318), [18DE]
Condemn Terrorist Attack at Mall in Kenya, Express Condolences to Families and Friends of Victims, Commend First Responders and Rescuers, and Reaffirm Support for Government and People: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 268), [31OC]
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NATO Allied Command Transformation Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 156), [24JY]
North Korea Nonproliferation and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 298), [14FE]
OAS Revitalization and Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 793) (S. Rept. 113–43), [13JN]
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Armed Forces: ensure footwear for enlisted members upon initial entry complies with domestic source requirements (see S. 1051), [23MY]
Cargo transportation: establish a Maritime Goods Movement User Fee and provide grants for international maritime cargo improvements (see S. 1509), [17SE]
Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the International Trade Administration Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1748), [20NO]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
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Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA): extend preferential tariff treatment for certain textile goods imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1136), [11JN]
Egypt: prohibit sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 201), [31JA]
———restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]
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Eximbank: abolish (see S. 1102), [6JN]
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Foreign countries: reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 662), [22MR]
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Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
———eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [21NO]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
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———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [16OC]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
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Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: establish position of Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator (see S. 660), [22MR]
———notify World Trade Organization if members fail during consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (see S. 355), [14FE]
Petroleum: ban exportation of crude oil produced on Federal land (see S. 435), [4MR]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [11JN]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 1179), [18JN]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 856), [6MY] (see S. 960), [15MY]
Tariff: footwear (see S. 1633), [31OC]
———include the cost of paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods in the calculation of normal value of a product (see S. 1801), [11DE]
———increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [7MR]

———make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 1839), [17DE]
———trousers, breeches, or shorts imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1883), [20DE]
Taxation: expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]
Transportation: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 178), [30JA]
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Vietnam: impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses against nationals of Vietnam or their families (see S. 929), [9MY]
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———exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]
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Columbine-Hondo Wilderness: establish (see S. 776), [22AP]
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Dept. of the Interior: provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 1479), [1AU]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
———provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP] (see S. 1300), [16JY]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
Fruit Heights, UT: convey certain parcels of land (see S. 509), [7MR]
Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [11JN]
Idaho: authorize continued use of certain water diversions on National Forest System lands in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (see S. 1430), [1AU]
Inyo National Forest: facilitate a land exchange involving certain non-Federal lands (see S. 1888), [20DE]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site: modify boundaries (see S. 459), [5MR]
Montana: sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System (see S. 37), [22JA]
Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in Glacier Peak Wilderness (see S. 404), [28FE]
National forests: designate acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
———establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees for cabins in Alaska (see S. 736), [16AP]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
———designate Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area and segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers (see S. 352), [14FE]
———restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests (see S. 1301), [16JY]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
Recreation Residence Program: revise by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [18JY] (see S. 1660), [6NO]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [29JA]
Summit County, CO: convey Lake Hill Administrative Site (see S. 1305), [16JY]
T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act: amend (see S. 611), [19MR]
Reports filed
Alaska Subsistence Structure Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 736) (S. Rept. 113–67), [27JN]
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]
Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 352) (S. Rept. 113–28), [22AP]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 368) (S. Rept. 113–61), [27JN]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 459) (S. Rept. 113–32), [22AP]
Oregon Treasures Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 353) (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]

FORESTS *related term(s)* **LUMBER INDUSTRY**
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]
———support maple syrup production research and education, sustainability of maple syrup resources, promotion of maple products, and access to lands for maple sugaring activities (see S. 879), [7MY]
Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1641), [4NO]
Arbor Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 14), [25AP]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area: designate (see S. 483), [6MR]
Carson National Forest: adjust boundary (see S. 312), [13FE]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
Contracts: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP] (see S. 1300), [16JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
Dept. of the Interior: establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
———provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 1479), [1AU]
Disasters: promote rehabilitation and restoration of Federal land impacted by catastrophic events and redirect certain funding to mechanical forest treatment and salvage operations due to such events (see S. 661), [22MR]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
Fire prevention: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Foreign aid: provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]

Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 1544), [24SE]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Lincoln County, NV: facilitate planning, permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects (see S. 1640), [4NO]
Oregon: restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests (see S. 1301), [16JY]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area: designate (see S. 342), [14FE]
Public lands: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
San Juan National Forest: designate certain Hermosa Creek watershed lands as wilderness (see S. 841), [25AP]
States: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection service (see S. 327), [14FE]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [15MY]
Reports filed
Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954), [14MY]
———Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954) (S. Rept. 113–88), [9SE]
Carson National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 312) (S. Rept. 113–58), [27JN]
Good Neighbor Forestry Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 327) (S. Rept. 113–97), [10SE]
Pine Forest Range Recreation Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 342) (S. Rept. 113–59), [27JN]

FORMERLY OWNED RESOURCES FOR VETERANS TO EXPRESS THANKS FOR SERVICE (FOR VETS) ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1171), [31JY]

FORT BLISS, TX
Bills and resolutions
BLM: provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]

FORT HOOD, TX
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]

FORT SUMNER, NM
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District in New Mexico (see S. 284), [12FE]
Reports filed
Fort Sumner Project Title Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 284) (S. Rept. 113–56), [27JN]

FORT SUMNER PROJECT TITLE CONVEYANCE ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 284) (S. Rept. 113–56), [27JN]

FOUNG, GENEVIEVE CHONG
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 76), [23JA]

FOUNTAIN, EDWIN
Appointments
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FOURTH AMENDMENT RESTORATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
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FRANKEN, AL *(a Senator from Minnesota)*
Appointments
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
American Dental Hygienists' Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 182), [21JN]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 638), [21MR]
Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [19MR]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 1427), [1AU]
———make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [12NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [7MY]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [22MR]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [13NO]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Corps of Engineers: manage threat of Asian carp traveling up the Mississippi River in Minnesota (see S. 365), [14FE]
———provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [9AP]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [18JN]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [28OC]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (see S. 821), [25AP]
———expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [12NO]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [20MY]
Dept. of Education: award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [9AP]
———award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [13FE]
———establish a comprehensive literacy program (see S. 758), [18AP]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [26JN]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [11AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 1704), [14NO]
———provide education for homeless children and youths (see S. 833), [25AP]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [3JN]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
Dept. of Energy: improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [23MY]

Dept. of HHS: authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 834), [25AP]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [6MY]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [11DE]
———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [10DE]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [1OC]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
Dept. of HUD: reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [13FE]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [21MR]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 1722), [19NO]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [29JY]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [26SE]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of Labor: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [17JN]
———provide grants for an Urban Jobs Program (see S. 655), [22MR]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [29OC]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a Veterans Conservation Corps (see S. 1262), [21NO]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Dept. of Transportation: modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1692), [19DE]
———set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [11DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [17AP]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [16JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [14NO]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [31JY]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18AP]
Edward J. Devitt U.S. Courthouse, Fergus Falls, MN: designate (see S. 711), [11AP]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [9JY]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23JY]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [17DE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [24SE]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FDA: exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [31JY]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [5OC]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [8JY]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [8JY]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [3JN] (see S. 1532), [24SE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [24JA]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [11AP] (see S. 443), [6MR]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [29JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [21MY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [22MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [25FE]
Interagency Council on Healthy Housing: establish (see S. 291), [13FE]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [16AP]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [5MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [17SE]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 527), [12MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [14MY]
———authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 117), [23JA]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [18JN]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [6NO]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [11SE]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [18MR]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [10DE]

———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [4JN]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [12MR]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [14MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [12MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [5MR]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [17SE]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 117), [25AP]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 14), [24JA]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [17DE]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [8JY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Power resources: expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [21NO]
SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [29OC]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [3JN]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [11MR]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [4NO]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [18DE]
Taxation: apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [24SE]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [13MR]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [17JY]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [24JY]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———provide a credit for production of renewable chemicals (see S. 1267), [28OC]
———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [19SE]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [22AP]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 517), [11MR]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [6JN]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [18DE]
University of Minnesota: tribute to women's hockey team (see S. Res. 123), [25AP]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [6NO]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [23JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [6MY]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [6MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]

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Colleges and universities: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [8JY]
Conservation of energy: encourage benchmarking and disclosure of energy information for commercial buildings (see S. 1206), [20JN]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———establish, enhance, and increase access to early childhood parent education and family engagement programs (see S. 1674), [7NO]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———help States develop and improve qualifications and training of early childhood educator workforce (see S. 1673), [7NO]
———recruit, prepare, and support principals through capacity-building measures that will improve student academic achievement in high-need schools (see S. 840), [25AP]
Dept. of HHS: improve the quality of infant and toddler care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1065), [23MY]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: prohibit medical exam requests of veterans who have submitted sufficient evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals and improve efficiency of disability claims processing (see S. 935), [13MY]
———specify requirements for updating the Office of Rural Health strategic plan for improving access to, and quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas (see S. 1411), [31JY]
Diseases: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1879), [19DE]
Education: promote advanced placement and International Baccalaureate programs (see S. 1082), [23MY]
FDA: ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77), [23JA]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]

Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [14NO]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
Native Americans: allow Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe to lease or transfer certain land (see S. 920), [9MY]
Power resources: reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senior citizens: establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and provide quality assurance for home and community-based services (see S. 998), [21MY]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]

FRANKS-ONGOY, BERNADETTE
Appointments
Social Security Advisory Board, [24JA]

FREDDIE MAC (GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISE)
Bills and resolutions
Credit: provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
———require portion of closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage loans (see S. 1375), [25JY]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [23MY]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]

FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]

FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION IN CREDIT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1159), [13JN]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: increase access to Medicare data (see S. 1758), [21NO]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]

FREEDOM OF RELIGION
Bills and resolutions
Arab countries: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms and urge repeal of blasphemy laws (see S. Res. 69), [7MR]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [11JY]
Indonesia: allow Indonesian citizens fleeing religious persecution to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims (see S. 295), [13FE]
Monuments and memorials: ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the U.S. Armed Forces may contain religious symbols (see S. 705), [11AP]
Schools: express support for prayer at school board meetings (see S. Res. 11), [23JA]
Vietnam: impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses against nationals of Vietnam or their families (see S. 929), [9MY]
———promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [5NO]

FREEDOM OF SPEECH
Bills and resolutions
Iran: support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [23MY]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
Vietnam: impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses against nationals of Vietnam or their families (see S. 929), [9MY]
———promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [5NO]
Reports filed
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS
Bills and resolutions
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
Vietnam: promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [5NO]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 143), [16MY]
Reports filed
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 143), [22MY]

FREEDOM TO FISH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]

FREEDOMS AND PRIVACY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1701), [14NO]

FRUIT HEIGHTS, UT
Bills and resolutions
Forest Service: convey certain parcels of land to Fruit Heights, UT (see S. 509), [7MR]

FUELS *see* **COAL; ELECTRIC POWER; NATURAL GAS; NUCLEAR ENERGY; PETROLEUM; POWER RESOURCES**

FUNDRAISING
Bills and resolutions
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [18JN]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures by corporations or labor organizations intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [28JA]
———constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [23MY]

FUNERALS *see* **CEMETERIES AND FUNERALS**

FURTHERING ACCESS AND NETWORKS FOR SPORTS (FANS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1721), [18NO]

GABRA, JOSEPH
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 589), [18MR]

GAINER, TERRENCE W.
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in Steve Schonberg v. Mitch McConnell, et al. (see S. Res. 103), [18AP]

GALENA, SD
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
Reports filed
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY
Appointments
Board of Trustees, [30JA]

GAMBLING
Bills and resolutions
Native Americans: require tribes to demonstrate a substantial direct modern and aboriginal connection to certain lands to allow for gaming on such lands (see S. 477), [6MR]
Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [16MY]

GARBAGE *see* **REFUSE DISPOSAL**

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO
Bills and resolutions
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]

GATT *see* **TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS**

GEISEL, THEODOR
Bills and resolutions
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 61), [27FE]

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Albuquerque, NM: convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, NM, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation (see S. 898), [8MY]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Conservation of energy: facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants relative to energy efficiency in buildings (see S. 1191), [19JN]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 178), [30JA]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of non-essential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 417), [28FE]
Plum Island, NY: repeal requirement to sell and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]

———improve energy and water efficiency of Federal buildings (see S. 52), [22JA]
———improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Reports filed
Federal Real Property Asset Management Reform Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1398) (S. Rept. 113–122), [19NO]
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]

GENOCIDE
Appointments
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, [7FE]
Bills and resolutions
World War II: ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Sudan: President Obama, [30OC]

GEORGIA (COUNTRY)
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [11DE]

GEORGIA (STATE)
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]

GEOTHERMAL PRODUCTION EXPANSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 363), [14FE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 363) (S. Rept. 113–72), [15JY]

GEOTHERMAL STEAM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
Reports filed
Geothermal Production Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 363) (S. Rept. 113–72), [15JY]

GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
History: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
World War II: anniversary of rescue of Danish Jews from the Nazis (see S. Res. 227), [17SE]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Reports filed
Danish Jews Rescue From the Nazis During World War II Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 227), [30SE]

GETTYSBURG, PA
Bills and resolutions
Civil War—U.S.: anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg (see S. Res. 192), [27JN]
Gettysburg National Military Park: revise boundaries to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, PA, and limit means of acquiring such property (see S. 782), [23AP]

GIAMBASTIANI, EDMUND P.
Appointments
Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, [11JN]

GIDEON'S PROMISE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 597), [18MR]

GILLEN, ANDREW
Appointments
Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, [1AU]

GILLIBRAND, KIRSTEN E. ***(a Senator from New York)***
Appointments
President's Export Council, [30JA]
U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [19NO]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [14FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [27JN]
———extend duration of Physical Disability Board of Review and expand authority of Board to review the separation of members on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability (see S. 628), [27JN]
———pay monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant (see S. 1076), [23MY]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [19JN]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [29JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [11FE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [17AP]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Colleges and universities: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 1266), [27JN]
———improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [4FE]
———require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [13MY]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 619), [17SE]
Credit: provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———require inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers (see S. 471), [15AP]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [18JN]
———prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Cushing, Alonzo H.: award the Medal of Honor for acts of valor during the Civil War (see S. 1258), [4NO]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [8MY]
———extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [14NO]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 918), [17JN]
———establish a comprehensive literacy program (see S. 758), [23AP]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve teacher and principal quality (see S. 1063), [19JN]
———make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students (see S. 870), [9MY]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [24JY]
———provide education for homeless children and youths (see S. 833), [21MY]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [24SE]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [10SE]

Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [18AP]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [17SE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [14MR]
———reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [17JN]
———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [9DE]
———remove Social Security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to beneficiaries (see S. 612), [19MR]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [15AP]
Dept. of HUD: assist in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program (see S. 469), [11MR]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———provide incentives to States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at polls and simplify voter registration (see S. 85), [23JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [8AP]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [18SE]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [25JN]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [11JY]
Disasters: provide assistance for condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster (see S. 1480), [1AU]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
———statehood (see S. 132), [19MR]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]
———make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [20MR]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [25JY]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
———provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and work-based training for unemployed adults and youth (see S. 1383), [29JY]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
———increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [20MR]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [8AP]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [9SE]
———ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Fab Foundation: provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a network of digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools (see S. 1705), [14NO]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [11JY]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
———enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 924), [24SE]
———extend phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties (see S. 1075), [1AU]
———improve the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 996), [22MY]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [12MR] (see S. 443), [4MR]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [24JY]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [12FE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [17JY]
Haiti: measure progress of recovery and development efforts following earthquake (see S. 1104), [17JN]
———recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [6MY]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [17AP]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 392), [11MR]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [24SE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 397), [27FE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Hurricanes: provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 803), [24AP]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [4MR]
———authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [31JA]
———establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [30JA]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [11JN]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [16MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [10SE]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [20MY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [28FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [22MY]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital

requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [27SE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [21MY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [20JN]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [22MY]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [11JY]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [12SE]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [4NO]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [19JN]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Motley, Constance Baker: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1150), [29OC]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 487), [20NO]
Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act: reauthorize (see S. 231), [23JY]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [30SE]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [17JN]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [25JN]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [10JN]
NOAA: provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1757), [21NO]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 457), [17AP]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [31OC]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [9SE]
Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [8JY]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Public safety officers: extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers (see S. 876), [20DE]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [28FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [3JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Science: establish a position of Science Laureate of the U.S. (see S. 899), [8MY]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [9DE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [20JN]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [24JN]
Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office, Rochester, NY: designate (see S. 1512), [17SE]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [7MY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [23AP]
———eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1772), [21NO]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [21MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [29JY]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [4JN]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 56), [4FE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [9DE]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [17JN]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
———treat payments by charitable organizations to certain firefighters as exempt payments (see S. 1115), [5NO]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Transportation Security Administration: prohibit airplane passengers from bringing small knives aboard a passenger aircraft (see S. 1008), [22MY]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
———tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [13MR]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [15MY]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [25FE]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 1171), [17JN]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
Water: exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [16DE]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Wildlife: prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [23SE]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [13MR]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]

———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Budget: exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
Buy American Act: ensure that all items for sale in National Park Service or National Archives and Records Administration gift shops are produced in the U.S. (see S. 1384), [29JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (see S. 821), [25AP]
———improve Federal dairy programs (see S. 605), [19MR] (see S. 670), [9AP]
———include farmed shellfish as specialty crops (see S. 754), [17AP]
———increase purchase of Kosher and Halal food and modify labeling of the commodities list under the Emergency Food Assistance Program to assist food banks in obtaining such foods (see S. 811), [25AP]
———protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1502), [12SE]
———remove authority of the Agricultural Marketing Service to inspect apples (see S. 694), [10AP]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1752), [20NO]
Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 1066), [23MY]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
———integrate engineering education into elementary and secondary instruction and curriculum and support research on engineering education (see S. 1178), [18JN]
Dept. of HHS: promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 752), [17AP]
———provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
Dept. of Labor: provide grants for an Urban Jobs Program (see S. 655), [22MR]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of adding Hudson River Valley in New York, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1139), [11JN]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, NY, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1389), [30JY]
Depts. of Labor and Commerce: establish Made in America Incentive Grant Program (see S. 63), [22JA]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
———extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster (see S. 1274), [10JY]
Diseases: expand research and awareness activities relative to scleroderma (see S. 1239), [27JN]
FAA: exempt from reduction under any order issued to carry out a sequestration (see S. 817), [25AP]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]
FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
Firearms: prevent gun trafficking (see S. 179), [30JA]
Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [11JN]
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1138), [11JN]
Immigration: require the collection of data by officers enforcing immigration law (see S. 260), [7FE]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]
Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site: establish (see S. 925), [9MY]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
Schools: strengthen nutrition education for elementary and secondary school students to promote healthy eating choices through developmentally appropriate lessons and activities integrated into the school day (see S. 274), [11FE]
Social Security: revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [15AP]
Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building, Tyrone, NY: designate (see S. 233), [7FE]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 1810), [12DE]
Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building, Brockport, NY: designate (see S. 668), [8AP]
Taxation: provide a credit for costs of certain infertility treatments (see S. 881), [7MY]
———provide a tax incentive for installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property (see S. 775), [22AP]
Transportation: provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]
Wildlife: establish improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent introduction and establishment in the U.S. of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites (see S. 1153), [12JN]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [27SE], [15DE], [17DE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]

GILMARTIN, SIOBHAN
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower (see S. Res. 195), [15JY]

GLASS-STEAGALL ACT *see* **BANKING ACT**

GLENDE, THEODORE M.
Bills and resolutions
Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office, Rochester, NY: designate (see S. 1512), [17SE]
Reports filed
Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office, Rochester, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1512), [6NO]

GLOBAL INVESTMENT IN AMERICAN JOBS ACT
Bills and resolutions
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GLOBAL WARMING *see* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

GOLD *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**
Bills and resolutions
Money: treat gold and silver coins used as legal tender in the same manner as U.S. currency (see S. 768), [18AP]

GOLD BUTTE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ACT
Bills and resolutions
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GOLD STAR WIVES DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 67), [5MR]

GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA, INC.
Bills and resolutions
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 67), [5MR]

GOLDSTONE, RICHARD
Bills and resolutions
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 95), [23JA]

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [31JA]

GOOD NEIGHBOR FORESTRY ACT
Reports filed
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GOODWIN, CARTE P. ***(a former Senator from West Virginia)***
Appointments
U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, [16DE]

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: report on the impact of certain mental and physical trauma on the discharge of Armed Forces members for misconduct (see S. 1668), [7NO]
Army: assess study on the combat vehicle industrial base (see S. 1727), [19NO]
Congress: end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1663), [7NO]
Credit: provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
Dept. of Education: make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 1704), [14NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of

the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
Dept. of Transportation: delay implementation of regulation changing the hours-of-service rule for commercial truck drivers pending a GAO assessment of such regulation (see S. 1891), [20DE]
Economy: provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
FCC: report to Congress on the effectiveness of universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
Federal agencies and departments: create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 1231), [26JN]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
Firearms: limit amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [25AP]
Foreign aid: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Government regulations: require a study and report on the costs of Federal regulations (see S. 536), [12MR]
Hurricanes: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
Legislative branch of the Government: making appropriations (see S. 1283), [11JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
Reports filed
Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1271) (S. Rept. 113–131), [20DE]
GAO Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1162) (S. Rept. 113–128), [17DE]
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Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2747), [30OC]

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Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1162) (S. Rept. 113–128), [17DE]

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Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]
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Legislative Branch of the Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1283) (S. Rept. 113–70), [11JY]

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Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [25AP]
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 107), [23JA] (see S. 163), [28JA]
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 638), [21MR]
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 625), [20MR]
Armed Forces: ensure footwear for enlisted members upon initial entry complies with domestic source requirements (see S. 1051), [23MY]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [13MR]
Business and industry: develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the U.S. and encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries (see S. 1615), [30OC]
CBO: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 1472), [1AU]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
———establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
———extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 1546), [24SE]
Colleges and universities: establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1822), [12DE]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [12MR]
Commission on Effective Regulation and Assessment Systems for Public Schools: establish (see S. 1010), [22MY]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on offshore profit shifting and the U.S. Tax Code (see S. Res. 62), [27FE]
Committee To Reduce Government Waste (Senate): establish (see S. 253), [7FE] (see S. Res. 30), [12FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Consumers: require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [20JN]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [18JN]
———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
———require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Corps of Engineers: modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 732), [16AP]
———prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 673), [9AP]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [16DE]
———prohibit distribution of checks or other negotiable instruments as part of a creditor solicitation to extend credit and limit consumer liability in conjunction with such solicitations (see S. 187), [30JA]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
———require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [23MY]
Dept. of Agriculture: protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1502), [12SE]
———remove authority of the Agricultural Marketing Service to inspect apples (see S. 694), [10AP]
———repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Defense: review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [15MY]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———ensure decisions to award grants or other assistance to States or local agencies are not contingent upon adoption of specific educational curricula (see S. 1890), [20DE]
———establish teacher evaluation programs (see S. 1112), [7JN]
———provide new program review requirements relative to colleges and universities (see S. 406), [28FE]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 1659), [6NO]

Dept. of Energy: improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [23MY]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
Dept. of HHS: establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
———establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 1653), [5NO]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 1758), [21NO]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]
———prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 752), [17AP]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]
Dept. of HUD: reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 576), [14MR]
Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of Labor: require State workforce agencies and employers to certify the active recruitment of Americans for job placement prior to hiring H–2B nonimmigrant workers (see S. 891), [8MY]
Dept. of the Interior: ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 473), [6MR]
———limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———modify Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project (see S. 244), [7FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: allow reliance on State examinations for certain financial institutions in order to assist immigrant communities in making remittances to their countries of origin (see S. 1840), [17DE]
———prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]
Dept. of Transportation: delay implementation of regulation changing the hours-of-service rule for commercial truck drivers pending a GAO assessment of such regulation (see S. 1891), [20DE]
———ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [23SE]
———ensure that on-duty time for certain commercial motor vehicle drivers does not include waiting time at natural gas or oil well sites (see S. 1380), [29JY]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1692), [13NO]
———prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
———set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [14NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
———require recipients of per diem payments for provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided (see S. 1580), [28OC]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve oversight of educational assistance (see S. 1717), [14NO]
Disabled: require captioning and video description at certain movie theaters (see S. 555), [13MR]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]
———make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [20MR]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
———permit voluntary economic activity (see S. 1004), [21MY]
Elections: require disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity (see S. 791), [23AP]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 1731), [19NO]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [5MR]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
———change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MR]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 1781), [9DE]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———establish a regulatory review process for proposed rules dealing with agricultural entities (see S. 1466), [1AU]
———establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [17SE]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
———prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [14FE]
———provide adequate data, modeling, and support in the development of a State implementation plan under the Clean Air Act (see S. 319), [13FE]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 1853), [18DE]
———provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
———require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 1363), [25JY]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 1536), [23SE]
———require Inspector General to include certain assessments in reports (see S. 317), [13FE]
———rescind funds made available if certain deadlines are not met (see S. 318), [13FE]
Executive departments: require transparency in meeting Federal goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
———issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 1495), [11SE]
———issue regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas of Los Angeles County, CA (see S. 208), [4FE]
———provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 1639), [4NO]
Families and domestic relations: increase effectiveness of State child support enforcement programs (see S. 1763), [21NO]
———increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1870, 1877), [19DE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 846), [25AP] (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FCC: allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide subscribers a la carte video programming, penalize broadcasters for downgrading services, and eliminate sports blackout rule (see S. 912), [9MY]
———authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 245), [7FE]
———consolidate reporting obligations to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (see S. 1379), [29JY]
———increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace (see S. 1680), [12NO]
FDA: encourage use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs (see S. Res. 97), [15AP]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
———improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
———improve safety of dietary supplements by requiring manufacturers to register supplement products with the FDA and amending labeling requirements (see S. 1425), [1AU]
———reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs (see S. 622), [20MR]
———require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [7FE]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
———strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]

———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———establish Federal customer service standards and improve service provided by Federal agencies (see S. 760), [18AP]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
———improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 1097), [6JN]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]
———quantify costs associated with proposed economically significant regulations (see S. 786), [23AP]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
———reform regulatory process to ensure freedom of small businesses to compete and create jobs (see S. 1730), [19NO]
———reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1173), [18JN]
———require that Federal regulations use plain writing that is clear, concise, well-organized, and follows other best practices appropriate to the subject or field and intended audience (see S. 807), [24AP]
———set forth reasons for determining that a proposed regulatory action is significant (see S. 787), [23AP]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [19SE]
FEMA: enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]
Financial institutions: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 685), [9AP]
———allow use of prize-linked savings accounts to encourage personal savings (see S. 1597), [29OC]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24JY]
———ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 947), [14MY]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [15AP]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———provide a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt (see S. 1861), [19DE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
———require a quantitative impact study on cumulative effect of the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets (see S. 737), [16AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]
———require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
———restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 985), [16MY]
———revise certain regulations governing financial assistance for swaps entities (see S. 474), [6MR]
———set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks (see S. 798), [24AP]
Financial Stability Oversight Council: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 100), [23JA]
Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [29JA]
———ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
———ensure that individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and require a background check for every firearm sale (see S. 374), [25FE]
———establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———establish minimum standards for States that allow carrying of concealed firearms (see S. 147), [24JA]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking (see S. 730), [15AP]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [22JA] (see S. 179), [30JA] (see S. 443), [4MR]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect and prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes (see S. 82), [23JA]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms (see S. 1774), [21NO]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [12JN]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
Fish and fishing: allow fishermen who hold capital construction fund accounts to make a penalty-free withdrawal from such accounts without requiring reinvestment in the fishing industry (see S. 551), [13MR]
———establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
———prevent escapement of genetically altered salmon (see S. 246), [7FE]
———prohibit Federal agencies from requiring seafood to be certified as sustainable by a third party nongovernmental organization (see S. 1521), [18SE]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [21NO]
Foreign aid: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
———provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP] (see S. 1300), [16JY]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
———provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [25JY]
———replace the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau with a 5-person commission, bring the Bureau into the regular appropriations process, and provide for a safety and soundness check (see S. 205), [31JA]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
———restrict conflicts of interest on the boards of directors of Federal Reserve banks (see S. 1018), [22MY]
FTC: prescribe regulations on the collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 418), [28FE]
———prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [16MY]
———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 1830), [16DE]
GAO: require a study and report on the costs of Federal regulations (see S. 536), [12MR]
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
Health: limit establishment of standards or duties of care owed by health care providers to patients in medical malpractice or medical product liability actions or claims (see S. 1769), [21NO]
———reduce health care and insurance costs through medical malpractice tort reform (see S. 44), [22JA]
Health care professionals: impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 139), [24JA]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [31JY]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]

IRS: issue regulations to allow enrolled agents to use or display their credentials when advertising their services or representing clients (see S. 1134), [11JN]
———permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Medicare: provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 104), [23JA]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [7MR]
———prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
———provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 487), [7MR]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [30JY]
Native Americans: require tribes to demonstrate a substantial direct modern and aboriginal connection to certain lands to allow for gaming on such lands (see S. 477), [6MR]
NLRB: delay enforcement of any rulings until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments of certain members (see S. 180), [30JA]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
NOAA: limit maritime liens on fishing licenses (see S. 542), [13MR]
———provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1757), [21NO]
NRC: ensure orderly conduct of actions (see S. 1519), [18SE]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
Patents: deter abusive patent litigation by awarding the prevailing party reasonable fees and expenses and allowing the defendant to request the alleging party post a bond to cover certain costs (see S. 1612), [30OC]
———promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 27), [31OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1154), [12JN] (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [28OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
———clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Petroleum: grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities (see S. 763), [18AP]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]
———express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 26), [21NO]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: prohibit from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or the use of different auditors on a rotating basis (see S. 1526), [19SE]
———promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
———require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 873), [7MY]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 1390), [30JY]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1595), [29OC]
———establish a Federal renewable electricity standard and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1627), [31OC]
Roads and highways: amend length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways (see S. 880), [7MY]
———clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 1854), [18DE]
———waive certain vehicle weight limitations on any segment of U.S. Route 78 in Mississippi that is designated as part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1289), [11JY]
SBA: increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 550), [13MR]
———increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 936), [14MY]
———require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 286), [12FE]
Securities: make shareholder registration threshold for savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies (see S. 872), [7MY]
———protect transactions in the U.S. from enforcement of certain excise taxes imposed by foreign governments (see S. 1257), [27JN]
———provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Ships and vessels: extend exemption from fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line (see S. 1022), [22MY]
Small business: suspend fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations (see S. 97), [23JA]
Social Security: improve enforcement, collection, and administration of child support payments (see S. 508), [7MR]
Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [16MY]

———reduce sports-related concussions in youth (see S. 1014), [22MY]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act: modify requirements regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms (see S. 716), [11AP]
Taxation: constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
———deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 1654), [5NO]
———disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil (see S. 599), [18MR]
———disapprove rule relative to taxable medical devices (see S.J. Res. 8), [27FE]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 1658), [6NO]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 606), [19MR]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 725), [15AP]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [28FE]
———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
———regulate payroll tax deposit agents (see S. 900), [8MY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
Telephones: prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills (see S. 1144), [12JN]
Television: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1789), [10DE]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Transportation: provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
Transportation Security Administration: facilitate air passenger screening of severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1403), [31JY]
———provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1367), [25JY]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [10AP]
———require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses (see S. 492), [7MR]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 58), [22JA]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
———repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
———technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]
———exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Wildlife: establish improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent introduction and establishment in the U.S. of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites (see S. 1153), [12JN]
———prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [29JY]
———prohibit import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species (see S. 1463), [1AU]
Women: provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]
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Dept. of the Interior Pilot Project Offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project Modification: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 244) (S. Rept. 113–22), [22AP]
FDA User Fee Programs Relating to New Animal Drugs and Generic New Animal Drugs Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 622), [20MR]
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Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1271) (S. Rept. 113–131), [20DE]
GAO Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1162) (S. Rept. 113–128), [17DE]
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Protecting Responsible Gun Sellers Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 374), [12MR]
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———prohibit Federal funding of abortions (see S. 142), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 625), [20MR]
———making continuing (see S.J. Res. 23), [2OC]
———provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 171), [29JA] (see S. 1541, 1543), [24SE]
———appropriate funds necessary to ensure that U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen who are appointed as Navy Reserve midshipmen continue to receive pay during a Government shutdown (see S. 1568), [7OC]
———better connect current and former members with employment opportunities by consolidating duplicative Federal Government websites and conserve resources by merging redundant and competing programs (see S. 1637), [31OC]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [18JY]
Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [30JA]
———ensure effective control over the congressional budget process (see S. 280), [12FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [13MR]
———exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]

———limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
———provide for continuing operations in a fiscally responsible manner (see S. 83), [23JA]
———reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes (see S. 268), [11FE]
———replace current fiscal year sequestration (see S. 18), [27FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (see S. 16), [27FE] (see S. 799), [24AP]
———replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
———require the President to submit a budget to Congress listing current fiscal year spending levels for proposed programs and separate amounts for proposed spending increases (see S. 1314), [17JY] (see S. 1321), [18JY]
———setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023 (see S. Con. Res. 8), [18MR]
———setting forth the Federal budget for 2014–2023 (see S. Con. Res. 14), [22AP]
———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
CBO: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 1472), [1AU]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Coast Guard: making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members (see S.J. Res. 24), [10OC]
Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (Joint): extend (see S. Con. Res. 2), [3JA]
Committee To Reduce Government Waste (Senate): establish (see S. 253), [7FE] (see S. Res. 30), [12FE]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 25), [11OC]
———counting of electoral votes for President and Vice President (see S. Con. Res. 1), [3JA]
———end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1663), [7NO]
Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [27JN]
———ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 98), [23JA]
———increase contracting goals for service-disabled veteran-owned small business and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 259), [7FE]
———limit taxpayer-funded salaries of Government contractors (see S. 1192), [19JN]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 99), [23JA]
Courts: provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch (see S. 575), [14MR]
———provide for conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships (see S. 1868), [19DE]
Credit: provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Dept. of Commerce and the Workforce: establish (see S. 1836), [17DE]
Dept. of Defense: reduce budget sequestration cuts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 but implement such cuts over the duration of sequestration (see S. 1841), [17DE]
Dept. of Energy: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: establish a public-private partnership program to provide child care (see S. 442), [4MR]
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
Dept. of State: extend Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs (see S. 990), [20MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 1420), [1AU]
———reimburse States that use State funds to operate national parks during the Government shutdown (see S. 1572), [15OC]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [9AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
Economy: provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
FAA: exempt from reduction under any order issued to carry out a sequestration (see S. 817), [25AP]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 846), [25AP] (see S. 857), [6MY]
Federal agencies and departments: allow interagency transfers of funds to provide more flexibility for the agency to comply with a sequestration order (see S. 465), [5MR] (see S. 1017), [22MY]
———close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1792), [10DE]
———codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 1231), [26JN]
———develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 350), [14FE]
———eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management (see S. 1843), [17DE]
———establish Federal customer service standards and improve service provided by Federal agencies (see S. 760), [18AP]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
———improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [24JY]
———improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———modify appointment of Inspectors General (see S. 1366), [25JY]
———prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 1097), [6JN]
———prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [11JY]
———promote strategic sourcing principles (see S. 1304), [16JY]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
———provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]
———quantify costs associated with proposed economically significant regulations (see S. 786), [23AP]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
———reform regulatory process to ensure freedom of small businesses to compete and create jobs (see S. 1730), [19NO]
———reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
———report on responses to Inspector General recommendations on cost-saving measures or reimbursement for poor contractor performance, cost overruns, or other reasons (see S. 664), [22MR]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21MY]
———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1611), [30OC]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1173), [18JN]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 523), [12MR]
———set forth reasons for determining that a proposed regulatory action is significant (see S. 787), [23AP]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [21MR]
Federal employees: clarify certain due process rights of employees serving in sensitive positions (see S. 1809), [12DE]
———eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
———eliminate use of official time (see S. 785), [23AP]
———end the defined benefit portion of the Federal Employee Retirement System for any individual hired after a certain date (see S. 1678), [12NO]
———establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]
———limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
———make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 1045), [23MY]
———prohibit performance awards in the Senior Executive Service during sequestration periods (see S. 986), [16MY]

———prohibit use of Federal funds for official portraits of Members of Congress or heads of executive or legislative branch agencies or offices (see S. 1820), [12DE]
———provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1746), [20NO]
———provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [19SE]
———provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
———provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 101), [23JA]
Flag—U.S.: require purchase of domestically made U.S. flags for use by the Federal Government (see S. 1214), [24JN]
Foreign aid: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
———require a study and report on the costs of Federal regulations (see S. 536), [12MR]
Government regulations: require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
———require that Federal regulations use plain writing that is clear, concise, well-organized, and follows other best practices appropriate to the subject or field and intended audience (see S. 807), [24AP]
Government Transformation Commission: establish (see S. 1297), [16JY]
GSA: improve energy and water efficiency of Federal buildings (see S. 52), [22JA]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
Income: prohibit members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
Members of Congress: prohibit from receiving pay whenever the U.S. cannot satisfy obligations because public debt ceiling has been reached (see S. 1142), [12JN]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of non-essential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 417), [28FE]
National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [30JY]
Native Americans: anniversary of restoration of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (see S. Res. 304), [20NO]
———extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 161), [28JA]
———extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy, Chickahominy-Eastern Division, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Monacan, and Nansemond Tribes (see S. 1074), [23MY]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
———rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
———require submittal of an annual report on the use of official time by Federal employees (see S. 1338), [23JY]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (see S.J. Res. 26), [28OC]
———establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt ceiling (see S. 57), [22JA]
———prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 92), [23JA]
———provide a process for ensuring the U.S. does not default on its obligations by making permanent authority for Congress to disapprove a debt ceiling increase instead of approving it (see S. 1598), [29OC]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (see S. 1569), [8OC]
Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 1390), [30JY]
SBA: increase Government-wide small business contracting level and the contracting goal for businesses owned by veterans, women, and economically disadvantaged individuals (see S. 196), [31JA]
———require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
Senate Rules: prevent creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs (see S. Res. 110), [24AP]
Small business: suspend fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations (see S. 97), [23JA]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]
Taxation: repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
Television: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1789), [10DE]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 1816), [12DE]
Veterans: appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [30SE]
———clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]
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———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
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———making continuing (H.R. 933), [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), [26FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), [27FE]
———setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023 (S. Con. Res. 8), [21MR], [22MR]
———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling and hold salaries of Members of Congress in escrow upon failure to agree to a budget resolution (H.R. 325), [31JA]
Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (S.J. Res. 26), [29OC]
———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), [10OC], [11OC], [12OC], [13OC], [14OC], [15OC], [16OC]
Reports filed
Federal Real Property Asset Management Reform Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1398) (S. Rept. 113–122), [19NO]
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1271) (S. Rept. 113–131), [20DE]
GAO Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1162) (S. Rept. 113–128), [17DE]
Security Clearance Oversight and Reform Enhancement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1276) (S. Rept. 113–111), [24SE]
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Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2747), [30OC]

GRADUATION PROMISE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 940), [14MY]

GRAHAM, LINDSEY ***(a Senator from South Carolina)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]

Senate National Security Working Group, [12MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
———replace current fiscal year sequestration (see S. 18), [27FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [19MR] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [10AP]
Crime: prohibit and deter theft of metal (see S. 394), [27FE]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [12SE]
Dept. of Defense: limit retirement of A–10 aircraft (see S. 1764), [21NO]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———offer rewards for information regarding the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya (see S. 1661), [7NO]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 1412), [31JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [18NO]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [17JY]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [18NO] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Firearms: prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [28OC]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [12MR]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [12SE]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [7FE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [4FE]
Immigration: extend period when Iraqis employed by the U.S. in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and temporarily increase fee or surcharge for processing certain nonimmigrant visas (see S. 1566), [30SE]
———reform (see S. 744), [16AP] (see S. 744), [17AP]
Information technology: promote public awareness of cybersecurity (see S. 1638), [31OC]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [17SE]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [23SE]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [23MY]
———prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [21MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [25JY]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [24AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
Medicare: repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [13MY]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2), [14NO]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [4NO]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [11JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [2OC]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [24JY]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [16JY]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [28OC]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1272), [17JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [4FE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [7FE]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [7FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Taxation: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [1AU]

———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [25JN]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [21NO]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [9SE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [25JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
———suspend military assistance until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the parliamentary elections and election reforms are implemented (see S. Res. 271), [16OC]
Dept. of HHS: award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 13), [26FE]
Firearms: improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National MPS Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
Snowden, Edward: call for Russia to turn over Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities and consider all economic and diplomatic options when pursuing him (see S. Res. 198), [18JY]
GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT *see* **FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION ACT**
GRAMS, ROD ***(a former Senator from Minnesota)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
GRAND RONDE RESERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Technical corrections (see S. 416), [28FE]
GRASSLEY, CHUCK ***(a Senator from Iowa)***
Appointments
Committee on Taxation (Joint), [26FE]
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
Congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to international conferences, meetings, and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements, [13MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [6MY]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
American Chiropractic Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 72), [7MR]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Armed Forces: require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [8AP]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [11AP]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [18AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [7MR]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contracts: limit taxpayer-funded salaries of Government contractors (see S. 1192), [19JN]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [4FE]
Corporations: require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Correctional institutions: improve effectiveness and efficiency of Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction (see S. 1783), [9DE]
Crime: enhance penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors (see S. 1686), [12NO]
———establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [18MR]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
DEA: anniversary (see S. Res. 178), [20JN]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24SE]
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [18JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 1420), [1AU]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 1061), [23MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [22AP]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
Families and domestic relations: increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1877), [19DE]
———reauthorize and restructure adoption incentives payments (see S. 1876), [19DE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [6MY]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
Federal employees: clarify certain due process rights of employees serving in sensitive positions (see S. 1809), [12DE]
———provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Forest Service: revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [12OC]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [24AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human

Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [2OC]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [26JN]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [4NO]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [1AU]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [4FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 1672), [7NO]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [12MR]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [25AP]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [11FE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [22AP]
Mosaic (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 36), [14FE]
Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 120), [25AP]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [31JY]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [12SE]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [19JN]
Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]
Patents: add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits to deter abusive litigation (see S. 1013), [27JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [16JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Peace Officers Memorial Day: observance (see S. Res. 140), [14MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [17SE]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [4MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 286), [12FE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1878), [19DE]
———improve enforcement, collection, and administration of child support payments (see S. 508), [7MR]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [18AP]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 1207), [20JN]
Taxation: deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 1654), [5NO]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies (see S. 1346), [23JY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [18SE]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 517), [11MR]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Veterans: clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 1171), [17JN]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 42), [22JA]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [25JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Agriculture: restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits to farmers (see S. 281), [12FE]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 1427), [1AU]
Children and youth: encourage the placement of children in foster care with siblings (see S. 1786), [10DE]
———issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1047), [23MY]
Courts: clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review (see S. 478), [6MR]
———provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch (see S. 575), [14MR]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
———reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [10AP]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
Dept. of HHS: issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
EPA: prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [23JY]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: improve attorney accountability to reduce frivolous lawsuits (see S. 1288), [11JY]
Immigration: reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 600), [18MR]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [30JY]
Taxation: clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations (see S. 479), [6MR]
GREAT BRITAIN *see* **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**
GREAT LAKES WATER PROTECTION ACT
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Independence: anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
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Appointments
Commission on Long-Term Care, [11FE], [6JN]
GREENWICH, CT
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al. (see S. Res. 124), [25AP]
GRIFFIN, ADELE
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]
GRIFFIN, RICHARD F., JR.
Bills and resolutions
NLRB: delay enforcement of any rulings until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments of certain members (see S. 180), [30JA]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
GRISBY, TONY
Bills and resolutions
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]
GROWTH AWARENESS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 242), [19SE]
GUAM
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: increase mileage reimbursement rate for members during permanent change of station and authorize transport of vehicles of members stationed on nonforeign areas outside the continental U.S. (see S. 613), [19MR]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
GUNNISON COUNTY, CO
Bills and resolutions
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]
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H–1B AND L–1 VISA REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 600), [18MR]
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Relief (see S. 72), [23JA]
HAGAN, KAY R. ***(a Senator from North Carolina)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Armed Forces: require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1856), [18DE]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [8OC]
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area: authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access (see S. 486), [7MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [29OC]
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [9SE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [20MY]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [9SE]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Credit: provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [29JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [16AP]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [8AP]
———produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [22MY]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [3JN]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [3JN]
———provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime (see S. 1078), [19SE]
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [24AP]
Dept. of HHS: allow use of Child Care and Development Block Grant Program funds to improve child safety and reduce incidence of preventable infant deaths in child care settings (see S. 1494), [11SE]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of victims under adoption assistance and foster care programs (see S. 1823), [13DE]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [29OC]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [25JN]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 818, 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [17JY]
Diseases: foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [12MR]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [8OC]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
EPA: eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [4NO]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [17JN]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [1AU]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [18NO] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [1AU]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [7JN]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [10SE]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]

Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [27JN]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [16JY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [9JY]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [30JY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [26FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [28OC]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [13MY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [12JN]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [27JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [9SE]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [31JA]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [20MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [9SE]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10DE]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [19SE]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [29OC]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Native Americans: provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (see S. 1132), [11JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1642), [7NO]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [18DE]
———extend open enrollment period for health care plans and protect individuals from penalties during the enrollment extension (see S. 1693), [14NO]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [31JY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [1AU]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 57), [26FE]
SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [8AP]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [23AP]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [13JN]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [9MY]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [26FE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [10DE]
———reduce tax on beer (see S. 958), [10DE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [23SE]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [10JY]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [23JA]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [25JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [12MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [6MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: pay monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant (see S. 1076), [23MY]
Colleges and universities: restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [12MR]
Dept. of Education: award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools by authorizing school turnaround grants and reward schools that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps (see S. 578), [14MR]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
Dept. of Labor: require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [5MR]
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 1412), [31JY]
Financial institutions: revise certain regulations governing financial assistance for swaps entities (see S. 474), [6MR]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 947), [14MY]
International Year of Statistics: designate (see S. Res. 150), [21MY]
Medicare: improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Tariff: trousers, breeches, or shorts imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1883), [20DE]
Taxation: allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard (see S. 1591), [28OC]
Topsail, NC: revise boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06 (see S. 533), [12MR]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]

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Earthquakes: measure progress of recovery and development efforts following earthquake (see S. 1104), [6JN]
———recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Foreign aid: provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
Reports filed
Recognize Anniversary of Earthquake in Haiti, Honor Victims and Responders, and Reaffirm Support and Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 12), [14FE]

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Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1548), [24SE]

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HANFORD, WA
Bills and resolutions
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
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Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 507) (S. Rept. 113–65), [27JN]

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Conferees: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Bills and resolutions
Arctic regions: expedite development of Arctic deepwater ports (see S. 428), [28FE]

Cargo transportation: establish a Maritime Goods Movement User Fee and provide grants for international maritime cargo improvements (see S. 1509), [17SE]
Corps of Engineers: modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 732), [16AP]
———provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 224), [4FE]
Transportation: provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]
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———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]
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Reports
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Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]
HARKIN, TOM ***(a Senator from Iowa)***
Appointments
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Attendance
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: provide for crop production on native sod (see S. 801), [24AP]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
American Dental Hygienists' Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 182), [21JN]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [25JY]
———replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [12NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25AP]
Colleges and universities: require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [12MR]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Corporations: require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Corps of Engineers: provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [12MR]
———provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [18MR]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [27FE]
———exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [28JA]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [11FE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (see S. 821), [25AP]
———establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]
———improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 521), [11MR]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [15MY]
———improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [8MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [20JN]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———provide new program review requirements relative to colleges and universities, [28FE]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 1659), [6NO]
Dept. of HHS: establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [12NO]
———reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [18DE]
———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [18DE]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [12NO]
Dept. of Justice: improve administration of grants to States under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and ensure that all criminal defendants receive adequate representation (see S. 597), [19MR]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (see S. 1356), [24JY]
Dept. of the Interior: use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [12DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11MR]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [8MY]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [7NO]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [7MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]

———statehood (see S. 132), [17AP]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [13MY]
Drugs: make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [16OC]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
Employment: permit employees to request, and ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions (see S. 1248), [27JN]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
FDA: strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Financial institutions: set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks (see S. 798), [19SE]
Firearms: prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [8AP]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [10SE]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [21MY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Haiti: recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [22MR]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [25FE]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [18SE]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [23JY]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [18MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [8OC]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [7MY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [12JN]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [24AP]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [8OC]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [4MR]
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [31OC]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
Mosaic (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 36), [14FE]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [25AP]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [17SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [21MY]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [2OC]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [30SE]
Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]
Patents: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 780), [25JY]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [13MY]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [9DE]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [5MR]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [15OC]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [20DE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [3JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [3JA]
Social Security: improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [23JY]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [1AU]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [10JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [5MR]
———make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [18SE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 826), [25AP]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [4JN]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [23MY]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747), [20NO] (see S. 1797), [16DE] (see S. 1845), [18DE]
Veterans: clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [12FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [23JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [14MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Air Force: require a demonstration program on the accession as officers of candidates with auditory impairments (see S. 1864), [19DE]
American Chiropractic Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 72), [7MR]
America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership: reauthorize in Iowa (see S. 1151), [12JN]
Animals: improve sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees (see S. 1561), [30SE]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [6MR]
Civil rights: prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 38), [25FE] (see S. Res. 238), [18SE]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
Dept. of Education: authorize grant program to promote physical education, activity, fitness, and nutrition, and ensure healthy students (see S. 1033), [23MY]
Dept. of HHS: publish physical activity guidelines (see S. 531), [12MR]

Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Disabled: improve accessibility of entertainment programming provided by air carriers on passenger flights by making captioning and video description available for visually-displayed entertainment programming (see S. 556), [13MR]
———require captioning and video description at certain movie theaters (see S. 555), [13MR]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for pre-kindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
———clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
Executive Office of the President: require development of a National Manufacturing Strategy (see S. 544), [13MR]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FDA: reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs (see S. 622), [20MR]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Financial institutions: ensure that customers can immediately close accounts at insured depository institutions on demand and without cost, and that consumers receive any balance in accounts immediately (see S. 1534), [19SE]
———restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 985), [16MY]
Health: expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [6MY]
———improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Minimum wage: increase, and extend increased expensing limitations for depreciable business assets and treatment of certain property as section 179 property (see S. 1737), [19NO]
———increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Money: improve circulation of $1 coins in order to phase out production of $1 bills (see S. 1105), [6JN]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Power resources: expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
Senate Rules: provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate (see S. Res. 5), [3JA]
Social Security: strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [14MR]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [6MR]
Taxation: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 1694), [13NO]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions (see S. 410), [28FE]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies (see S. 1346), [23JY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [13FE]
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Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Estevez, Alan F.: nomination to be Principal Deputy Under Sec. of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, [28OC], [30OC]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
Reports filed
Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1302), [30OC]
Dept. of HHS Graduate Medical Education Programs in Children's Hospitals Support Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1557), [30OC]
Dept. of HHS Programs To Protect Against Pandemics and Attacks From Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 307), [14FE]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]
Employment Non-Discrimination Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 815) (S. Rept. 113–105), [12SE]
Expenditures: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. Res. 38), [26FE]
———Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. Res. 238), [18SE]
FDA User Fee Programs Relating to New Animal Drugs and Generic New Animal Drugs Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 622), [20MR]
HIV Organ Policy Equity Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 330), [21MY]
Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 689), [11AP]
Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1417), [19DE]
Pharmaceutical Compounding Quality and Accountability Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 959), [19JN]
Poison Center Network Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [19DE]
Reduce Preterm Labor, Delivery, and Risk of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Complications Due to Pregnancy, and Reduce Infant Mortality Caused by Prematurity: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 252), [14FE]
Sanctuary System for Surplus Chimpanzees Improvement: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1561), [30OC]
School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]
Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2747), [30OC]
Strengthen Workforce Development System Through Innovation and Alignment and Improvement of Employment, Training, and Education Programs and Promote Economic Growth: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1356), [12NO]
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Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 800), [24AP]

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND CONTROL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
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———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [19MR]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Correctional institutions: improve effectiveness and efficiency of Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction (see S. 1783), [9DE]
Courts: clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review (see S. 478), [11MR]
———reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [10AP]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
Dept. of Education: ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [8AP]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
Dept. of Justice: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [29OC]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
———limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: reimburse States that use State funds to operate national parks during the Government shutdown (see S. 1572), [15OC]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [21NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [20MY]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
EPA: prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [31JY]
———prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [13MR]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [27JN]
Families and domestic relations: increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1877), [19DE]
———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
———reauthorize and restructure adoption incentives payments (see S. 1876), [19DE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [24AP]
Foreign trade: reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities (see S. 662), [22MR]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [25FE]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [7FE]
Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1331), [18JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Hong Kong: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 703), [11AP]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [17SE]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [12NO]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [6JN]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [4NO]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [14MR]
Israel: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 266), [7FE]
———strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [6MY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [20NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [9OC]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [25FE]
Patents: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 780), [23AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [17SE]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [20MR]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [24JA]
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]

Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [1AU] (see S. 1878), [19DE]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [20DE]
———include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines (see S. 391), [27FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [12MR]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [21NO]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [16AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 517), [11MR]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 1889), [20DE]
Utah: convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (see S. 1732), [19NO]
———convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 1732), [21NO]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [3JN]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [9MY]
———exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [22MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
———improve outcomes for youth at risk for sex trafficking (see S. 1518), [18SE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal features of the electric system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District (see S. 25), [22JA]
———convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 510), [7MR]
———facilitate development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project (see S. 26), [22JA]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Forest Service: convey certain parcels of land to Fruit Heights, UT (see S. 509), [7MR]
Health: repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [14NO]
National Runaway Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 308), [20NO]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: establish position of Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator (see S. 660), [22MR]
Patents: deter abusive patent litigation by awarding the prevailing party reasonable fees and expenses and allowing the defendant to request the alleging party post a bond to cover certain costs (see S. 1612), [30OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
Provo River Project Transfer Act: clarify certain property descriptions (see S. 211), [4FE]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
States: recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 1743), [20NO]
Taxation: improve access to health care by expanding health savings accounts (see S. 1031), [23MY]
———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest: convey a small parcel of land to Brigham Young University (see S. 28), [22JA]
Utah: clarify authority under legislation defining the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation (see S. 27), [22JA]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]

HATHAWAY, WILLIAM D. ***(a former Senator from Maine)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]

HAWAII
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: increase mileage reimbursement rate for members during permanent change of station and authorize transport of vehicles of members stationed on nonforeign areas outside the continental U.S. (see S. 613), [19MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 10), [22MR]
———designate the Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room (see S. Res. 76), [13MR]
Courts: provide for conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships (see S. 1868), [19DE]
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [10OC]
Dept. of HUD: reauthorize programs for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians (see S. 640), [21MR]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the Ka'u Coast in Hawaii as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1432), [1AU]
———conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act: consent to certain amendments (see S.J. Res. 12), [21MR]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]
SBA: provide conformity in Native small business opportunities and promote job creation, manufacturing, and American economic recovery (see S. 1607), [29OC]
Tung, Vichai Sae: relief (see S. 1492), [10SE]
Reports filed
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act Amendments Consent: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S.J. Res. 12) (S. Rept. 113–76), [15JY]

HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Federal-State relations: consent to certain amendments (see S.J. Res. 12), [21MR]
Reports filed
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act Amendments Consent: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S.J. Res. 12) (S. Rept. 113–76), [15JY]

HAWAIIANS *see* **NATIVE AMERICANS**

HAYWARD, SD
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
Reports filed
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES *related term(s)* **RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES**
Bills and resolutions
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]
Dept. of HHS: provide for participation in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program of certain specialists needed to respond to environmental public health emergencies (see S. 426), [28FE]
———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [18NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]
Dept. of HUD: reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [13FE]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 1602), [29OC]
———establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown to track possible exposure to toxins (see S. 1892), [20DE]
———modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hos-

pital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 1781), [9DE]
———establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [17SE]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Interagency Council on Healthy Housing: establish (see S. 291), [13FE]
Medicare: cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 672), [9AP]
Mercury: establish a national monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
Mining and mineral resources: protect miners from black lung disease (see S. 1416), [31JY]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [7MR]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National security: enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities (see S. 763), [18AP]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]
———express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Disposition of Russian Highly Enriched Uranium: President Obama, [20JN]
Reports filed
Poison Center Network Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [19DE]

HAZLEHURST, MS
Bills and resolutions
First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr., Post Office Building: designate (see S. 1093), [4JN]
Reports filed
First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr., Post Office Building, Hazlehurst, MS: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1093), [31JY]

HEALTH *related term(s)* **DISEASES; PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**
Appointments
Commission on Long-Term Care, [4FE], [11FE], [6JN]
Health Information Technology Policy Committee, [25AP], [17JN]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 143), [24JA]
———prohibit Federal funding of abortions (see S. 142), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
Air Force: require a demonstration program on the accession as officers of candidates with auditory impairments (see S. 1864), [19DE]
Alaska: enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes relative to enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, improve quality of life in rural Alaska, and reduce alcohol and drug abuse (see S. 1474), [1AU]
American Chiropractic Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 72), [7MR]
American College of Surgeons Days: designate (see S. Res. 217), [1AU]
American Dental Hygienists' Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 182), [21JN]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [10DE]
Anchorage, AK: convey certain property from the U.S. to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (see S. 235), [7FE]
Animals: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [12MR]
Arctic regions: study mental, behavioral, and physical health problems, institute Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Arctic health assessment program, and create NIH ''Arctic Desk'' (see S. 271), [11FE]
Armed Forces: educate potential military recruits on healthy body weight and facilitate and encourage exercise by opening military base sports and exercise facilities to youth (see S. 976), [16MY]
———extend duration of Physical Disability Board of Review and expand authority of Board to review the separation of members on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability (see S. 628), [20MR]
———notify members of the availability of mental health services and related privacy rights (see S. 1703), [14NO]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
———require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 1550), [24SE]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]
Budget: exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
———improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [13FE]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 1546), [24SE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Civil liberties: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]
Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Correctional institutions: eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety (see S. 657), [22MR]
Courts: limit establishment of standards or duties of care owed by health care providers to patients in medical malpractice or medical product liability actions or claims (see S. 1769), [21NO]
———reduce health care and insurance costs through medical malpractice tort reform (see S. 44), [22JA]
Cowley, R. Adams: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1345), [23JY]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]
Credit: exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [28JA]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [22JA] (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (see S. 821), [25AP]
———establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]
———improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 458), [5MR]
———improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 762), [18AP]
———protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1502), [12SE]
———provide for the conduct of activities to detect, and respond in a timely manner to, threats to animal health (see S. 859), [6MY]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 521), [11MR]
———implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [25AP]
———provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime (see S. 1078), [23MY]
Dept. of Education: authorize grant program to promote physical education, activity, fitness, and nutrition, and ensure healthy students (see S. 1033), [23MY]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]

———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
Dept. of HHS: assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care (see S. 466), [5MR]
———authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 144), [24JA]
———authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [10OC]
———authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 13), [26FE]
———conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
———Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program funding (see S. 1333), [18JY]
———develop a national model disclosure form to assist consumers in purchasing long-term care insurance (see S. 1473), [1AU]
———eliminate the prerequisite of direct appropriations relative to collection of health data and modify standards for measuring sexual orientation and gender identity (see S. 989), [20MY]
———ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 834), [25AP]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]
———establish an interagency coordinating committee on pulmonary hypertension (see S. 1453), [1AU]
———establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 739), [16AP]
———establish Office of the National Nurse (see S. 1475), [1AU]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
———establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 1653), [5NO]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1223), [26JN]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [28FE]
———improve and enhance research and programs on childhood cancer survivorship (see S. 1247), [27JN]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———improve the quality of infant and toddler care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1065), [23MY]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 1758), [21NO]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [21MR]
———integrate mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and provide grants for geriatric mental health treatment outreach teams (see S. 1119), [7JN]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]
———prevent abuse of dextromethorphan by restricting over-the-counter sales and bulk distribution (see S. 644), [21MR]
———prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 752), [17AP]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]
———provide for participation in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program of certain specialists needed to respond to environmental public health emergencies (see S. 426), [28FE]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [19MR]
———provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvements (see S. 265), [7FE]
———provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
———provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care (see S. 726), [15AP]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
———publish physical activity guidelines (see S. 531), [12MR]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [13MY]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
———remove Social Security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to beneficiaries (see S. 612), [19MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: implement standards for short-term custody of individuals held in Bureau of Customs and Border Protection facilities (see S. 1817), [12DE]
Dept. of HUD: reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [13FE]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
———provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug takeback program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [23SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow public access to departmental research (see S. 877), [7MY]
———authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE] (see S. 1740), [20NO]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11MR]
———conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders (see S. 1583), [28OC]
———cover costs associated with the care of veterans at medical foster homes (see S. 1578), [28OC]
———designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 1061), [23MY]
———ensure an up-to-date policy on reporting of cases of infectious diseases and require an independent assessment of Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers (see S. 1589), [28OC]
———ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 800), [24AP]
———ensure veterans have access to services in at least one departmental full-service hospital or comparable contract services in their State (see S. 49), [22JA]
———establish a continuing medical education program for medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of conditions common to veterans and their families (see S. 1863), [19DE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 1602), [29OC]
———establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown to track possible exposure to toxins (see S. 1892), [20DE]
———establish pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms for contracts with community-based outpatient health clinics (see S. 1662), [7NO]
———expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services (see S. 1604), [29OC]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1588), [28OC]
———furnish case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam and certain Korean war veterans born with spina bifida or certain birth defects (see S. 832), [25AP]
———implement mental health care and rehabilitation program for veterans with service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or related substance use disorder (see S. 819), [25AP]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
———improve authority to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations (see S. 1751), [20NO]

———improve benefits and assistance to surviving spouses of veterans (see S. 735), [16AP]
———improve dental health care (see S. 1586), [28OC]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———improve Health Professionals Education Assistance Program (see S. 845), [25AP]
———improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [9MY]
———increase access to complementary and alternative medicine and other approaches to wellness and preventive care (see S. 852), [25AP]
———issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans (see S. 778), [23AP]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1556), [27SE]
———modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
———prohibit medical exam requests of veterans who have submitted sufficient evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals and improve efficiency of disability claims processing (see S. 935), [13MY]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [21MR]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [10AP]
———reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 543), [13MR]
———report cases of certain infectious diseases at departmental medical facilities (see S. 875), [7MY]
———report on the provision of services to veterans with hearing loss and other auditory system injuries and measures that can be taken to address such injuries (see S. 1582), [28OC]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
———review the dialysis pilot program and submit a report to Congress before expanding such program (see S. 1547), [24SE]
———specify requirements for updating the Office of Rural Health strategic plan for improving access to, and quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas (see S. 1411), [31JY]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [15JY]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 1790), [10DE]
Diseases: de-link research and development incentives from drug prices for new medicines to treat HIV/AIDS and stimulate greater sharing of scientific knowledge (see S. 626), [20MR]
———expand research and awareness activities relative to scleroderma (see S. 1239), [27JN]
———extend authorities relative to global HIV/AIDS and promote oversight of U.S. programs (see S. 1545), [24SE]
———foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [12MR]
———improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 608), [19MR]
———improve diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (see S. 908), [8MY]
———issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [4JN]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [8MY]
———reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]
———reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1879), [19DE]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
Drugs: establish a commission to coordinate efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse (see S. 1277), [10JY]
———reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 1657), [6NO]
Economy: provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
Education: support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 392), [27FE]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
———assist survivors of stroke in returning to work (see S. 1026), [22MY]
———expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [6MY]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
———award grants to individuals that may be affected by a reported disease cluster (see S. 53), [22JA]
———establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
———investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children (see S. 50), [22JA]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 846), [25AP] (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
———improve safety of dietary supplements by requiring manufacturers to register supplement products with the FDA and amending labeling requirements (see S. 1425), [1AU]
———require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [7FE]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
———strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [21NO]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [23JA]
FTC: prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [16MY]
GAO: report on the impact of certain mental and physical trauma on the discharge of Armed Forces members for misconduct (see S. 1668), [7NO]
———report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
Growth Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 242), [19SE]
Haiti: measure progress of recovery and development efforts following earthquake (see S. 1104), [6JN]
———recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR]
———repeal health-care related provisions (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Health care professionals: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 1152), [12JN]
———impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 139), [24JA]
———provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 616), [19MR]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 108), [23JA]
Information technology: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [1AU]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
———improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 961), [15MY]
———increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]
———lower health premiums and increase choice for small business (see S. 24), [22JA]
———permit individuals to renew certain health insurance offered in the individual or small group markets and provide that such individuals would not be subject to the individual mandate penalty (see S. 1699), [13NO]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [21MR]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
———provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage (see S. 1851), [18DE]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
———require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [18AP]
———require issuers of long-term care insurance to establish third party review processes for disputed claims (see S. 1481), [1AU]

Interagency Council on Healthy Housing: establish (see S. 291), [13FE]
IRS: prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [17AP]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
———repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
———require a certain medical loss ratio percentage for Medicaid managed care plans (see S. 1787), [10DE]
Medicare: adjust part B and D premiums for high-income beneficiaries (see S. 1198), [20JN]
———adjust wage index determination for certain hospitals near State borders to ensure they are treated in the same manner as nearby facilities in other States (see S. 1791), [10DE]
———allow certain critical access and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy available physician requirements for emergency medical conditions (see S. 328), [14FE]
———allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [26FE]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1365), [25JY]
———authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77, 117), [23JA]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico under part B (see S. 324), [14FE]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12JN]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [14MR]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [14MR]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 672), [9AP]
———delay implementation of round 2 of the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Acquisition Program for competitive acquisition areas in Tennessee (see S. 1265), [27JN]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 408), [28FE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [14MR]
———encourage use of dispensing techniques that foster efficiency and reduce wasteful dispensing of outpatient prescription drugs in long-term care facilities (see S. 1493), [10SE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [20MR]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [18JY]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [7FE]
———establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health (see S. 1228), [26JN]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [18MR]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [31JY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [25AP]
———extend the Frontier Extended Stay Clinic demonstration in Alaska (see S. 239), [7FE]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [13FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
———include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the ''Medicare and You Handbook'' and coordinate programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1184), [19JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [11JN]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump (see S. 914), [9MY]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1220), [25JN]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1439), [1AU]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [14MY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [30JA]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [23MY]
———provide payment for anesthesia services by anesthesiologists in certain rural hospitals in the same manner as for services by anesthesiologist assistants and certified registered nurse anesthetists (see S. 1444), [1AU]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [14FE]
———repeal sustainable growth rate payment system for physicians and improve beneficiary access (see S. 1871), [19DE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [23MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
———delay implementation schedule of the reductions of disproportionate share hospital payments (see S. 1555), [26SE]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Military and Veterans Caregiver Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [7MR]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
———protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
———protect miners from black lung disease (see S. 1416), [31JY]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [20MR]
National Aphasia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [12JN]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 214), [1AU]
National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 89), [21MR]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [26FE]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 41), [25FE]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 85), [20MR]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 247), [19SE]
National Holoprosencephaly Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 152), [22MY]
National Infant Mortality Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 258), [24SE]
National Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 148), [16MY]
National Minority Health Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 145), [16MY]
National MPS Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]
National objective: reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
National objectives: improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]
———national policy to provide health care, control costs, and enhance the quality of the health care system (see S. 1782), [9DE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 116), [25AP]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 162), [4JN]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 310), [21NO]
National Physical Education and Sport Week: designate (see S. Res. 130), [7MY]
National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 172), [17JN] (see S. Res. 201), [25JY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 91), [22MR]
National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]
National security: enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care: designate (see S. Res. 21), [30JA]
National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 211), [31JY]

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 104), [22AP]
Native Americans: deem certain claims presented to an Indian Health Service contracting officer pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act as timely presented (see S. 385), [26FE]
Naturopathic Medicine Week: designate (see S. Res. 135), [9MY] (see S. Res. 221), [10SE]
NIH: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 637), [21MR]
———improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 1027), [22MY]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [30SE]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Oral health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 118), [25AP]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 712), [11AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers (see S. 858), [6MY]
———allow coverage of church plans (see S. 1164), [13JN]
———allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 902), [8MY]
———clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 1723), [19NO]
———correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 1575), [16OC]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1330), [18JY] (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE] (see S. 1671), [7NO]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 27), [31OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC] (see S. 1642), [4NO]
———ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
———extend open enrollment period for health care plans and protect individuals from penalties during the enrollment extension (see S. 1693), [13NO]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
———increase qualified health plan options by offering plans with lower premiums but requiring higher out-of-pocket costs (see S. 1729), [19NO]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 701), [10AP] (see S. 1188), [19JN]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period for health exchange plans and disclose premium and cost-sharing information prior to enrollment (see S. 1849), [18DE]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1154), [12JN] (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———provide that the individual mandate shall not be construed as a tax (see S. 560), [14MR]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR] (see S. 1851), [18DE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE] (see S. 1316), [17JY]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 1629), [31OC]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [28OC]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) to raise money for the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Four Diamonds Fund (see S. Res. 68), [6MR]
Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
———provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines and enhance access to new medicines (see S. 627), [20MR]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 57), [26FE]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [7FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Safety: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
Schools: strengthen nutrition education for elementary and secondary school students to promote healthy eating choices through developmentally appropriate lessons and activities integrated into the school day (see S. 274), [11FE]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 1552), [26SE]
Senior citizens: establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and provide quality assurance for home and community-based services (see S. 998), [21MY]
———provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
———provide higher-quality, lower-cost health care to seniors (see S. 1469), [1AU]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 121), [25AP]
Small business: make enrollment in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program available when fewer than 2 qualified health plans are offered through the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) (see S. 1327), [18JY]
Social Security: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
———provide for a phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 1311), [17JY]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [15AP]
Sports: reduce sports-related concussions in youth (see S. 1014), [22MY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 1810), [12DE]
Taxation: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 1694), [13NO]
———allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 490), [7MR]
———allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 1255), [27JN]
———clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [17SE]
———disapprove rule relative to taxable medical devices (see S.J. Res. 8), [27FE]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [15AP]
———improve access to health care by expanding health savings accounts (see S. 1031), [23MY]
———include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines (see S. 391), [27FE]
———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 1713), [14NO]
———increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements (see S. 966), [15MY]
———modify the small employer health insurance credit (see S. 1325), [18JY]

———provide a credit for costs of certain infertility treatments (see S. 881), [7MY]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 1485), [1AU]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 136), [24JA]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Technology: make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 1237), [27JN]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Transportation Security Administration: facilitate air passenger screening of severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1403), [31JY]
———provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1367), [25JY]
U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: reevaluate recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer in consultation with appropriate specialists (see S. Res. 251), [23SE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [7FE]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]
World AIDS Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 314), [10DE]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
Cloture motions
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Reports filed
Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 975), [19DE]
Dept. of HHS Programs To Protect Against Pandemics and Attacks From Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 307), [14FE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2216) (S. Rept. 113–48), [27JN]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]
Foreign Prison Conditions Improvement Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 657), [14NO]
HIV Organ Policy Equity Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 330), [21MY]
Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate Payment System for Physicians Repeal and Beneficiary Access Improvement: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1871), [19DE]
Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 689), [11AP]
Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1417), [19DE]
PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1545) (S. Rept. 113–112), [2OC]
Recognize Anniversary of Earthquake in Haiti, Honor Victims and Responders, and Reaffirm Support and Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 12), [14FE]
Reduce Preterm Labor, Delivery, and Risk of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Complications Due to Pregnancy, and Reduce Infant Mortality Caused by Prematurity: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 252), [14FE]
School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]
Support Goals and Ideals of World AIDS Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 314), [18DE]
Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 131) (S. Rept. 113–106), [17SE]

HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION RECONCILIATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
IRS: prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR]
Repeal health-care related provisions (see S. 1851), [18DE]

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
Appointments
Commission on Long-Term Care, [4FE]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 143), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
Anchorage, AK: convey certain property from the U.S. to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (see S. 235), [7FE]
Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
C.W. Bill Young Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Bay Pines, FL: designate (see S. 1576), [28OC]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [22MY]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA: designate (see S. 229), [7FE]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
Dept. of HHS: establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 739), [16AP]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [21MR]
———integrate mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and provide grants for geriatric mental health treatment outreach teams (see S. 1119), [7JN]
———provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvements (see S. 265), [7FE]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [18NO]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE] (see S. 1740), [20NO]
———authorize transport of individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 455), [5MR]
———cover costs associated with the care of veterans at medical foster homes (see S. 1578), [28OC]
———designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 1061), [23MY]
———ensure an up-to-date policy on reporting of cases of infectious diseases and require an independent assessment of Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers (see S. 1589), [28OC]
———ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 800), [24AP]
———ensure veterans have access to services in at least one departmental full-service hospital or comparable contract services in their State (see S. 49), [22JA]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 1602), [29OC]
———establish pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms for contracts with community-based outpatient health clinics (see S. 1662), [7NO]
———expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services (see S. 1604), [29OC]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1588), [28OC]
———modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [21MR]
———reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 543), [13MR]

———report cases of certain infectious diseases at departmental medical facilities (see S. 875), [7MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
———review the dialysis pilot program and submit a report to Congress before expanding such program (see S. 1547), [24SE]
———specify requirements for updating the Office of Rural Health strategic plan for improving access to, and quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas (see S. 1411), [31JY]
Diseases: foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [12MR]
———reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
———extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
———improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 961), [15MY]
———limit establishment of standards or duties of care owed by health care providers to patients in medical malpractice or medical product liability actions or claims (see S. 1769), [21NO]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
———reduce health care and insurance costs through medical malpractice tort reform (see S. 44), [22JA]
———reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
Health care professionals: impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 139), [24JA]
Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Junction City, KS: designate (see S. 1434), [1AU]
Medicaid: encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
Medicare: adjust wage index determination for certain hospitals near State borders to ensure they are treated in the same manner as nearby facilities in other States (see S. 1791), [10DE]
———allow certain critical access and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy available physician requirements for emergency medical conditions (see S. 328), [14FE]
———allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12JN]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [14MR]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 408), [28FE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [14MR]
———encourage use of dispensing techniques that foster efficiency and reduce wasteful dispensing of outpatient prescription drugs in long-term care facilities (see S. 1493), [10SE]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [25AP]
———extend the Frontier Extended Stay Clinic demonstration in Alaska (see S. 239), [7FE]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [11JN]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1220), [25JN]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [30JA]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [14FE]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [23MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: delay implementation schedule of the reductions of disproportionate share hospital payments (see S. 1555), [26SE]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 214), [1AU]
National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care: designate (see S. Res. 21), [30JA]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) to raise money for the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Four Diamonds Fund (see S. Res. 68), [6MR]
PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Dept. of Veterans Affairs Clinic, Colorado Springs, CO: designate (see S. 1606), [29OC]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [7FE]
Senior citizens: establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and provide quality assurance for home and community-based services (see S. 998), [21MY]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 490), [7MR]
———allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 1255), [27JN]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 1485), [1AU]
Reports filed
Dept. of HHS Graduate Medical Education Programs in Children's Hospitals Support Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1557), [30OC]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2216) (S. Rept. 113–48), [27JN]
HIV Organ Policy Equity Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 330), [21MY]
Poison Center Network Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [19DE]
Reduce Preterm Labor, Delivery, and Risk of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Complications Due to Pregnancy, and Reduce Infant Mortality Caused by Prematurity: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 252), [14FE]

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS *related term(s)* **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**
Appointments
Commission on Long-Term Care, [4FE]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 139), [24JA]
———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 143), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
American Chiropractic Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 72), [7MR]
American College of Surgeons Days: designate (see S. Res. 217), [1AU]
American Dental Hygienists' Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 182), [21JN]
Armed Forces: require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 1550), [24SE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [22MY]
Colleges and universities: establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1822), [12DE]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Cowley, R. Adams: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1345), [23JY]
Dept. of Defense: implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [25AP]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]
Dept. of HHS: assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care (see S. 466), [5MR]
———establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 739), [16AP]
———establish Office of the National Nurse (see S. 1475), [1AU]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 1060), [23MY]
———include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1815), [12DE]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [21MR]
———prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
———provide for participation in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program of certain specialists needed to respond to environmental public health emergencies (see S. 426), [28FE]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 1445), [1AU]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [19MR]

———provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care (see S. 726), [15AP]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [15MY]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
Dept. of Transportation: establish National Yellow Dot Program to alert emergency personnel to medical conditions, prescriptions, and information to treat individuals in motor vehicle emergency situations (see S. 1831), [16DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 1061), [23MY]
———establish a continuing medical education program for medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of conditions common to veterans and their families (see S. 1863), [19DE]
———improve authority to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations (see S. 1751), [20NO]
———improve Health Professionals Education Assistance Program (see S. 845), [25AP]
———increase access to complementary and alternative medicine and other approaches to wellness and preventive care (see S. 852), [25AP]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1556), [27SE]
———prohibit medical exam requests of veterans who have submitted sufficient evidence provided by nondepartmental medical professionals and improve efficiency of disability claims processing (see S. 935), [13MY]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [12JN]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
———specify requirements for updating the Office of Rural Health strategic plan for improving access to, and quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas (see S. 1411), [31JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
FTC: prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [16MY]
Health: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 1152), [12JN]
———condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
———expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [6MY]
———extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
———improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 961), [15MY]
———improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
———limit establishment of standards or duties of care owed by health care providers to patients in medical malpractice or medical product liability actions or claims (see S. 1769), [21NO]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
———reduce health care and insurance costs through medical malpractice tort reform (see S. 44), [22JA]
———reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
Immigration: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 616), [19MR]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [17AP]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [18JY]
Medicare: adjust wage index determination for certain hospitals near State borders to ensure they are treated in the same manner as nearby facilities in other States (see S. 1791), [10DE]
———allow certain critical access and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy available physician requirements for emergency medical conditions (see S. 328), [14FE]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [26FE]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12JN]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [14MR]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 408), [28FE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [14MR]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [20MR]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [18JY]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [7FE]
———permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump (see S. 914), [9MY]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [23MY]
———provide payment for anesthesia services by anesthesiologists in certain rural hospitals in the same manner as for services by anesthesiologist assistants and certified registered nurse anesthetists (see S. 1444), [1AU]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [14MY]
———repeal sustainable growth rate payment system for physicians and improve beneficiary access (see S. 1871), [19DE]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [23MY]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 214), [1AU]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [31JY]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 91), [22MR]
National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care: designate (see S. Res. 21), [30JA]
Naturopathic Medicine Week: designate (see S. Res. 135), [9MY] (see S. Res. 221), [10SE]
Pakistan: prohibit assistance until Shakeel Afridi is freed (see S. 164), [28JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
Professional Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
Rural areas: improve housing for educators, public safety officers, and medical providers, and their households (see S. 386), [26FE]
———recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [7FE]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 997), [21MY]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 490), [7MR]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [7MR]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 506), [7MR]
U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: reevaluate recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer in consultation with appropriate specialists (see S. Res. 251), [23SE]
Veterans: extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 851), [25AP]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 950), [14MY] (see S. 1171), [17JN]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
Reports filed
Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 851) (S. Rept. 113–107), [17SE]
Dept. of HHS Graduate Medical Education Programs in Children's Hospitals Support Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1557), [30OC]
Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate Payment System for Physicians Repeal and Beneficiary Access Improvement: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1871), [19DE]
Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1417), [19DE]
Reduce Preterm Labor, Delivery, and Risk of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Complications Due to Pregnancy, and Reduce Infant Mortality Caused by Prematurity: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 252), [14FE]

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY COMMITTEE
Appointments
Members, [25AP], [17JN]

HEALTH INSURANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1894), [20DE]

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
HEALTHCARE PRIVACY AND ANTI-FRAUD ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1666), [7NO]
HEALTHY COMPETITION FOR SMALL BUSINESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1327), [18JY]
HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 631), [20MR]
HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
Forests: promote rehabilitation and restoration of Federal land impacted by catastrophic events and redirect certain funding to mechanical forest treatment and salvage operations due to such events (see S. 661), [22MR]
———provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP] (see S. 1300), [16JY]
HEARING AID ASSISTANCE TAX CREDIT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1694), [13NO]
HEARTLAND, HABITAT, HARVEST, AND HORTICULTURE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Taxation: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 1544), [24SE]
HEINRICH, MARTIN ***(a Senator from New Mexico)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [11DE]
Open World Leadership Center Board of Trustees, [16OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [24SE]
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [18DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [8OC]
———exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
Bureau of Reclamation: transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District in New Mexico (see S. 284), [12FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Carson National Forest: adjust boundary (see S. 312), [13FE]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [7FE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [7MY]
Columbine-Hondo Wilderness: establish (see S. 776), [22AP]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [24SE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [9MY]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [11AP]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [10JN]
Dept. of Education: assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 1129), [11JN]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [12FE]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [4JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [17DE]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1223), [26JN]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [17DE]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 1445), [23SE]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [10SE]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [11MR]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [15AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, NM (see S. 609), [19MR]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
———provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 1838), [17DE]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [15MY]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts (see S. 932), [6NO]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [12JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [10SE]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [1AU]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [21NO]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18AP]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [24JN]
———ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
———prevent an increase in flight delays and cancellations through spending flexibility, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 794), [25AP]
FDA: require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [22MR]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [3JN]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
Forests: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 1300), [9SE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
GSA: convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, NM, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation (see S. 898), [8MY]

Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [9JY]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [25AP]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [24SE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [14MR]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 1095), [4JN]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [10SE]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [24AP]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [8MY]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [12DE]
———strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [18MR]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [26FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [19MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
Medicaid: cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [30OC]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [15OC]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [25AP]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [17DE]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [17SE]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [16OC]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [15MY]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [30OC]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [24JY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [25AP]
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [15MY]
Mining and mineral resources: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [9MY]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [29JY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Technological Innovation Day: designate (see S. Res. 275), [28OC]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [12OC]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 1131), [11JN]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements (see S. 1447), [1AU]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [16MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [11SE]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [14FE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [27SE]
———prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [24JY]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JY]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area: establish in New Mexico (see S. 241), [7FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [28OC]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [22MR]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Social Security: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [27JN]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [30OC]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Taxation: apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [11AP]
———clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [18NO]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [9DE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [8AP]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [12JN]
T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act: amend (see S. 611), [19MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Valles Caldera National Preserve: designate as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 285), [12FE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [10AP]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [18JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [12MR]

Bills and resolutions introduced

BLM: provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]
Cibola National Forest: add the Crest of Montezuma and transfer management from BLM to the Forest Service (see S. 1829), [16DE]
Dept. of Defense: provide for proper reimbursement for assistance provided to nongovernmental entertainment-oriented media producers (see S. 1669), [7NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved (see S. 1148), [12JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]

Cloture motions

Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE], [15DE], [17DE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]

———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]

HEITKAMP, HEIDI ***(a Senator from North Dakota)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [23JA], [30JA], [13FE], [14MR], [2OC], [9OC], [13OC]
Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Agriculture: make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [11MR]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [12NO]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [7MR]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 20), [11JY]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [12FE]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [7JN]
Colleges and universities: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 1266), [27JN]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Credit: provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [11MR]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 273), [16OC]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [20MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [6JN]
Dept. of Education: establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [10DE]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [11MR]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [7MR]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [17JN]
Dept. of HUD: reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 576), [11AP]
Dept. of Justice: provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
———modify Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project (see S. 244), [7FE]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize transport of individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 455), [27JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [18MR]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [17JY]
EPA: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [21MR]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [27JN]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
———ensure certain communities are granted exceptions for floodproofed residential basements for purposes of determining flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 1601), [29OC]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [26SE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [9MY]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 947), [13JN]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 616), [19MR]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [7MR]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [11MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [18JY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [6MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [18JY]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [15JY]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [26SE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [20MY]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [7MR]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National MPS Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [12DE]
North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 32), [13FE]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [19DE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [4NO]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastruc-

ture, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Power resources: establish partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore and the Federal Government (see S. 630), [20MR] (see S. 1273), [10JY]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Public buildings: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 1199), [25JN]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [8AP]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [23MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Syria: call for Syria to become a signatory to, and comply with, the Chemical Weapons Convention and if such actions do not occur by a certain date, all elements of national power will be considered by the U.S. (see S.J. Res. 22), [10SE]
Taxation: clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [17SE]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [22MR]
———increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements (see S. 966), [27JN]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [23JY]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [7MR]
———exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [29JA] (see S. 47), [24JA]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE], [15DE], [17DE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]

HELIUM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [23AP]
Reports filed
Helium Stewardship Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 783) (S. Rept. 113–83), [29JY]

HELIUM STEWARDSHIP ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 783), [23AP]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 783) (S. Rept. 113–83), [29JY]

HELLENIC REPUBLIC *see* **GREECE**

HELLER, DEAN ***(a Senator from Nevada)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [13MY]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 1541), [30SE]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [6MR]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil liberties: protect individual privacy against unwarranted governmental intrusion through the use of domestic unmanned aerial vehicles commonly called drones (see S. 1016), [23MY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Clark County, NV: provide for conveyance of certain Federal land for environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site (see S. 343), [14FE]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Committee To Reduce Government Waste (Senate): establish (see S. Res. 30), [26FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [18SE]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [17JN]
Credit: provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [20NO]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [3JN]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
Dept. of Education: establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [24JY]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [16JY]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682, 1003), [3JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [19SE]
Dept. of Justice: provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [29OC]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of Labor: address the skills gap by providing recommendations to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities and employer participation in education and workforce training (see S. 1619), [30OC]
———require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [5MR]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [27SE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [28OC]
———expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [23MY]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [23AP]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 1573), [16OC]
———provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved (see S. 1148), [12JN]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [22AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 1731), [19NO]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [18MR]

EPA: repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [29JY]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 1536), [23SE]
FCC: authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 245), [7FE]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [27JN]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [15AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking (see S. 730), [16AP]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [23AP]
———provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 1300), [16JY]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [24SE]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
Government regulations: require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [10AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [12MR]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [18AP]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [9MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [16MY]
———prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [25AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [28OC]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [7NO]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [31JA]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [20DE]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
Native Americans: ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (see S. 1818), [12DE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 902), [8MY]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [26SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [26SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [4NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———repeal (see S. 177), [12MR]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14MY]
Philippines: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan (see S. 1821), [12DE]
Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area: designate (see S. 342), [14FE]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Privacy: reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice in the case of a breach of security involving such information (see S. 1193), [20JN]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [29OC]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [11SE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [9MY]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [3OC]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [20MY]
Taxation: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 1694), [13NO]
———allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [7MR]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [18NO]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [25AP]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [24JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [8AP]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [24AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [13NO]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 725), [24AP]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [18AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [6MY]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [17JN]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest: convey a small parcel of land to Brigham Young University (see S. 28), [28JA]

Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [17DE]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [14FE]
———appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [2OC]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [12FE]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [31JA]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 1543), [24SE]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [4FE]
Dept. of Defense: establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 868), [7MY]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to Elko County, NV, and take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (see S. 1167), [13JN]
———ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 473), [6MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 430), [28FE]
———improve authority to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations (see S. 1751), [20NO]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [9AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 1049), [23MY]
Douglas County, NV: establish a wilderness area, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 1263), [27JN]
EPA: require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 1363), [25JY]
FCC: consolidate reporting obligations to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (see S. 1379), [29JY]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 1097), [6JN]
Health: reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
IRS: prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]
Lincoln County, NV: facilitate planning, permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects (see S. 1640), [4NO]
Lyon County, NV: designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances (see S. 159), [28JA]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 472), [6MR]
Nevada: implement the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River and Lincoln County, NV, and extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land (see S. 757), [17AP]
SBA: increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 936), [14MY]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 490), [7MR]
———allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 1255), [27JN]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 127), [24JA]
———repeal excise tax on telephone use and other communications services (see S. 213), [4FE]
Veterans: authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1058), [23MY]
———exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 58), [22JA]
———require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 532), [12MR]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]

HELPING HEROES FLY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1367), [25JY] (see S. 1403), [31JY]

HERBICIDES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown to track possible exposure to toxins (see S. 1892), [20DE]

HERMISTON, OR
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: participate in Hermiston, OR, water recycling and reuse project (see S. 693), [10AP]
Dept. of the Interior: release reversionary interest in certain land conveyed to Oregon for establishment of Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (see S. 1437), [1AU]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]

HERMISTON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER LAND CONVEYANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1437), [1AU]

HERNANDEZ, GERARDO I.
Bills and resolutions
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]

HEROISM
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Conway, Thomas M.: award Navy Cross posthumously (see S. Res. 197), [17JY]
Cushing, Alonzo H.: award the Medal of Honor for acts of valor during the Civil War (see S. 1258), [27JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 993), [21MY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
Peace Officers Memorial Day: observance (see S. Res. 140), [14MY]
Peralta, Rafael: award Medal of Honor posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 9), [19MR]
Prescott, AZ: honor memory and commend bravery and sacrifice of Prescott Fire Dept., Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew killed battling wildfire and extend condolences to surviving families (see S. Res. 193), [10JY]
Thresher (U.S.S.): anniversary of sinking (see S. Res. 94), [9AP]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [28FE]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [13FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23AP]
Cloture motions
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2011: President Obama, [10SE]
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Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [19DE]

HEROIT, GAIL
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Commission on Civil Rights, [21NO]

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World War I Centennial Commission, [7FE]

HICKMAN COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Appalachian Regional Commission: add Hickman, Perry, and Wayne Counties, TN, to the Appalachian region (see S. 1646), [5NO]

HIGH SCHOOL DATA TRANSPARENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 217), [4FE]

HIGH SEAS DRIFTNET FISHING MORATORIUM PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
Reports filed
International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 269) (S. Rept. 113–127), [17DE]
HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS AND SUCCESS FOR HOMELESS AND FOSTER YOUTH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1754), [21NO]
HIGHER EDUCATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Colleges and universities: establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the U.S. and Canada (see S. 1822), [12DE]
———improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
———require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
———require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 1066), [23MY]
———establish Federal-State partnership to increase higher education funding and need-based student financial aid (see S. 1874), [19DE]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [11AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, increasing cap on subsidized loans, and refinancing current fixed-rate loans (see S. 909), [8MY]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1873), [19DE]
———provide for loan forgiveness for early childhood educators (see S. 440), [4MR]
———provide new program review requirements relative to colleges and universities (see S. 406), [28FE]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682), [9AP] (see S. 1003), [21MY]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 1659), [6NO]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [9MY]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Motions
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), [10JY], [15JY], [17JY]
HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Colleges and universities: restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [12MR]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
HIGHLANDS CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Authorization: extend (see S. 1140), [11JN]
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Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 27) (S. Rept. 113–49), [27JN]
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FL
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony, documents, and representation in Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough (see S. Res. 264), [1OC]
HIRONO, MAZIE K. ***(a Senator from Hawaii)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [19JY]
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [19NO]
Armed Forces: increase mileage reimbursement rate for members during permanent change of station and authorize transport of vehicles of members stationed on nonforeign areas outside the continental U.S. (see S. 613), [19MR]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23SE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [18MR] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [24JY]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [20DE]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [6NO]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [9SE]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Coral Reef Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 839), [25AP]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [19DE]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [11FE]
Crime: protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1290), [11JY]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [15MY]
———establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 868), [7MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime (see S. 1078), [23MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
Dept. of Education: award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [13FE]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [12JN]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [20DE]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students (see S. 870), [7MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [8AP]
———Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program funding (see S. 1333), [18JY]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical

schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [19DE]
———provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care (see S. 726), [15AP]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [28OC]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Justice: increase authorization for Children's Advocacy Centers (see S. 1799), [11DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE] (see S. 1740), [9DE]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [6MY]
———deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for benefit purposes (see S. 690), [9AP]
———modify method of determining whether Filipino veterans are U.S. residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation (see S. 1559), [30OC]
———provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to Armed Forces members, screen veterans for domestic abuse, and report on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse (see S. 1581), [4NO]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 1573), [16OC]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [23AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [31JY]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [24SE]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for pre-kindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [20DE]
Federal employees: provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1746), [20NO]
———provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Firearms: prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [5MR]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [29JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [30SE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Haiti: recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [29JA]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act: consent to certain amendments (see S.J. Res. 12), [21MR]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [23MY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [20DE]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [25FE]
———reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [23JY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [12MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [9SE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5NO]
Motley, Constance Baker: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1150), [14NO]
Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [4NO]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [28JA]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [28OC]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [23MY]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [25JY]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [16MY]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [18JN]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [29OC]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
Public debt: provide a process for ensuring the U.S. does not default on its obligations by making permanent authority for Congress to disapprove a debt ceiling increase instead of approving it (see S. 1598), [29OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
SBA: provide conformity in Native small business opportunities and promote job creation, manufacturing, and American economic recovery (see S. 1607), [29OC]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [23AP]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [31OC]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [8AP]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [20DE]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [11DE]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [19DE]
———expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
———make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [20DE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [20NO]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]

———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [24JN]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [13NO]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Veterans: appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [30SE]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [22MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 10), [22MR]
Courts: provide for conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships (see S. 1868), [19DE]
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
Dept. of HUD: reauthorize programs for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians (see S. 640), [21MR]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the Ka'u Coast in Hawaii as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1432), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1588), [28OC]
Education: improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
Hong Kong: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 703), [11AP]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]
Philippines: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan (see S. 1821), [12DE]
Science: establish a position of Science Laureate of the U.S. (see S. 899), [8MY]
Tung, Vichai Sae: relief (see S. 1492), [10SE]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [15DE], [17DE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
HISPANIC AMERICANS
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 122), [25AP]
Dept. of HHS: provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
Dept. of the Interior: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 1838), [17DE]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 125), [25AP]
Education: promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Minority Health Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 145), [16MY]
Peralta, Rafael: award Medal of Honor posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 9), [19MR]
Sangre de Cristo National Historic Pak: establish (see S. 503), [7MR]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND SITES
Bills and resolutions
Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 869), [7MY]
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park: establish and dedicate to John H. Chafee (see S. 371), [14FE]
Civil War—U.S.: anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg (see S. Res. 192), [27JN]
Coltsville National Historical Park: establish (see S. 615), [19MR]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 103), [23JA]
———conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia, IL, town site (see S. 1328), [18JY]
———conduct a study of the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, OH, and associated locations to assess potential inclusion in the National Park System (see S. 331), [14FE]
———conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the Ka'u Coast in Hawaii as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1432), [1AU]
———improve support facilities for national historic sites operated by the National Park Service (see S. 1071), [23MY]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding Hudson River Valley in New York, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1139), [11JN]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 770), [18AP]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 311), [13FE]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, NY, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1389), [30JY]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Essex National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1186), [19JN]
First State National Historical Park: establish (see S. 347), [14FE]
Gettysburg National Military Park: revise boundaries to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, PA, and limit means of acquiring such property (see S. 782), [23AP]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 1054), [23MY]
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1138), [11JN]
Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site: establish (see S. 925), [9MY]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site: modify boundaries (see S. 459), [5MR]
Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in Glacier Peak Wilderness (see S. 404), [28FE]
National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day: designate (see S. Res. 204), [30JY]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [9MY]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1785), [10DE]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: reauthorize (see S. 1339), [23JY]
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park: adjust boundaries to include Hinchliffe Stadium (see S. 1189), [19JN]
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 1718), [18NO]
Pike National Historic Trail: provide for a study (see S. 524), [12MR]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 228), [4FE]
Sangre de Cristo National Historic Pak: establish (see S. 503), [7MR]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 219), [4FE]
Taxation: provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 1421), [1AU]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park

in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
Vicksburg National Military Park: authorize acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond, MS, for addition (see S. 305), [13FE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [19DE]
Reports filed
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park Establishment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 371) (S. Rept. 113–62), [27JN]
Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond Battlefields Addition Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 305) (S. Rept. 113–57), [27JN]
First State National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 347) (S. Rept. 113–27), [22AP]
Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]
Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 311) (S. Rept. 113–26), [22AP]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 507) (S. Rept. 113–65), [27JN]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 459) (S. Rept. 113–32), [22AP]
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN PRESERVATION AND ACCESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1421), [1AU]
HISTORY
Appointments
Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, [11MR], [23AP], [25AP]
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, [7FE]
World War I Centennial Commission, [7FE], [15JY]
Bills and resolutions
Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 869), [7MY]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 10), [22MR]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [24JN]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 122), [25AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]
Civil War—U.S.: anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg (see S. Res. 192), [27JN]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia, IL, town site (see S. 1328), [18JY]
———conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the national parks (see S. 225), [4FE]
———conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]
———install in the area of the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or inscription with the words that Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (see S. 1044), [23MY]
———provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 1838), [17DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: modify method of determining whether Filipino veterans are U.S. residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation (see S. 1559), [27SE]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Erie, PA: recognize for its critical role in the development and construction of the fleet of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry during the War of 1812 (see S. Res. 155), [23MY]
Federal agencies and departments: reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 5), [5MR]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Lewis, Representative: commemorate anniversary of chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (see S. Res. 170), [13JN]
Loyola University Chicago: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Mississippi State University: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [9MY]
New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route: reauthorize (see S. 797), [24AP]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park: adjust boundaries to include Hinchliffe Stadium (see S. 1189), [19JN]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 1718), [18NO]
Ponce de Leon, Juan: issue postage stamp in commemoration of anniversary of landing on Florida (see S. Res. 23), [31JA]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
———tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
Vietnamese Conflict: anniversary of withdrawal of U.S. combat troops (see S. Res. 280), [31OC]
War of 1812: anniversary of Battle of Lake Erie (see S. Res. 153), [23MY]
West Virginia: anniversary of statehood (see S. Res. 181), [21JN]
Wilmington, DE: tribute to August Quarterly Festival (see S. Res. 199), [25JY]
World War II: anniversary of rescue of Danish Jews from the Nazis (see S. Res. 227), [17SE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [13FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 1688), [13NO]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [19DE]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Reports filed
Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 225) (S. Rept. 113–53), [27JN]
Danish Jews Rescue From the Nazis During World War II Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 227), [30SE]
Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]
HIV ORGAN POLICY EQUITY ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 330), [21MY]
HOEVEN, JOHN ***(a Senator from North Dakota)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [4NO]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [24JA]
Armed Forces: require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [15AP]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. Res. 323), [18DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [13NO]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [19NO]
Crime: prohibit and deter theft of metal (see S. 394), [27FE]

Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [10JY]
Dept. of Education: establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [24JY]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [10JY]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
———establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [11AP]
———improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [23MY]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
———limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [18MR]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [13MR]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [8AP]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [26JN]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [17JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 961), [12NO]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [24JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [27FE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8JY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [18MR]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [24AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [28OC]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [11MR]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [19NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [19NO]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [9JY]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National MPS Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [24JY]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [27FE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [31OC]
Petroleum: grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [14FE] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [11MR]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [24JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [6MR]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [9JY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Science: support innovation (see S. 1777), [21NO]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [11JY]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [23SE]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [20MY]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 167), [29JA]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [19DE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [28OC]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [11FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [11JY]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Transportation: provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [13JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program: establish (see S. 1458), [1AU]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 273), [16OC]
Dept. of Education: provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
Dept. of Energy: modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
Dept. of the Interior: modify Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project (see S. 244), [7FE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
FEMA: ensure certain communities are granted exceptions for floodproofed residential basements for purposes of determining flood insurance premium rates

under the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 1601), [29OC]
Iran: support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [23MY]
North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 32), [13FE]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Public buildings: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 1020), [22MY] (see S. 1199), [20JN]

HOLZMEYER, KRIS
Prayers
Senate, [11JY]

HOME CARE CONSUMER BILL OF RIGHTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 998), [21MY]

HOMELAND SECURITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]

HOMELESS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———provide education for homeless children and youths (see S. 833), [25AP]
Dept. of HHS: ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 834), [25AP]
Dept. of Labor: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [12FE]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 825), [25AP]
———include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects (see S. 1540), [24SE]
———require recipients of per diem payments for provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided (see S. 1580), [28OC]
National Runaway Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 308), [20NO]
Taxation: allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
Veterans: authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1058), [23MY]
Reports filed
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Expansion of Definition of Homeless Veteran for Purposes of Benefits: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 287) (S. Rept. 113–110), [23SE]

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: provide education for homeless children and youths (see S. 833), [25AP]

HOMELESS VETERANS PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 825), [25AP]

HOMESTEAD, PA
Bills and resolutions
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]

HOMOSEXUALITY
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [14FE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25AP]
Courts: prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 38), [22JA]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [13JN]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of HHS: eliminate the prerequisite of direct appropriations relative to collection of health data and modify standards for measuring sexual orientation and gender identity (see S. 989), [20MY]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [19SE]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
Oliveiro, Genesio J. (Junior): relief (see S. 48), [22JA]
Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Schools: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Taxation: extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [15AP]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
Cloture motions
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Motions
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [31OC], [6NO]
Reports filed
Employment Non-Discrimination Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 815) (S. Rept. 113–105), [12SE]

HONOLULU, HI
Bills and resolutions
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]

HONORING THE FORT HOOD HEROES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1500), [12SE]

HORNE, LENA CALHOUN
Bills and resolutions
Congressional Gold Medal: award posthumously (see S. 397), [27FE]

HORSE PROTECTION ACT
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Law enforcement: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [31JY]

HORTICULTURE
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Conferees: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]
Arbor Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 14), [25AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of the Interior: establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 1544), [24SE]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [15MY]
Reports filed
Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954), [14MY]
———Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954) (S. Rept. 113–88), [9SE]

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Bills and resolutions
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES *related term(s)* **COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE; LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT; MEMBERS OF CONGRESS; VOTES IN HOUSE**
Appointments
Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, [11MR], [23AP], [25AP]
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Bills and resolutions
Budget: ensure effective control over the congressional budget process (see S. 280), [12FE]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
C.W. Bill Young Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Bay Pines, FL: designate (see S. 1576), [28OC]
Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (Joint): extend (see S. Con. Res. 2), [3JA]
Committee on Printing (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committee on the Library (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Congress: adjournment (see S. Con. Res. 3), [3JA] (see S. Con. Res. 11), [22MR] (see S. Con. Res. 17), [23MY] (see S. Con. Res. 19), [27JN] (see S. Con. Res. 22), [1AU] (see S. Con. Res. 24), [16OC] (see S. Con. Res. 28), [21NO] (see S. Con. Res. 30), [20DE]
———counting of electoral votes for President and Vice President (see S. Con. Res. 1), [3JA]
———end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1663), [7NO]
———notify the President that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [3JA]
———preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1665), [7NO]
———require each bill enacted be limited to only one subject (see S. 1664), [7NO]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program: establish (see S. 1458), [1AU]
Edward J. Devitt U.S. Courthouse, Fergus Falls, MN: designate (see S. 711), [11AP]
Federal employees: eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Govern-

ment and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
Legislative branch of the Government: making appropriations (see S. 1283), [11JY]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2, 3), [23JA]
———eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 65), [23JA]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
———require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 1629), [31OC]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 64), [23JA]
Public debt: establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt ceiling (see S. 57), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
Senate: notification that a quorum is present (see S. Res. 2), [3JA]
Taxation: prohibit consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill (see S. 1620), [30OC]
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: designate (see S. 885), [7MY]
Motions
Budget: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling and hold salaries of Members of Congress in escrow upon failure to agree to a budget resolution (H.R. 325), [31JA]
Reports filed
Legislative Branch of the Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1283) (S. Rept. 113–70), [11JY]
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Transcripts
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HOUSING *related term(s)* **HOMELESS**
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses relative to mortgages (see S. 1593), [28OC]
———prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service (see S. 1281), [11JY]
Bureau of the Census: make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions (see S. 530), [12MR]
Campus Fire Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 259), [24SE]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency and energy savings in residential buildings (see S. 1200), [20JN]
———promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [18AP]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Consumers: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property and establish a right of action to enforce compliance with such protections (see S. 1761), [21NO]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]
Credit: improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 949), [14MY] (see S. 1577), [28OC]
———increase access to refinancing for homeowners (see S. 1373), [25JY]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [16DE]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
———require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
———require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
———require portion of closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage loans (see S. 1375), [25JY]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [23MY]
Dept. of HUD: assist in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program (see S. 469), [6MR]
———authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance (see S. 1177), [18JN]
———develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
———establish a pilot program to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans (see S. 1387), [30JY]
———reauthorize programs for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians (see S. 640), [21MR]
———reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [13FE]
———reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 576), [14MR]
———transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities (see S. 437), [4MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: authorize States to use assistance provided under the Hardest Hit Fund program to demolish blighted structures (see S. 1122), [10JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: cover costs associated with the care of veterans at medical foster homes (see S. 1578), [28OC]
———expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [12FE]
———improve benefits and assistance to surviving spouses of veterans (see S. 735), [16AP]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 825), [25AP]
———include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects (see S. 1540), [24SE]
———require recipients of per diem payments for provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided (see S. 1580), [28OC]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]
Disasters: establish National Catastrophic Risk Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program (see S. 1461), [1AU]
———provide assistance for condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster (see S. 1480), [1AU]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 667), [8AP]
———ensure certain communities are granted exceptions for floodproofed residential basements for purposes of determining flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 1601), [29OC]
FHA: improve, and ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (see S. 1376), [25JY]
Financial institutions: enable Federal and State chartered banks and thrifts to meet the credit needs of homebuilders, and provide liquidity and ensure stable credit for meeting the need for new homes (see S. 1002), [21MY]
Government regulations: require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
Government-sponsored enterprises: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares (see S. 563), [14MR]
Housing Act: revise census data and population requirements for areas to be considered rural areas (see S. 766), [18AP]
Interagency Council on Healthy Housing: establish (see S. 291), [13FE]
Medicaid: require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 1655), [6NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Rural areas: improve housing for educators, public safety officers, and medical providers, and their households (see S. 386), [26FE]
SBA: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
Senior citizens: provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
Taxation: allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
———expand rehabilitation credit (see S. 1141), [11JN]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 688), [9AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1260), [27JN]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [22MR]
———provide that solar energy property need not be located on the property to which it is generating electricity to qualify for residential energy efficient property credit (see S. 1225), [26JN]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and

mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
Veterans: exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Motions
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (S. 1392), [1AU]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [18JY], [23JY], [25JY], [31JY]
Reports filed
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Expansion of Definition of Homeless Veteran for Purposes of Benefits: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 287) (S. Rept. 113–110), [23SE]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2216) (S. Rept. 113–48), [27JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1243) (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 761), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 761) (S. Rept. 113–37), [3JN]
FHA Solvency Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1376) (S. Rept. 113–129), [19DE]
HOUSING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Rural areas: revise census data and population requirements for areas to be considered rural areas (see S. 766), [18AP]
HOUSING FINANCE REFORM AND TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1217), [25JN]
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL (HOME) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1242), [27JN]
HUBZONE EXPANSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 206), [31JA]
HUMAN RIGHTS *related term(s)* **CIVIL LIBERTIES; CIVIL RIGHTS; GENOCIDE**
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
Advisory Council on Human Trafficking: establish (see S. 121), [23JA]
African Union: anniversary (see S. Res. 166), [10JN]
Afridi, Shakeel: relief (see S. 158), [28JA]
Arab countries: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms and urge repeal of blasphemy laws (see S. Res. 69), [7MR]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Burma: place conditions on assistance relative to human rights (see S. 1885), [20DE]
Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Correctional institutions: eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety (see S. 657), [22MR]
Crime: clarify the range of conduct punished as sex trafficking (see S. 1354), [24JY]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Dept. of HHS: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of victims under adoption assistance and foster care programs (see S. 1823), [13DE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: implement standards for short-term custody of individuals held in Bureau of Customs and Border Protection facilities (see S. 1817), [12DE]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [28FE]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Egypt: reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Immigration: reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
Indonesia: allow Indonesian citizens fleeing religious persecution to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims (see S. 295), [13FE]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
———condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [24SE]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [23MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN] (see S. 1870, 1878), [19DE]
Syria: condemn violence, use of chemical weapons, and human rights violations and call for Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity (see S. Res. 219), [9SE]
———impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
———provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 856), [6MY] (see S. 960), [15MY]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
———tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 95), [23JA]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
Vietnam: impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses against nationals of Vietnam or their families (see S. 929), [9MY]
———promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [5NO]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: anniversary of rescue of Danish Jews from the Nazis (see S. Res. 227), [17SE]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Belarus: President Obama, [13JN]
National Emergency Relative to Côte D'Ivoire: President Obama, [4FE]
National Emergency Relative to Libya: President Obama, [13FE]
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Reports filed
African Union Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 166), [25JN]
Call for End to Ongoing Conflict and Support International Efforts Toward Long-Term Peace, Stability, and Observance of Human Rights in Democratic Republic of the Congo: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 144), [25JN]
Call for Release of Yulia Tymoshenko, Urge European Union To Include Release as Criterion for Signing Certain Agreements, and Encourage Strong Relationship With Europe by Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 165), [25JN]
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Continued Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 75), [18DE]
Condemn Political Violence, Provide Fair Elections, Support Dialogue Between Political Factions, Judicial Independence, Human Rights, and Grameen Bank Independence in Bangladesh: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 318), [18DE]
Danish Jews Rescue From the Nazis During World War II Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 227), [30SE]
Egypt Assistance Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1857), [18DE]
Foreign Prison Conditions Improvement Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 657), [14NO]
Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]
Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia Establishment: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 653), [18DE]
Supporting At-Risk Children Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]
Syria Transition Support Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 960) (S. Rept. 113–79), [24JY]

HUMAN TRAFFICKING REPORTING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 413), [28FE]
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Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area: designate (see S. 342), [14FE]
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Reports filed
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HUNGER
Bills and resolutions
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [30SE]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Taxation: clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [17SE]
HUNT UNRESTRICTED ON NATIONAL TREASURES (HUNT) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1554), [26SE]
HUNTING AND TRAPPING
Bills and resolutions
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 847), [25AP]
EPA: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [17SE]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 89), [23JA]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [18JY] (see S. 1660), [6NO]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [29JA]
Taxation: provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat (see S. 1194), [20JN]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]
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Bills and resolutions
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (House): authorize release of records on review of disability claims adjudications made in the SSA Huntington, WV, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (see S. Res. 315), [10DE]
HURRICANES *related term(s)* **DISASTERS**
Bills and resolutions
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 93), [23JA]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
Hurricane Sandy: provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 803), [24AP]
Philippines: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan (see S. 1821), [12DE]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
Reports filed
Express Condolences and Support to Victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and Support Relief and Reconstruction Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 292), [14NO]
HUSBAND, RICK D.
Bills and resolutions
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
HUTCHISON, KAY BAILEY ***(a former Senator from Texas)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Taxation: rename the section of the Internal Revenue Code known as the spousal individual retirement account as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA (see S. 1221), [25JN]
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Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal reclamation law (see S. 306), [13FE]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 1800), [11DE]
Dept. of the Interior: facilitate development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project (see S. 26), [22JA]
———issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas in, and acquire land from Doyon Tourism, Inc., for Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
FERC: remove authority to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation (see S. 564), [14MR]
Idaho: reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (see S. 276), [11FE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (see S. 275), [11FE]
Improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
Native Americans: settle claims of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation concerning contributions to production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam (see S. 1448), [1AU]
Oklahoma: clarify role of Cherokee Nation in maintaining the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam (see S. 513), [11MR]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1627), [31OC]
Technology: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Reports filed
American Falls Reservoir Hydroelectric Project Deadline for Commencement of Construction Reinstatement and Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 276) (S. Rept. 113–24), [22AP]
Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 26) (S. Rept. 113–16), [22AP]
Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 678), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 678) (S. Rept. 113–39), [3JN]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 306), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 306) (S. Rept. 113–35), [3JN]
Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 316) (S. Rept. 113–69), [27JN]
Denali National Park Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 157) (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]
Hydropower Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545) (S. Rept. 113–36), [3JN]
Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267) (S. Rept. 113–38), [3JN]
HYDROPOWER IMPROVEMENT ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545) (S. Rept. 113–36), [3JN]
HYDROPOWER REGULATORY EFFICIENCY ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267) (S. Rept. 113–38), [3JN]
IDAHO
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Electric power: reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (see S. 276), [11FE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (see S. 275), [11FE]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 1854), [18DE]
Wilderness areas: authorize continued use of certain water diversions on National Forest System lands in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (see S. 1430), [1AU]
Reports filed
American Falls Reservoir Hydroelectric Project Deadline for Commencement of Construction Reinstatement and Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 276) (S. Rept. 113–24), [22AP]
IF YOU LIKE YOUR HEALTH PLAN, YOU CAN KEEP IT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1617), [30OC]
ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REFORM AND IMMIGRANT RESPONSIBILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
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Chicago Blackhawks (hockey team): tribute (see S. Res. 187), [26JN]
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Bills and resolutions
Afridi, Shakeel: relief (see S. 158), [28JA]
Agriculture: provide a special rule for the period of admission of certain nonimmigrants employed as sheepherders, goat herders, or dairy farmers (see S. 292), [13FE]
Aranda De Buendia, Alicia: relief (see S. 592), [18MR]
Arenas, Maria L.: relief (see S. 594), [18MR]
Armed Forces: deem any person who has received an award from the U.S. Armed Forces for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat to have satisfied certain requirements for naturalization (see S. 1059), [23MY]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]

Arreola-Saucedo, Esidronio and family: relief (see S. 591), [18MR]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
Ba, Al-Housseynou: relief (see S. 79), [23JA]
Bazzi, Hussein: relief (see S. 78), [23JA]
Buendia Aranda, Ana L.: relief (see S. 592), [18MR]
Citizenship: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
———clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 301), [13FE]
———constitutional amendment to restrict citizenship of individuals born in the U.S. to those with one parent that is a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or active member of the U.S. military (see S.J. Res. 4), [23JA]
Courts: clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review (see S. 478), [6MR]
Crime: make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 302), [13FE]
Dakar, Maha: relief (see S. 580), [14MR]
Dept. of HHS: reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 883), [7MY] (see S. 1850), [18DE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
———implement standards for short-term custody of individuals held in Bureau of Customs and Border Protection facilities (see S. 1817), [12DE]
———modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [4FE]
———permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
———prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until certification of full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 300), [13FE]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 1812), [12DE]
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
Dept. of Labor: require State workforce agencies and employers to certify the active recruitment of Americans for job placement prior to hiring H–2B nonimmigrant workers (see S. 891), [8MY]
Dept. of State: extend Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs (see S. 990), [20MY]
Dodaj, Anton: relief (see S. 69), [23JA] (see S. 449), [5MR]
Dodaj, Franc: relief (see S. 69), [23JA] (see S. 449), [5MR]
Dodaj, Gjyljana: relief (see S. 69), [23JA] (see S. 449), [5MR]
Dodaj, Kristjan: relief (see S. 69), [23JA] (see S. 449), [5MR]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
Education: promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]
Employment: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [30JA]
———expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 600), [18MR]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [5MR]
Federal employees: amend the definition of a law enforcement officer to include certain positions relative to retirement benefits (see S. 1172), [18JN]
Firearms: prohibit purchase and possession by nonimmigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
Fish and fishing: authorize issuance of H2O nonimmigrant visas for aliens temporarily performing labor in the seafood processing industry (see S. 518), [11MR]
Foreign countries: eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants and increase the per-country limitation for family-sponsored immigrants (see S. 293), [13FE]
———impose a fine on international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the U.S. (see S. 1176), [18JN]
Foung, Genevieve Chong: relief (see S. 76), [23JA]
Gabra, Joseph: relief (see S. 589), [18MR]
Hadad, Luay: relief (see S. 72), [23JA]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 616), [19MR]
Hong Kong: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 703), [11AP]
Indonesia: allow Indonesian citizens fleeing religious persecution to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims (see S. 295), [13FE]
Iraq: extend period when Iraqis employed by the U.S. in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and temporarily increase fee or surcharge for processing certain nonimmigrant visas (see S. 1566), [30SE]
Israel: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 266), [7FE]
Kamel, Sharon: relief (see S. 589), [18MR]
Karapetian, Asmik: relief (see S. 587), [18MR]
Karinge, Esther: relief (see S. 1832), [16DE]
Krcic, Momo: relief (see S. 74), [23JA]
Law enforcement: require the collection of data by officers enforcing immigration law (see S. 260), [7FE]
Liang, Robert and Alice: relief (see S. 588), [18MR]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 527), [12MR]
Lopez-Urenda, Javier: relief (see S. 594), [18MR]
Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site: establish (see S. 925), [9MY]
Macotaj, Kanto: relief (see S. 69), [23JA]
Marquez Rico, Claudia: relief (see S. 590), [18MR]
Martinez Moreno, Jose A., and family: relief (see S. 585), [18MR]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 102), [23JA]
Mkoian, Ruben: relief (see S. 587), [18MR]
Mkoyan, Arthur: relief (see S. 587), [18MR]
Oliveiro, Genesio J. (Junior): relief (see S. 48), [22JA]
Parlak, Ibrahim: relief (see S. 75), [23JA]
Plascencia Lopez, Alfredo and family: relief (see S. 586), [18MR]
Reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP]
Refugees: reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
Rojas Gutierrez, Jorge and family: relief (see S. 584), [18MR]
Sanchez-Diaz, Marcos A.: relief (see S. 70), [23JA]
Santillan, Miguel: relief (see S. 73), [23JA]
Tan, Shirley Constantino: relief (see S. 595), [18MR]
Tape, Guy P.: relief (see S. 593), [18MR]
Tesfamical, Alemseghed M.: relief (see S. 36), [22JA]
Toto, Lou N.R.: relief (see S. 593), [18MR]
Tung, Vichai Sae: relief (see S. 1492), [10SE]
Valera Lopez, Josephina: relief (see S. 71), [23JA]
Vang, Caroline: relief (see S. 76), [23JA]
Vang, Guy: relief (see S. 76), [23JA]
Vang, Melanie: relief (see S. 76), [23JA]
Veterans: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
Vietnam: impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses against nationals of Vietnam or their families (see S. 929), [9MY]
Visas: provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
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Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [4FE]
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Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
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———deem any person who has received an award from the U.S. Armed Forces for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat to have satisfied certain requirements for naturalization (see S. 1059), [23MY]
———eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants and increase the per-country limitation for family-sponsored immigrants (see S. 293), [13FE]
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———provide a special rule for the period of admission of certain nonimmigrants employed as sheepherders, goat herders, or dairy farmers (see S. 292), [13FE]
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———reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 600), [18MR]
Israel: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 266), [7FE]

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Federal agencies and departments: improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [24JY]
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Bills and resolutions
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Alcoholic beverages: exempt aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs (see S. 1457), [1AU]
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [14FE]
———appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 171), [29JA] (see S. 1541, 1543), [24SE]
———appropriate funds necessary to ensure that U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen who are appointed as Navy Reserve midshipmen continue to receive pay during a Government shutdown (see S. 1568), [7OC]
———exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872, 1880), [19DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1856; S. Res. 323), [18DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 1427), [1AU]
———make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
Budget: modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
———reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes (see S. 268), [11FE]
———replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: reform the Border Patrol agent pay schedule (see S. 1691), [13NO]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [12NO]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
Coast Guard: making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members (see S.J. Res. 24), [10OC]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on offshore profit shifting and the U.S. Tax Code (see S. Res. 62), [27FE]
Committees of the Senate: authorize reporting of funding resolutions (see S. Res. 58), [27FE] (see S. Res. 228), [17SE]
Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]
Contracts: limit taxpayer-funded salaries of Government contractors (see S. 1192), [19JN]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
———empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [26JN]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 673), [9AP]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
Crime: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 458), [5MR]
———improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 762), [18AP]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
———develop innovative financial products that encourage savings and wealth-creation among active servicemembers and reduce use of predatory lenders (see S. 1741), [20NO]
Dept. of Education: establish a Pay It Forward model for funding postsecondary education that requires students to pay a percentage of their income back into the fund upon graduation (see S. 1884), [20DE]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [9MY]
Dept. of HHS: increase access to Medicare data (see S. 1758), [21NO]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]
Dept. of Justice: provide effective criminal prosecutions and increase penalties for tax return identity thefts (see S. 149), [24JA]
Dept. of Labor: establish pilot programs to provide employers who employ certain veterans and Armed Forces members wage subsidies and provide career transition services to young veterans (see S. 922), [9MY]
Dept. of the Interior: prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling (see S. 598), [18MR]
———provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 165), [28JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: allow reliance on State examinations for certain financial institutions in order to assist immigrant communities in making remittances to their countries of origin (see S. 1840), [17DE]
———study feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional pre-prepared tax return (see S. 722), [15AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program of outreach for veterans (see S. 1558), [27SE]
———consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for benefit purposes (see S. 690), [9AP]
———extend work-study program for individuals pursuing rehabilitation, education, or training and expand program to veterans' outreach services provided by congressional offices (see S. 894), [8MY]
———improve benefits and assistance to surviving spouses of veterans (see S. 735), [16AP]
———improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [9MY]
———prohibit medical exam requests of veterans who have submitted sufficient evidence provided by nondepartmental medical professionals and improve efficiency of disability claims processing (see S. 935), [13MY]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 1573), [16OC]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [16AP]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [9AP]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
———provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
———provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and work-based training for unemployed adults and youth (see S. 1383), [29JY]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
———provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 1626), [30OC]
———streamline Federal job training system, steer training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide State access to National Directory of New Hires (see S. 804), [24AP]
ERISA: require a lifetime income disclosure (see S. 1145), [12JN]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 1099), [6JN]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
———eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
———end the defined benefit portion of the Federal Employee Retirement System for any individual hired after a certain date (see S. 1678), [12NO]
———prohibit performance awards in the Senior Executive Service during sequestration periods (see S. 986), [16MY]
———provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1746), [20NO]
———provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [19SE]
———provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
———provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Financial institutions: allow use of prize-linked savings accounts to encourage personal savings (see S. 1597), [29OC]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]

Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Foreign trade: include the cost of paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods in the calculation of normal value of a product (see S. 1801), [11DE]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
Immigration: reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 600), [18MR]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [1AU]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [9AP]
Little Rock, AR: treat Armed Forces members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]
Mayflower, AR: exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the pipeline oil spill (see S. 1350), [24JY]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [17AP]
Medicare: adjust part B and D premiums for high-income beneficiaries (see S. 1198), [20JN]
———adjust wage index determination for certain hospitals near State borders to ensure they are treated in the same manner as nearby facilities in other States (see S. 1791), [10DE]
———provide payment for anesthesia services by anesthesiologists in certain rural hospitals in the same manner as for services by anesthesiologist assistants and certified registered nurse anesthetists (see S. 1444), [1AU]
Members of Congress: eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 65), [23JA]
———prohibit from receiving pay whenever the U.S. cannot satisfy obligations because public debt ceiling has been reached (see S. 1142), [12JN]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
———require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
Minimum wage: increase, and extend increased expensing limitations for depreciable business assets and treatment of certain property as section 179 property (see S. 1737), [19NO]
———increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [30SE]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
OMB: withhold salary of the Director, Deputy Director, and Deputy Director for Management upon failure to submit the President's budget to Congress (see S. 620), [20MR]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 92), [23JA]
Public safety officers: extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers (see S. 876), [7MY]
Social Security: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 90), [23JA]
———establish a procedure to safeguard trust funds (see S. 110), [23JA]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [13FE]
———provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements (see S. 767), [18AP]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [14MR]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 1810), [12DE]
Taxation: allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition (see S. 297), [13FE]
———allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 1694), [13NO]
———allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans (see S. 1015), [22MY]
———allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [5MR]
———allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
———allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard (see S. 1591), [28OC]
———apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 91), [23JA]
———clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 952), [14MY]
———clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations (see S. 479), [6MR]
———clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [17SE]
———consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses (see S. 1090), [4JN]
———eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 1833), [17DE]
———eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, prevent U.S. tax avoidance, and eliminate tax loopholes for big oil companies (see S. 250), [7FE]
———establish dairy farm savings accounts (see S. 493), [7MR]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 1224), [26JN]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 86), [23JA]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1476), [1AU]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1772), [21NO]
———expand the types of livestock for which bonus depreciation is available (see S. 494), [7MR]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [7MR]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———extend the parity between exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits (see S. 1882), [20DE]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1624), [30OC]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 1368), [25JY]
———improve access to health care by expanding health savings accounts (see S. 1031), [23MY]
———increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements (see S. 966), [15MY]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 41), [22JA] (see S. 127), [24JA]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1855), [18DE]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 606), [19MR]
———modify the small employer health insurance credit (see S. 1325), [18JY]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 1834), [17DE]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 1133), [11JN]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 838), [25AP]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 136), [24JA]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1260), [27JN]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———provide an income tax credit for increased payroll (see S. 115), [23JA]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [22MR]
———provide deduction for itemizers and nonitemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 87), [23JA]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 1056), [23MY]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [28FE]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 506), [7MR]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1085), [3JN]

———provide that income attributable to certain passenger cruises beginning or ending in the U.S. be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. (see S. 1449), [1AU]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1287), [11JY]
———reduce maximum rate on income of corporations (see S. 151), [24JA]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
———regulate payroll tax deposit agents (see S. 900), [8MY]
———rename the section of the Internal Revenue Code known as the spousal individual retirement account as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA (see S. 1221), [25JN]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal estate and gift taxes (see S. 1402), [31JY]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
———repeal Internal Revenue Code and replace with a flat tax (see S. 173), [29JA]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 1533), [19SE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
———treat payments by charitable organizations to certain firefighters as exempt payments (see S. 1115), [7JN] (see S. 1689), [13NO]
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Transportation: limit executive compensation at public transit agencies that receive Federal funds (see S. 1496), [11SE]
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Veterans: exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [7FE]
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———limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
———replace current fiscal year sequestration (see S. 18), [27FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (see S. 16), [27FE] (see S. 799), [24AP]
———require the President to submit a budget to Congress listing current fiscal year spending levels for proposed programs and separate amounts for proposed spending increases (see S. 1314), [17JY] (see S. 1321), [18JY]
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CBO: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 1472), [1AU]
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Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Dept. of Energy: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
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Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
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FCC: authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 245), [7FE]
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———close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1792), [10DE]
———codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 1231), [26JN]
———develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 350), [14FE]
———establish Federal customer service standards and improve service provided by Federal agencies (see S. 760), [18AP]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
———improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [24JY]
———improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———modify appointment of Inspectors General (see S. 1366), [25JY]
———permit agencies to count certain contracts toward certain small business contracting goals (see S. 1190), [19JN]
———prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 1097), [6JN]
———prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [11JY]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]
———quantify costs associated with proposed economically significant regulations (see S. 786), [23AP]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
———reform regulatory process to ensure freedom of small businesses to compete and create jobs (see S. 1730), [19NO]
———reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
———report on responses to Inspector General recommendations on cost-saving measures or reimburse-

ment for poor contractor performance, cost overruns, or other reasons (see S. 664), [22MR]
———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1611), [30OC]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1173), [18JN]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 523), [12MR]
———set forth reasons for determining that a proposed regulatory action is significant (see S. 787), [23AP]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [21MR]
Federal employees: clarify certain due process rights of employees serving in sensitive positions (see S. 1809), [12DE]
———eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
———eliminate use of official time (see S. 785), [23AP]
———establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]
———limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
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Firearms: limit amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [25AP]
Foreign aid: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
Government regulations: require that Federal regulations use plain writing that is clear, concise, well-organized, and follows other best practices appropriate to the subject or field and intended audience (see S. 807), [24AP]
Government Transformation Commission: establish (see S. 1297), [16JY]
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OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
OPM: require submittal of an annual report on the use of official time by Federal employees (see S. 1338), [23JY]
Privacy: prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
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States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
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Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1196), [20JN]
———provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]

Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1261), [27JN]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [25AP]
Dept. of Education: award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 918), [9MY]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———make grants for pilot programs at institutions of higher education that support the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students (see S. 1704), [14NO]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
Dept. of HHS: authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
———eliminate the prerequisite of direct appropriations relative to collection of health data and modify standards for measuring sexual orientation and gender identity (see S. 989), [20MY]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 1758), [21NO]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]
———prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
Dept. of Justice: establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
Dept. of the Interior: grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [12JN]
———provide veterans, when they electronically file claims for benefits, with notice that relevant services may be available to them from veterans service organizations (see S. 1295), [15JY]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [15JY]
Education: promote public awareness of cybersecurity (see S. 1638), [31OC]
EPA: prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [23JY]
FCC: direct wireless providers to permit the unlocking of mobile devices (see S. 481), [6MR]
———increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace (see S. 1680), [12NO]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 350), [14FE]
———eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management (see S. 1843), [17DE]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21MY]
———require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (see S. 1611), [30OC]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
FTC: establish the Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1358), [24JY]
———prescribe regulations on the collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 418), [28FE]
———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 1830), [16DE]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [9AP]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Medicaid: encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
Medicare: allow certain critical access and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy available physician requirements for emergency medical conditions (see S. 328), [14FE]
———allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
NASA: establish, validate, and utilize an official set of data on historical temperature records ensure public access to such records (see S. 106), [23JA]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 247), [19SE]
National security: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: establish position of Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator (see S. 660), [22MR]
Patents: combat cyber espionage of intellectual property of U.S. persons (see S. 1111), [6JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Privacy: extend protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to electronic communications information and require specific court-issued warrants to obtain such information (see S. 1037), [23MY]
———improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]
———limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements (see S. 1168), [13JN]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
———prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice in the case of a breach of security involving such information (see S. 1193), [20JN]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]
Schools: require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 111), [23JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts and require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball (see S. 1721), [18NO]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 467), [5MR] (see S. 517), [11MR]
Telecommunications: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 1776), [21NO]
———make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [23MY]
———require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Treaties and agreements: seek inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements (see S. 1788), [10DE]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]

Cloture motions
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
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Reports filed
Electronic Communications Privacy Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607), [25AP]
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]
Improve Privacy of Electronic Communications: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 113–34), [16MY]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act: Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. 375), [24JY]
Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]
Violent Content Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 134) (S. Rept. 113–126), [17DE]

INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITATION AND HABITAT CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1175), [18JN]

INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]

INHOFE, JAMES M. ***(a Senator from Oklahoma)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Senate National Security Working Group, [12MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 163), [28JA]
American Fighter Aces: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1827), [15DE]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 1541), [30SE]
———appropriate funds necessary to ensure that U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen who are appointed as Navy Reserve midshipmen continue to receive pay during a Government shutdown (see S. 1568), [7OC]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
———replace current fiscal year sequestration (see S. 18), [27FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers (see S. Con. Res. 25), [13NO]
———tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [7MR]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [19MR]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [13JN]
Correctional institutions: eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety (see S. 657), [22MR]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [12OC]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [22AP]
Dept. of Commerce and the Workforce: establish (see S. 1836), [17DE]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (see S. 1034), [23MY]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [17SE]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [18DE]
Dept. of Justice: provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [16JY]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MR]
———offer rewards for information regarding the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya (see S. 1661), [7NO]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [21MY]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 1740), [11DE]
———clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———extend Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education (see S. 1643), [4NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
EPA: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MR]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 1781), [9DE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [8JY]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [17JN]
Families and domestic relations: establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1203), [20JN]
———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
FCC: prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 874), [7MY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
FEMA: award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire (see S. 1396), [30JY]
Firearms: prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [4FE]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [12NO]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [12DE]
Government regulations: require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal bank-

ing, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [15AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [29JY]
———reduce health care and insurance costs through medical malpractice tort reform (see S. 44), [22JA]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [7MR]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [9DE]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [18JY]
———condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [17DE]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [28OC]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [6MR]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
———prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [7MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [10DE]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [11FE]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [24JN]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [6NO]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [4FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [18SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [10DE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period for health exchange plans and disclose premium and cost-sharing information prior to enrollment (see S. 1849), [18DE]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1154), [12JN] (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [29OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [17SE]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
———clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [6JN] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [4MR]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Social Security: provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements (see S. 767), [18AP]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Taxation: constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [28OC]
———improve access to health care by expanding health savings accounts (see S. 1031), [23MY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [18SE]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses (see S. 1342), [23JY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [14MY]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 1056), [12OC]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Thailand: anniversary of diplomatic relations (see S. Res. 77), [20MR]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [20JN]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]

U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [7NO]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [28FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Arab countries: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms and urge repeal of blasphemy laws (see S. Res. 69), [7MR]
Armed Forces: require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (see S. 16), [27FE] (see S. 799), [24AP]
Children and youth: express that foreign assistance for child welfare should adhere to the goals of the U.S. Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity (see S. Res. 190), [27JN]
Dept. of Defense: reduce budget sequestration cuts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 but implement such cuts over the duration of sequestration (see S. 1841), [17DE]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure that on-duty time for certain commercial motor vehicle drivers does not include waiting time at natural gas or oil well sites (see S. 1380), [29JY]
Egypt: restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [5MR]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
Firearms: limit amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [25AP]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
Motor vehicles: provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]
Oklahoma: clarify role of Cherokee Nation in maintaining the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam (see S. 513), [11MR]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
Taxation: eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 1833), [17DE]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 1834), [17DE]
Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act: repeal (see S. 498), [7MR]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
INOUYE, DANIEL K. ***(a former Senator from Hawaii)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Capitol Building and Grounds: designate the Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room (see S. Res. 76), [13MR]
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]
INSECTS
Bills and resolutions
Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
National Moth Week: designate (see S. Res. 70), [7MR]
INSURANCE *related term(s)* **HEALTH**
Appointments
Commission on Long-Term Care, [4FE], [11FE], [6JN]
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 143), [24JA]
———prohibit Federal funding of abortions (see S. 142), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
Agriculture: provide for crop production on native sod (see S. 801), [24AP]
Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [22MY]
Children and youth: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA programs (see S. 325), [14FE]
Claims: require issuers of long-term care insurance to establish third party review processes for disputed claims (see S. 1481), [1AU]
Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]
Consumers: require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [18AP]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve the crop insurance program (see S. 677), [9AP]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
———reduce crop insurance premium subsidies (see S. 446), [5MR]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
———provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime (see S. 1078), [23MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 144), [24JA]
———Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program funding (see S. 1333), [18JY]
———develop a national model disclosure form to assist consumers in purchasing long-term care insurance (see S. 1473), [1AU]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 1758), [21NO]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]
———prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [15MY]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
———remove Social Security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to beneficiaries (see S. 612), [19MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by or on behalf of State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in financial recovery from earthquakes and related events (see S. 1813), [12DE]
———prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: update basis for establishing Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program premium rates (see S. 1585), [28OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 1049), [23MY]
Disasters: establish National Catastrophic Risk Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program (see S. 1461), [1AU]
Diseases: improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 608), [19MR]
———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1879), [19DE]
Economy: provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
Federal aid programs: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [1AU]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [19SE]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 667), [8AP]
———delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [6JN]
———delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
———ensure certain communities are granted exceptions for floodproofed residential basements for purposes of determining flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 1601), [29OC]
———extend phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties (see S. 1075), [23MY]
———improve the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 996), [21MY]
FHA: improve, and ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (see S. 1376), [25JY]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [25JY]
Health: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
———expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [6MY]
———improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 961), [15MY]
———improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
———improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward

prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]
———limit establishment of standards or duties of care owed by health care providers to patients in medical malpractice or medical product liability actions or claims (see S. 1769), [21NO]
———lower health premiums and increase choice for small business (see S. 24), [22JA]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
———national policy to provide health care, control costs, and enhance the quality of the health care system (see S. 1782), [9DE]
———permit individuals to renew certain health insurance offered in the individual or small group markets and provide that such individuals would not be subject to the individual mandate penalty (see S. 1699), [13NO]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [21MR]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
———provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage (see S. 1851), [18DE]
———reduce health care and insurance costs through medical malpractice tort reform (see S. 44), [22JA]
———reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR]
———repeal health-care related provisions (see S. 1851), [18DE]
IRS: prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Little Rock, AR: treat Armed Forces members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [17AP]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
———require a certain medical loss ratio percentage for Medicaid managed care plans (see S. 1787), [10DE]
Medicare: adjust part B and D premiums for high-income beneficiaries (see S. 1198), [20JN]
———adjust wage index determination for certain hospitals near State borders to ensure they are treated in the same manner as nearby facilities in other States (see S. 1791), [10DE]
———allow certain critical access and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy available physician requirements for emergency medical conditions (see S. 328), [14FE]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [26FE]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1365), [25JY]
———authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77), (see S. 117), [23JA]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico under part B (see S. 324), [14FE]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12JN]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [14MR]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [14MR]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 672), [9AP]
———delay implementation of round 2 of the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Acquisition Program for competitive acquisition areas in Tennessee (see S. 1265), [27JN]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 408), [28FE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [14MR]
———encourage use of dispensing techniques that foster efficiency and reduce wasteful dispensing of outpatient prescription drugs in long-term care facilities (see S. 1493), [10SE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [20MR]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [18JY]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [7FE]
———establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health (see S. 1228), [26JN]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [18MR]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [31JY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [25AP]
———extend the Frontier Extended Stay Clinic demonstration in Alaska (see S. 239), [7FE]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [13FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
———include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the ''Medicare and You Handbook'' and coordinate programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1184), [19JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [11JN]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump (see S. 914), [9MY]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1220), [25JN]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1439), [1AU]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [14MY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [30JA]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [23MY]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [14FE]
———repeal sustainable growth rate payment system for physicians and improve beneficiary access (see S. 1871), [19DE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [23MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
———delay implementation schedule of the reductions of disproportionate share hospital payments (see S. 1555), [26SE]
Mining and mineral resources: protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 214), [1AU]
National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers (see S. 858), [6MY]
———allow coverage of church plans (see S. 1164), [13JN]
———allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 902), [8MY]
———clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 1723), [19NO]
———correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 1575), [16OC]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1330), [18JY] (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE] (see S. 1671), [7NO]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 27), [31OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC] (see S. 1642), [4NO]
———ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]

———extend open enrollment period for health care plans and protect individuals from penalties during the enrollment extension (see S. 1693), [13NO]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
———increase qualified health plan options by offering plans with lower premiums but requiring higher out-of-pocket costs (see S. 1729), [19NO]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 701), [10AP] (see S. 1188), [19JN]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period for health exchange plans and disclose premium and cost-sharing information prior to enrollment (see S. 1849), [18DE]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1154), [12JN] (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———provide that the individual mandate shall not be construed as a tax (see S. 560), [14MR]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR] (see S. 1851), [18DE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE] (see S. 1316), [17JY]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 1629), [31OC]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [28OC]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [11JN]
———provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines and enhance access to new medicines (see S. 627), [20MR]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]
Senior citizens: provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
———provide higher-quality, lower-cost health care to seniors (see S. 1469), [1AU]
Small business: make enrollment in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program available when fewer than 2 qualified health plans are offered through the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) (see S. 1327), [18JY]
Social Security: improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [13FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
———provide for a phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 1311), [17JY]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [15AP]
Taxation: expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [15AP]
———improve access to health care by expanding health savings accounts (see S. 1031), [23MY]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies (see S. 1346), [23JY]
———increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements (see S. 966), [15MY]
———modify the small employer health insurance credit (see S. 1325), [18JY]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 688), [9AP]
———prevent avoidance of tax by insurance companies through reinsurance with non-taxed affiliates (see S. 991), [20MY]
———provide a credit for costs of certain infertility treatments (see S. 881), [7MY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
Cloture motions
Federal aid programs: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Reports filed
FHA Solvency Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1376) (S. Rept. 113–129), [19DE]
Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate Payment System for Physicians Repeal and Beneficiary Access Improvement: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1871), [19DE]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers Reform Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 534) (S. Rept. 113–82), [29JY]
INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT AND SURVEILLANCE REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1551), [24SE]
INTELLIGENCE SERVICES *related term(s)* **ESPIONAGE**
Bills and resolutions
Appropriations: authorizing (see S. 1681), [12NO]
Civil liberties: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
———protect individual privacy against unwarranted governmental intrusion through the use of domestic unmanned aerial vehicles commonly called drones (see S. 1016), [22MY]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
FAA: provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 1639), [4NO]
Federal agencies and departments: improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
National security: prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [7MR]
———require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [23MY]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements (see S. 1168), [13JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]

———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Snowden, Edward: call for Russia to turn over Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities and consider all economic and diplomatic options when pursuing him (see S. Res. 198), [18JY]
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 1688), [13NO]
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FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
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———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1681) (S. Rept. 113–120), [13NO]
Security Clearance Oversight and Reform Enhancement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1276) (S. Rept. 113–111), [24SE]

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HEALTHY HOUSING
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
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Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
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Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 1427), [1AU]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
Dept. of Justice: provide effective criminal prosecutions and increase penalties for tax return identity thefts (see S. 149), [24JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: allow reliance on State examinations for certain financial institutions in order to assist immigrant communities in making remittances to their countries of origin (see S. 1840), [17DE]
———notify taxpayers each time the taxpayers' information is accessed by the IRS (see S. 1489), [10SE]
———prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
———study feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional pre-prepared tax return (see S. 722), [15AP]
Discrimination: condemn targeting of Tea Party groups and call for an investigation (see S. Res. 159), [4JN]
———prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
———prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [14MY]
Elections: require disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity (see S. 791), [23AP]
Employment: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Enrolled agents: issue regulations to allow enrolled agents to use or display their credentials when advertising their services or representing clients (see S. 1134), [11JN]
Federal employees: amend the definition of a law enforcement officer to include certain positions relative to retirement benefits (see S. 1172), [18JN]
———prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Free File Program: make permanent (see S. 669), [9AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 27), [31OC]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [5MR]
———disapprove rule relative to taxable medical devices (see S.J. Res. 8), [27FE]
———eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 1368), [25JY]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 725), [15AP]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [28FE]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
———repeal Internal Revenue Code and replace with a flat tax (see S. 173), [29JA]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO)
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MR]
Reports filed
Dept. of State Development of a Strategy To Obtain Observer Status for Taiwan at the Triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 113–42), [13JN]

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS
Bills and resolutions
Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]
Financial institutions: require a quantitative impact study on cumulative effect of the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets (see S. 737), [16AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]
Iran: impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
Syria: impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Iran: President Obama, [12MR], [3JN]
Reports filed
Support Full Implementation of U.S. and International Sanctions on Iran and Urge the President To Continue To Strengthen Enforcement of Sanctions Legislation: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 65), [17AP]

INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES STEWARDSHIP AND ENFORCEMENT ACT
Reports filed
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INTERNATIONAL LAW *related term(s)* **TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS**
Bills and resolutions
Africa: condemn acts of piracy and other maritime crime in the Gulf of Guinea, support U.S. assistance in combating such crimes, and commend international agencies that have enhanced maritime security (see S. Res. 288), [6NO]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Firearms: prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
Immigration: reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [11OC]
———congratulate commitment to peaceful elections, call for justice for victims of political violence, and support democratic reforms (see S. Res. 90), [22MR]
Syria: condemn violence, use of chemical weapons, and human rights violations and call for Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity (see S. Res. 219), [9SE]
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National Emergency Relative to Sudan: President Obama, [30OC]
Reports filed
Condemn Acts of Piracy and Maritime Crime in Gulf of Guinea, Support U.S. Assistance in Combating Such Crimes, and Commend International Agencies That Enhanced Maritime Security: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 288), [18DE]
Condemn Terrorist Attack at Mall in Kenya, Express Condolences to Families and Friends of Victims, Commend First Responders and Rescuers, and Reaffirm Support for Government and People: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 268), [31OC]
Congratulate Commitment to Peaceful Elections, Call for Justice for Victims of Political Violence, and Support Democratic Reforms in Kenya: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 90), [17AP]

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to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
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Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]
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African Union: anniversary (see S. Res. 166), [10JN]
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 107), [23JA] (see S. 163), [28JA]
Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
Arab countries: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms and urge repeal of blasphemy laws (see S. Res. 69), [7MR]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MR]
———establish a U.S. Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs (see S. 270), [11FE]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Diseases: extend authorities relative to global HIV/AIDS and promote oversight of U.S. programs (see S. 1545), [24SE]
Egypt: prohibit use of funds for U.S. participation in joint military exercises if Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (see S. 984), [16MY]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [23JA]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [11DE]
Haiti: measure progress of recovery and development efforts following earthquake (see S. 1104), [6JN]
———recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
———condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [24SE]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [5MR]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Middle East: ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S–300 air defense system (see S. Con. Res. 27), [21NO]
———reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
NATO: anniversary of Allied Command Transformation (see S. Res. 156), [23MY]
Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy: establish (see S. 1021), [22MY]
OAS: support revitalization and reform (see S. 793), [24AP]
Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]
———discourage ambush marketing by entities that adversely effect the ability of Team USA to attract sponsorships (see S. Res. 289), [7NO]
Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Snowden, Edward: call for Russia to turn over Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities and consider all economic and diplomatic options when pursuing him (see S. Res. 198), [18JY]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Syria: impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
Treaties and agreements: seek inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements (see S. 1788), [10DE]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 95), [23JA]
———promote transparency, accountability, and reform (see S. 1313), [17JY]
———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 978), [16MY] (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
———support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]
World AIDS Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 314), [10DE]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 143), [16MY]
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OAS: support revitalization and reform (S. 793), [24SE]
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African Union Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 166), [25JN]
Call for End to Ongoing Conflict and Support International Efforts Toward Long-Term Peace, Stability, and Observance of Human Rights in Democratic Republic of the Congo: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 144), [25JN]
Call for Release of Yulia Tymoshenko, Urge European Union To Include Release as Criterion for Signing Certain Agreements, and Encourage Strong Relationship With Europe by Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 165), [25JN]
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Continued Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 75), [18DE]
Dept. of State Development of a Strategy To Obtain Observer Status for Taiwan at the Triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 113–42), [13JN]
Express Condolences and Support to Victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and Support Relief and Reconstruction Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 292), [14NO]
Inquiry Into U.S. Costs and Allied Contributions To Support the U.S. Military Presence Overseas: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–12), [15AP]
NATO Allied Command Transformation Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 156), [24JY]
OAS Revitalization and Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 793) (S. Rept. 113–43), [13JN]
PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1545) (S. Rept. 113–112), [2OC]
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]
Recognize Anniversary of Earthquake in Haiti, Honor Victims and Responders, and Reaffirm Support and Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 12), [14FE]
Support Full Implementation of U.S. and International Sanctions on Iran and Urge the President To Continue To Strengthen Enforcement of Sanctions Legislation: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 65), [17AP]
Support Goals and Ideals of World AIDS Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 314), [18DE]
Support Sovereignty and Closer Relations With Europe, Condemn Violence Against Peaceful Protesters, and Urge a Peaceful Solution to Political and Economic Crisis in Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 319), [18DE]

World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 143), [22MY]

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Bills and resolutions

Africa: condemn acts of piracy and other maritime crime in the Gulf of Guinea, support U.S. assistance in combating such crimes, and commend international agencies that have enhanced maritime security (see S. Res. 288), [6NO]

Cargo transportation: establish a Maritime Goods Movement User Fee and provide grants for international maritime cargo improvements (see S. 1509), [17SE]

Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]

Eximbank: abolish (see S. 1102), [6JN]

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: notify World Trade Organization if members fail during consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (see S. 355), [14FE]

Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]

U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]

Reports filed

Condemn Acts of Piracy and Maritime Crime in Gulf of Guinea, Support U.S. Assistance in Combatting Such Crimes, and Commend International Agencies That Enhanced Maritime Security: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 288), [18DE]

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Tariff: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE *related term(s)* **CARGO TRANSPORTATION**

Bills and resolutions

Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]

Crime: ensure prisoners do not profit from their violent acts through the sale of ''murderabilia'' by restricting mailing and delivery privileges of prisoners for commercial purposes (see S. 1549), [24SE]

———prohibit and deter theft of metal (see S. 394), [27FE]

Fish and fishing: prevent escapement of genetically altered salmon (see S. 246), [7FE]

Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [16MY]

Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]

Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [1AU]

Wildlife: prohibit import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species (see S. 1463), [1AU]

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Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]

———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]

Motions

Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [18AP]

Reports filed

Metal Theft Prevention Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 394), [17JN]

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Bills and resolutions

Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [16MY]

INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT

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Crime: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT

Bills and resolutions

Crime: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]

INVESTMENTS *related term(s)* **SECURITIES**

Bills and resolutions

Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]

Armed Forces: exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872, 1880), [19DE]

———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]

Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]

CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on JP Morgan Chase & Co., ''whale trades'' and risks and abuses of derivatives (see S. Res. 300), [19NO]

Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]

Credit: improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 949), [14MY] (see S. 1577), [28OC]

———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [13JN]

———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]

———require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]

———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [23MY]

Crime: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]

Dept. of Agriculture: modernize conservation programs, protect long term investments, increase small and midsize farmer's access to programs, and prioritize modern-day conservation needs (see S. 923), [9MY]

Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations for the SelectUSA Initiative (see S. 1608), [29OC]

———produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [22MY]

Dept. of Defense: develop innovative financial products that encourage savings and wealth-creation among active servicemembers and reduce use of predatory lenders (see S. 1741), [20NO]

Dept. of HUD: assist in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program (see S. 469), [6MR]

———transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities (see S. 437), [4MR]

Dept. of Transportation: reauthorize Projects of National and Regional Significance program to fund high-cost surface transportation projects (see S. 823), [25AP]

———reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 1553), [26SE]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]

Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]

———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]

ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [11FE]

———require a lifetime income disclosure (see S. 1145), [12JN]

Federal employees: provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1746), [20NO]

Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]

———allow use of prize-linked savings accounts to encourage personal savings (see S. 1597), [29OC]

———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24JY]

———expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1806), [12DE]

———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [15AP]

———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]

———require a quantitative impact study on cumulative effect of the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets (see S. 737), [16AP]

———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]

———restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 985), [16MY]

———revise certain regulations governing financial assistance for swaps entities (see S. 474), [6MR]

Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]

Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]

Financial Stability Oversight Council: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions

as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 100), [23JA]
Fish and fishing: allow fishermen who hold capital construction fund accounts to make a penalty-free withdrawal from such accounts without requiring reinvestment in the fishing industry (see S. 551), [13MR]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [25JY]
Government regulations: require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
Immigration: establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [30JA]
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Pharmaceuticals: provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines and enhance access to new medicines (see S. 627), [20MR]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]
SBA: enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program (see S. 511), [11MR]
———enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program and provide for a small business early-stage investment program (see S. 1285), [11JY]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 550), [13MR]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 286), [12FE]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 1725), [19NO]
———make shareholder registration threshold for savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies (see S. 872), [7MY]
———protect investors by fostering transparency and accountability of attorneys in private securities litigation (see S. 652), [22MR]
———protect transactions in the U.S. from enforcement of certain excise taxes imposed by foreign governments (see S. 1257), [27JN]
———provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Social Security: strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [14MR]
Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act: modify requirements regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms (see S. 716), [11AP]
Taxation: adjust limits on expensing of certain depreciable business assets (see S. 1298), [16JY]
———allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans (see S. 1015), [22MY]
———allow manufacturing businesses to establish tax-free manufacturing reinvestment accounts to assist them in providing for new equipment and facilities and workforce training (see S. 1651), [5NO]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 86), [23JA]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1772), [21NO]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [24AP]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions (see S. 410), [28FE]
———improve and expand education savings accounts (see S. 1515), [18SE]
———increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements (see S. 966), [15MY]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [22MY]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 1658), [6NO]
———make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [18SE]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1855), [18DE]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 606), [19MR]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 1133), [11JN]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 688), [9AP]
———permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses (see S. 1342), [23JY]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 838), [25AP]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 725), [15AP]
———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [23MY]
———provide an income tax credit for increased payroll (see S. 115), [23JA]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [28FE]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1085), [3JN]
———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
———rename the section of the Internal Revenue Code known as the spousal individual retirement account as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA (see S. 1221), [25JN]
———repeal estate and gift taxes (see S. 1402), [31JY]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]
Transportation: provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
———repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Reports filed
Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1302), [30OC]
Expanding Access to Capital for Entrepreneurial Leaders (EXCEL) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 511) (S. Rept. 113–90), [10SE]

INYO NATIONAL FOREST LAND EXCHANGE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1888), [20DE]

IOWA
Bills and resolutions
America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership: reauthorize in Iowa (see S. 1151), [12JN]

IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Claims: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13MR]
Foreign banks: impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
Foreign policy: condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [24SE]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
Human rights: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 312), [9DE]
Middle East: ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S–300 air defense system (see S. Con. Res. 27), [21NO]
Nuclear weapons: ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [21NO]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [16OC]
Petroleum: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
Political reform: support (see S. Res. 154), [23MY]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Iran: President Obama, [12MR], [3JN]
Reports filed
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Continued Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights,

Impose Sanctions, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 75), [18DE]
Justice for Former American Hostages in Iran Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 559) (S. Rept. 113–104), [12SE]
Support Full Implementation of U.S. and International Sanctions on Iran and Urge the President To Continue To Strengthen Enforcement of Sanctions Legislation: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 65), [17AP]
Urge Intensified Cooperation by Iran on the Case of the Disappearance of Former FBI Agent, Robert Levinson, While on Business Trip in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 312), [18DE]

IRAN EXPORT EMBARGO ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1001), [21MY]

IRAN NUCLEAR COMPLIANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1765), [21NO]

IRAN THREAT REDUCTION AND SYRIA HUMAN RIGHTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Iran: impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]

IRAQ, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: extend Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs (see S. 990), [20MY]
Immigration: extend period when Iraqis employed by the U.S. in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and temporarily increase fee or surcharge for processing certain nonimmigrant visas (see S. 1566), [30SE]
National Desert Storm Memorial Association: authorize to establish National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in the District of Columbia (see S. 995), [21MY]
Peralta, Rafael: award Medal of Honor posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 9), [19MR]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to the Stabilization of Iraq: President Obama, [20MY]

IRELAND, GEORGE
Bills and resolutions
Loyola University Chicago: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY
Bills and resolutions
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]

IRRIGATION
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: participate in Hermiston, OR, water recycling and reuse project (see S. 693), [10AP]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 1800), [11DE]
———transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District in New Mexico (see S. 284), [12FE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 510), [7MR]
———facilitate development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project (see S. 26), [22JA]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [1AU]
Reports filed
Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 26) (S. Rept. 113–16), [22AP]
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]
Fort Sumner Project Title Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 284) (S. Rept. 113–56), [27JN]

IRS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 962), [15MY]

ISAKSON, JOHNNY ***(a Senator from Georgia)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 625), [20MR]
———provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Armed Forces: exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1880), [19DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. Res. 323), [18DE]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [18NO]
Budget: balance through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending (see S. 547), [13MR] (see S. 1436), [1AU]
———constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Consumers: require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [5NO]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [31JY]
Credit: improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 949), [13NO] (see S. 1577), [18NO]
———require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [16MY]
———improve master plans for major military installations (see S. 1749), [9DE]
———limit retirement of A–10 aircraft (see S. 1764), [21NO]
Dept. of Education: ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [24JY]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682), [8MY] (see S. 1003), [21MY]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [19SE]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [21MR]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [31JY]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [9SE]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (see S. 1356), [24JY]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [17AP]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: notify taxpayers each time the taxpayers' information is accessed by the IRS (see S. 1489), [12SE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 818), (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1588), [28OC]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [16MY]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]

Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [23MY]
Economy: provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [29OC]
Employment: provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 1626), [31OC]
EPA: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [22MR]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [30JY]
FDA: strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [23AP]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 523), [12MR]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [15OC]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [14MY]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [8MY]
Foreign aid: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [18JY]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [31OC]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [17JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Housing: enable Federal and State chartered banks and thrifts to meet the credit needs of homebuilders, and provide liquidity and ensure stable credit for meeting the need for new homes (see S. 1002), [21MY]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [10SE]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [9DE]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [22MR]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [20DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [9AP]
———prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
———prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [14MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [26JN]
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [31OC]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [6NO]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1439), [1AU]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [7FE]
———provide payment for anesthesia services by anesthesiologists in certain rural hospitals in the same manner as for services by anesthesiologist assistants and certified registered nurse anesthetists (see S. 1444), [1AU]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Monuments and memorials: ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the U.S. Armed Forces may contain religious symbols (see S. 705), [11AP]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 27), [7FE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
National Technological Innovation Day: designate (see S. Res. 275), [28OC]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [22MY]
Nicklaus, Jack: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1040), [23MY]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 118), [25AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [4NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period for health exchange plans and disclose premium and cost-sharing information prior to enrollment (see S. 1849), [18DE]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [29OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [19SE]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [24JA]

Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [12MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [9DE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [9OC]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [31JY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [16AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [24JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [18JN]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [8MY]
———repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World AIDS Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 314), [10DE]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [13MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [13MR]
Credit: revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [23MY]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
ERISA: require a lifetime income disclosure (see S. 1145), [12JN]
Iran: use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13MR]
Lewis, Representative: commemorate anniversary of chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (see S. Res. 170), [13JN]
Medicare: cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 672), [9AP]
National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 89), [21MR]
National Lineman Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [10AP]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 310), [21NO]
NLRB: reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Taxation: support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]

ISRAEL, STATE OF
Bills and resolutions
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [19NO]
Egypt: prohibit use of funds for U.S. participation in joint military exercises if Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (see S. 984), [16MY]
———reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
Foreign policy: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [5MR]
Immigration: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 266), [7FE]
Iran: condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [24SE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
Jerusalem: recognize as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]
Middle East: ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S–300 air defense system (see S. Con. Res. 27), [21NO]
———reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [1AU]
Power resources: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 95), [23JA]
Reports filed
Egypt Assistance Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1857), [18DE]
Support Full Implementation of U.S. and International Sanctions on Iran and Urge the President To Continue To Strengthen Enforcement of Sanctions Legislation: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 65), [17AP]
U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperation Improvement: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1491), [19DE]

IUKA, MS
Bills and resolutions
Yellow Creek Port: approve transfer of properties (see S. 212), [4FE]

JAPAN
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
NOAA: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Reports filed
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]

JERUSALEM EMBASSY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]

JEWS
Appointments
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, [7FE]
Bills and resolutions
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [19NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: increase purchase of Kosher and Halal food and modify labeling of the commodities list under the Emergency Food Assistance Program to assist food banks in obtaining such foods (see S. 811), [25AP]
Dept. of HHS: provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [1AU]
World War II: anniversary of rescue of Danish Jews from the Nazis (see S. Res. 227), [17SE]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Reports filed
Danish Jews Rescue From the Nazis During World War II Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 227), [30SE]

JOHANNS, MIKE *(a Senator from Nebraska)*
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]

Agriculture: provide for crop production on native sod (see S. 801), [24AP]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [11DE]
Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [11SE]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [3JN]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [16AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (see S. 16), [28FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Bureau of the Census: make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions (see S. 530), [12MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Congress: prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Credit: improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 949), [14MY] (see S. 1577), [28OC]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [22MY]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans (see S. 784), [23AP]
———improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 458), [5MR]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [16MY]
———improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [7JN]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
Dept. of Education: improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [11MR]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [18DE]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
Dept. of HUD: establish a pilot program to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans (see S. 1387), [30JY]
———reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [13FE]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MY]
———establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [14MY]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [19SE]
Dept. of Transportation: delay implementation of regulation changing the hours-of-service rule for commercial truck drivers pending a GAO assessment of such regulation (see S. 1891), [20DE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [9JY]
———improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs (see S. 1216), [25JN]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [11AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [13NO]
Egypt: restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
EPA: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MR]
———prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [24JY]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management (see S. 1843), [17DE]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
Federal employees: provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [19NO]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
———revise certain regulations governing financial assistance for swaps entities (see S. 474), [6MR]
Firearms: prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Foreign aid: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [11SE]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [25JY]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 947), [14MY]
———require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [24JN]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Housing Act: revise census data and population requirements for areas to be considered rural areas (see S. 766), [18AP]
Interagency Council on Healthy Housing: establish (see S. 291), [13FE]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [14NO]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [18MR]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [14MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [7JN]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [12MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12SE]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [11JY]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Monuments and memorials: ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the U.S. Armed Forces may contain religious symbols (see S. 705), [11AP]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [7MR]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]

National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
NLRB: prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Pakistan: prohibit assistance until Shakeel Afridi is freed (see S. 164), [7FE]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 118), [25AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [16DE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [23JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [30OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [24SE]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [9SE]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Tariff: footwear (see S. 1633), [31OC]
———increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [31JY]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [10SE]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———provide a tax incentive for installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property (see S. 775), [22AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [14MY]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [8AP]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
———repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [14MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
Arbor Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 14), [25AP]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]
Dept. of HUD: reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 576), [14MR]
EPA: provide adequate data, modeling, and support in the development of a State implementation plan under the Clean Air Act (see S. 319), [13FE]
———require Inspector General to include certain assessments in reports (see S. 317), [13FE]
———rescind funds made available if certain deadlines are not met (see S. 318), [13FE]
Federal agencies and departments: provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
Lincoln Highway: anniversary of first transcontinental highway (see S. Res. 188), [26JN]
Mosaic (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 36), [14FE]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
NLRB: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office, Chadron, NE: designate (see S. 1499), [12SE]
Taxation: reduce maximum rate on income of corporations (see S. 151), [24JA]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]

JOHNSON, JOHN A. (JACK)
Bills and resolutions
Crime: pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 5), [5MR]

JOHNSON, RON *(a Senator from Wisconsin)*
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [6MY]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [4FE]
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. Res. 323), [18DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [30JA]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
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———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CBO: provide a macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation (see S. 184), [30JA]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [19MR]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm (see S. 751), [25AP]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [23SE]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [11DE]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [24JY]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [17SE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]

District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Economy: provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [18NO]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———establish Federal customer service standards and improve service provided by Federal agencies (see S. 760), [18AP]
———improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [30JY]
———improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21NO]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
———prohibit performance awards in the Senior Executive Service during sequestration periods (see S. 986), [16MY]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 101), [23JY]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [18JN]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
FRS: provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [12NO]
GAO: require a study and report on the costs of Federal regulations (see S. 536), [18MR]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [28JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [9SE]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [20MR]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [19JN]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 993), [8JY]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2), [23JA]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [18JN]
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 27), [21NO]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [12SE]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
Roads and highways: ensure currently-operating trucks can continue to use the future Interstate 41 in Wisconsin (see S. 1299), [16JY]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [7JN]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
States: prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]
Taxation: constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———reduce tax on beer (see S. 958), [23MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [9OC]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
Ukraine: support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [1AU]
———repeal (see S. 20), [5MR]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Cushing, Alonzo H.: award the Medal of Honor for acts of valor during the Civil War (see S. 1258), [27JN]
Patents: combat cyber espionage of intellectual property of U.S. persons (see S. 1111), [6JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]

JOHNSON, TIM ***(a Senator from South Dakota)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Afterschool Alliance (organization): support goals and ideals of Lights on Afterschool! event (see S. Res. 274), [16OC]
Agriculture: make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [17AP]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
———restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits to farmers (see S. 281), [12FE]
Armed Forces: modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [11FE]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [20MR]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [11MR]
Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act: provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any issued orders (see S. 1438), [24SE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [17AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]

Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [6JN]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [24JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25JN]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [4NO]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [26FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
———expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [3JN]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [3JN]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [10JN]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [15MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [14MR]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [5MR]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [18DE]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [14NO]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [17JN]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [21MR]
Dept. of Labor: list employers that relocate call centers overseas, make such companies ineligible for Federal grants and loans, and require call center employees to disclose their physical location (see S. 1565), [28OC]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [19MR]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [3JN]
Dept. of the Interior: use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [11JY]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [7MY]
Diseases: support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [18NO]
Education: improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [21NO]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [19JN]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [18AP]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [16MY]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [28OC]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [20MY]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 947), [11DE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [29OC]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [17AP]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 392), [20MR]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [20DE]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [4MR]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [11MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [21MY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [26FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [22MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 117), [23JA]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [13NO]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [28OC]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [18JN]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [6NO]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [23MY]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [8MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [13MR]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [19NO]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [15AP]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [13NO]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [6MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [30OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
NIH: improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 1027), [22MY]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry

out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [17AP]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [16MY]
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation: authorize establishment of a commemorative work in the District of Columbia (see S. 230), [25FE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [9SE]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
Power resources: expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
Professional Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [6JN]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [10SE]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [19JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [6MY]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [18JN]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [23MY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [6MY]
———clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [18DE]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13MR]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [8MY]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1772), [21NO]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [11JY]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [18SE]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 41), [23JA]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [21NO]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: reevaluate recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer in consultation with appropriate specialists (see S. Res. 251), [7NO]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [3JN]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [14FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [30JA]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers (see S. Con. Res. 25), [13NO]
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 44), [26FE] (see S. Res. 224), [12SE]
Diseases: improve diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (see S. 908), [8MY]
FHA: improve, and ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (see S. 1376), [25JY]
Housing Act: revise census data and population requirements for areas to be considered rural areas (see S. 766), [18AP]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site: modify boundaries (see S. 459), [5MR]
National Aphasia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [12JN]
South Dakota: facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System (see S. 684), [9AP]
Taxation: provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Appropriations: making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
Reports filed
Activities During the 112th Congress: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–2), [4MR]
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2216) (S. Rept. 113–48), [27JN]
Expenditures: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 44), [26FE]
———Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 224), [12SE]
FHA Solvency Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1376) (S. Rept. 113–129), [19DE]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers Reform Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 534) (S. Rept. 113–82), [29JY]

JOHNSON COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]

JONES, GREGORY K.
Prayers
Senate, [5NO]

JP MORGAN CHASE & CO.
Bills and resolutions
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on JP Morgan Chase & Co., ''whale trades'' and risks and abuses of derivatives (see S. Res. 300), [19NO]

JUDICIAL TRANSPARENCY AND ETHICS ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 575), [14MR]

JUMPSTART FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, INC.
Bills and resolutions
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]

JUMPSTART GSE REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 563), [14MR]

JUMPSTART'S READ FOR THE RECORD DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]

JUNCTION CITY, KS
Bills and resolutions
Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic: designate (see S. 1434), [1AU]

JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]

JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 162), [20JN]

JUSTICE FOR ALL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]
Reports filed
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]

JUSTICE FOR FORMER AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN IRAN ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 559) (S. Rept. 113–104), [12SE]

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1738), [19NO]

KAINE, TIM *(a Senator from Virginia)*
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [28JA], [15FE], [26AP], [20MY], [3JN], [15JY], [9SE], [23SE]
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [13MY]
Armed Forces: expand and enhance authorities on protected communications (see S. 1081), [23MY]
———modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial (see S. 538), [14MY]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [18DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]

———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [7MY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chesapeake Bay: require OMB to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the watershed and require EPA to develop and implement an adaptive management plan (see S. 1000), [12JN]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Children and youth: encourage the placement of children in foster care with siblings (see S. 1786), [10DE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [7MR]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [11MR]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Defense: improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [23MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [18NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [15MY]
Dept. of Justice: provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [12SE]
Dept. of State: enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [29OC]
Dept. of the Interior: include Lease Sale 220 in the Outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012–2017 and revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area (see S. 1024), [22MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [14MY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [27JN]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [11MR]
———provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
Executive departments: require transparency in meeting Federal goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (see S. 140), [7FE]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [21NO]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [10AP]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [22MR]
———extend period when Iraqis employed by the U.S. in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and temporarily increase fee or surcharge for processing certain nonimmigrant visas (see S. 1566), [30SE]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [21MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [11MR]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 117), [13JN]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [11MR]
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
Mining and mineral resources: protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [2OC]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [18DE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [20NO]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [4NO]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 1718), [18NO]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [1AU] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [24JA]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Taxation: extend the work opportunity credit for employers of recently discharged veterans (see S. 140), [7FE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [19DE]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [12MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
Veterans: improve coordination of Federal veteran job training services (see S. 140), [7FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [29JA]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [23MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
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Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: improve oversight of educational assistance (see S. 1717), [14NO]
EPA: implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
National Adopt a Library Day: designate (see S. Res. 113), [24AP]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [9MY]
Native Americans: extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy, Chickahominy-Eastern Division, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Monacan, and Nansemond Tribes (see S. 1074), [23MY]
Public lands: suspend collection of entrance fees at national parks and wildlife refuges (see S. 1742), [20NO]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [10AP]
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Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE], [27SE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [14NO]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]

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Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
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Emporia State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 33), [13FE]
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Elections: congratulate commitment to peaceful elections, call for justice for victims of political violence, and support democratic reforms (see S. Res. 90), [22MR]
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Congratulate Commitment to Peaceful Elections, Call for Justice for Victims of Political Violence, and Support Democratic Reforms in Kenya: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 90), [17AP]
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American Dental Hygienists' Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 182), [21JN]
Armed Forces: ensure footwear for enlisted members upon initial entry complies with domestic source requirements (see S. 1051), [23MY]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [6MY]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [13MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [5MR] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CBO: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 1472), [23SE]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [15JY]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [10JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [3JN]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [11JN]
Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 619), [20MY]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [22MY]
———modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [6MY]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [16MY]
———making appropriations (see S. 444), [4MR]
Dept. of Education: establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [5MR]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [8MY]
Dept. of HHS: establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [16AP]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [8JY]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [31OC]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [12DE]
———reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 1850), [18DE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [5MR]
———strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [8AP]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1357), [19DE]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [9SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown to track possible exposure to toxins (see S. 1892), [20DE]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [11MR]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [24JN]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [11MR]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [14NO]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [4JN]
Federal agencies and departments: reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 1099), [6JN]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [25AP]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do

not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [23AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [22MY]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [28OC]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [13MR] (see S. 443), [4MR]
Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [21NO]
Gettysburg National Military Park: revise boundaries to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, PA, and limit means of acquiring such property (see S. 782), [23AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4MR]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [30SE]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [8MY]
———authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [7FE]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [15AP]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [12MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [14MY]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 117), [4MR]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [25JN]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [11JY]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [18JN]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [19NO]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [6NO]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [17JY]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11JN]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [11JY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [18JN]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [15JY]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [28OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
Privacy: require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice in the case of a breach of security involving such information (see S. 1193), [20JN]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [11MR]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [5MR]
SBA: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 206), [31JA]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [13MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [11DE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [23SE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [21MR]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [4NO]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [22MY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [23MY]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
Thresher (U.S.S.): anniversary of sinking (see S. Res. 94), [9AP]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 950), [14MY] (see S. 1171), [17JN]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [23JA]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [9DE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
Wreaths Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 320), [13DE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day: designate (see S. Res. 204), [30JY]
National security: require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [23MY]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 1390), [30JY]
Taxation: make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [22MY]
York River: designate segments and associated tributaries for study and inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1520), [18SE]
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Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE], [27SE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [14NO]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]

KING KAMEHAMEHA
Bills and resolutions
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 10), [22MR]

KIRIBATI, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]

KIRK, MARK ***(a Senator from Illinois)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [18JN]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [18JY]
Appropriations: require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress (see S. 1835), [17DE]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [1AU]
———better connect current and former members with employment opportunities by consolidating duplicative Federal Government websites and conserve resources by merging redundant and competing programs (see S. 1637), [31OC]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [19DE]
Chicago Blackhawks (hockey team): tribute (see S. Res. 187), [26JN]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
———extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25AP]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Corps of Engineers: establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects (see S. 566), [14MR]
Credit: improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 1577), [28OC]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [10JY]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [24JY]
Dept. of Education: create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies (see S. 1052), [23MY]
———ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
———reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 682), (see S. 1003), [6JN]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [24SE]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [20MR]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [12OC]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [17DE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [4FE]
———permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [14NO]
Dept. of Justice: provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
———provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [19SE]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [6NO]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [20NO]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [1AU]
Diseases: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1879), [19DE]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [20NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Drugs: make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [20MR]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [18DE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24JY]
———set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks (see S. 798), [24AP]
———set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 798), [7MY]
Firearms: prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [12MR] (see S. 179), [30JA] (see S. 443), [4MR]
Foreign aid: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [9SE]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [19JN]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [25JY]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: improve access to emergency medical services (see S. 961), [22MY]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [23JY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]
Information technology: specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [6NO]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [4NO]

———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
———prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [20MY]
Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]
———strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [10JN]
James R. Burgess Jr., Post Office Building, Champaign, IL: designate (see S. 796), [24AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Lincoln Highway: anniversary of first transcontinental highway (see S. Res. 188), [26JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [20NO]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [22MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [16DE]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [10AP]
National Aphasia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [12JN]
National Center for Campus Public Safety: establish and operate (see S. 433), [28FE]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
National security: prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [18MR]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Technological Innovation Day: designate (see S. Res. 275), [28OC]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
NLRB: prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [24SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE] (see S. 1671), [7NO]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [19SE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [16DE]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1272), [1AU]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [20NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [7NO]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [21MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [24SE]
Petroleum: grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: prohibit from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or the use of different auditors on a rotating basis (see S. 1526), [28OC]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [28FE]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN]
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge, St. Louis, MO: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [9AP]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [26SE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [31JY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [16DE]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
Veterans: clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [22JA]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World War II: anniversary of rescue of Danish Jews from the Nazis (see S. Res. 227), [4OC]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [28FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [20JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
American College of Surgeons Days: designate (see S. Res. 217), [1AU]
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies (see S. 1613), [30OC]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia, IL, town site (see S. 1328), [18JY]
Dept. of the Treasury: allow reliance on State examinations for certain financial institutions in order to assist immigrant communities in making remittances to their countries of origin (see S. 1840), [17DE]
EPA: establish a regulatory review process for proposed rules dealing with agricultural entities (see S. 1466), [1AU]
Government Transformation Commission: establish (see S. 1297), [16JY]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
Growth Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 242), [19SE]
Health: assist survivors of stroke in returning to work (see S. 1026), [22MY]
Immigration: deem any person who has received an award from the U.S. Armed Forces for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat to have satisfied certain requirements for naturalization (see S. 1059), [23MY]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
Loyola University Chicago: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
Medicare: preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1220), [25JN]
Memorial Day: encourage nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1648), [5NO]
Mississippi State University: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]
NIH: improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 1027), [22MY]
Roads and highways: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
States: prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]
Taxation: improve and expand education savings accounts (see S. 1515), [18SE]
Transportation: limit executive compensation at public transit agencies that receive Federal funds (see S. 1496), [11SE]
———prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [1AU]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 1688), [13NO]

KLOBUCHAR, AMY ***(a Senator from Minnesota)***
Appointments
Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group, [21MR]
Conferee: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
President's Export Council, [30JA]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: provide for crop production on native sod (see S. 801), [24AP]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
American Fighter Aces: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1827), [20DE]
Armed Forces: extend duration of Physical Disability Board of Review and expand authority of Board to review the separation of members on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability (see S. 628), [20MR]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [7FE]
———modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial (see S. 538), [13MY]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [11MR]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]

Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [16AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [13MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
———promote industry growth and competitiveness and improve worker training, retention, and advancement (see S. 1226), [4NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
———improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [7MY]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [7MY]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [19NO]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [14MY]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Corps of Engineers: provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
———provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [18MR]
Courts: protect State and local witnesses from tampering and retaliation (see S. 901), [14MY]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
Crime: clarify the range of conduct punished as sex trafficking (see S. 1354), [24JY]
———ensure prisoners do not profit from their violent acts through the sale of ''murderabilia'' by restricting mailing and delivery privileges of prisoners for commercial purposes (see S. 1549), [24SE]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm (see S. 751), [23AP]
———expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [19JN]
———produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [22MY]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [20MY]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [13NO]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [15MY]
Dept. of Education: create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies (see S. 1052), [23MY]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [10JN]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [16MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [16AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
Dept. of Energy: modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [17SE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [6MY]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [4MR]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [4NO]
Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [12FE]
Dept. of HUD: reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [12MR]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [28FE]
———establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 1722), [19NO]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [23SE]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
———provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [17SE]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1357), [16DE]
———prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [18JN]
———require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [21MY]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [19SE]
Dept. of the Interior: use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Dept. of the Treasury: allow reliance on State examinations for certain financial institutions in order to assist immigrant communities in making remittances to their countries of origin (see S. 1840), [17DE]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [26SE]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1692), [13NO]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
———withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [21MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [16AP]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [25FE]
———support university law school programs designed to provide legal assistance to veterans (see S. 1042), [23MY]
Diseases: foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [12MR]
———issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [18JN]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]

Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [29JY]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [27FE]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [19DE]
———increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [19NO]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18AP]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [4MR]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
EPA: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [17SE]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [4JN]
ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [5MR]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [10DE]
FDA: ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [11MR]
———exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [23SE]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [29OC]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [9SE]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [4NO] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [5NO]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [23AP]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [24JA]
———facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [11AP] (see S. 443), [5MR]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [24JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [29JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [23SE]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [21MY]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hong Kong: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 703), [16AP]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
———authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [11MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [10AP]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [4MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 527), [12MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77), [23JA]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [1AU]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [23JY]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [20MY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [29OC]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [21MR]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [22MY]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [5MR]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [23JY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [24JN]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [10JN]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [24SE]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [6MY]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [4FE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [14NO]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [7FE]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12JN]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [28OC]
National Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 116), [25AP]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native Americans: allow Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe to lease or transfer certain land (see S. 920), [9MY]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [21MY]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Patents: promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [17DE]
Power resources: expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
Privacy: prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [7FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]

Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [13MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [11MR]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [4NO]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [16AP]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 1207), [20JN]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [15AP]
Tariff: footwear (see S. 1633), [31OC]
———increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [3OC]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [6MY]
———apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [11MR]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [8JY]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [8MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [10JN]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies (see S. 1346), [23JY]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [1AU]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [14FE]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 506), [14MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [27JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 517), [11MR]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [19DE]
Telephones: prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills (see S. 1144), [12JN]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
Transportation: provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [31JY]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1797), [17DE] (see S. 1845), [18DE]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [16JY]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [10JN]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), (see S. 47), [22JA]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [10AP]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [20MY]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [12MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [20MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 638), [21MR]
Budget: require the President to submit a budget to Congress listing current fiscal year spending levels for proposed programs and separate amounts for proposed spending increases (see S. 1314), [17JY] (see S. 1321), [18JY]
CBO: create a division to perform regulatory analysis (see S. 1472), [1AU]
Consumers: enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1538), [23SE]
Corps of Engineers: manage threat of Asian carp traveling up the Mississippi River in Minnesota (see S. 365), [14FE]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]
Crime: prohibit and deter theft of metal (see S. 394), [27FE]
———protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1290), [11JY]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Dept. of Defense: improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [13MR]
———provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime (see S. 1078), [23MY]
———require Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions in response to protected communications regarding sexual assault (see S. 1092), [4JN]
Dept. of Education: support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [11AP]
———improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [23MY]
Dept. of HHS: develop a national model disclosure form to assist consumers in purchasing long-term care insurance (see S. 1473), [1AU]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 1060), [23MY]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of Justice: provide effective criminal prosecutions and increase penalties for tax return identity thefts (see S. 149), [24JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 1061), [23MY]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]
Drugs: improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
Edward J. Devitt U.S. Courthouse, Fergus Falls, MN: designate (see S. 711), [11AP]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
Families and domestic relations: enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 1527), [19SE]
FCC: authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 245), [7FE]
———direct wireless providers to permit the unlocking of mobile devices (see S. 481), [6MR]
FTC: establish the Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1358), [24JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 616), [19MR]
Insurance: require issuers of long-term care insurance to establish third party review processes for disputed claims (see S. 1481), [1AU]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [17AP]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 117), [23JA]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]
National Physical Education and Sport Week: designate (see S. Res. 130), [7MY]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 14), [24JA]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
Science: support innovation (see S. 1777), [21NO]
Taxation: provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 1485), [1AU]
Telecommunications: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 1776), [21NO]

Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 1816), [12DE]
University of Minnesota: tribute to women's hockey team (see S. Res. 123), [25AP]
University of Minnesota Duluth: observance of National Student Employment Week (see S. Res. 96), [11AP]
Voting: require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 532), [12MR]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Appropriations: making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [14NO]

KNOW BEFORE YOU OWE PRIVATE STUDENT LOAN ACT
Bills and resolutions
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KOEHL, ALICIA D.
Bills and resolutions
National cemeteries: provide authority to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery and disinter remains of Michael L. Anderson from Fort Custer National Cemetery (see S. 1471), [1AU]

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KOREA, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Arms control: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Reports filed
North Korea Nonproliferation and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 298), [14FE]

KOREA, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Reports filed
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]

KOREAN WAR *related term(s)* **WAR**
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: furnish case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam and certain Korean war veterans born with spina bifida or certain birth defects (see S. 832), [25AP]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]

KOSOVO, REPUBLIC OF
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National Emergency Relative to the Western Balkans: President Obama, [17JN]

KRCIC, MOMO
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Relief (see S. 74), [23JA]

KUWAIT, STATE OF
Bills and resolutions
National Desert Storm Memorial Association: authorize to establish National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in the District of Columbia (see S. 995), [21MY]

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Bills and resolutions relative to
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in U.S. v. Renzi, et al. (see S. Res. 114), [24AP]

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Bills and resolutions
Crime: enhance penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors (see S. 1686), [12NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: increase purchase of Kosher and Halal food and modify labeling of the commodities list under the Emergency Food Assistance Program to assist food banks in obtaining such foods (see S. 811), [25AP]
Dept. of HHS: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 1653), [5NO]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
FDA: improve safety of dietary supplements by requiring manufacturers to register supplement products with the FDA and amending labeling requirements (see S. 1425), [1AU]
———require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [7FE]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [21NO]
Cloture motions
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
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FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), [6NO], [7NO], [12NO], [13NO], [14NO]
Reports filed
Pharmaceutical Compounding Quality and Accountability Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 959), [19JN]

LABOR UNIONS *related term(s)* **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
Bills and resolutions
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Civil liberties: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1556), [27SE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures by corporations or labor organizations intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [28JA]
Federal employees: eliminate use of official time (see S. 785), [23AP]
———limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 1477), [1AU]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
OPM: require submittal of an annual report on the use of official time by Federal employees (see S. 1338), [23JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
Randolph, A. Philip: tribute (see S. Res. 218), [9SE]

LAKE TAHOE RESTORATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
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LAKES
Bills and resolutions
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
———protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: designate certain lands and inland water as wilderness (see S. 23), [22JA]
War of 1812: anniversary of Battle of Lake Erie (see S. Res. 153), [23MY]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]

Reports filed
Address Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Through Research, Monitoring, and Mitigation To Help Communities Detect, Control, and Mitigate Such Events: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1254) (S. Rept. 113–121), [18NO]
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 23) (S. Rept. 113–14), [22AP]

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA
Bills and resolutions
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 219), [4FE]

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT
Bills and resolutions
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]

LAND USE
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: provide for crop production on native sod (see S. 801), [24AP]
———support maple syrup production research and education, sustainability of maple syrup resources, promotion of maple products, and access to lands for maple sugaring activities (see S. 879), [7MY]
Anchorage, AK: provide for unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city for purposes of economic development by conveying Federal reversion interest to the city (see S. 182), [30JA]
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: authorize producers on a farm to produce fruits and vegetables for processing on the base acres of the farm (see S. 751), [17AP]
Dept. of the Interior: provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 165), [28JA]
———release reversionary interest in certain land conveyed to Oregon for establishment of Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (see S. 1437), [1AU]
———withdraw and reserve certain public land for military uses (see S. 1309), [16JY]
FERC: remove authority to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation (see S. 564), [14MR]
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act: consent to certain amendments (see S.J. Res. 12), [21MR]
Lyon County, NV: designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances (see S. 159), [28JA]
Mining and mineral resources: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]
———facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
Native Americans: require tribes to demonstrate a substantial direct modern and aboriginal connection to certain lands to allow for gaming on such lands (see S. 477), [6MR]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act: reauthorize (see S. 659), [22MR]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1160), [13JN]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [12MR]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 1889), [20DE]
Utah: convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (see S. 1732), [19NO]
Reports filed
Clarify That Uncertified States and Indian Tribes Have Authority To Use Certain Payments for Noncoal Reclamation Projects and Acid Mine Remediation Programs: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 222) (S. Rept. 113–20), [22AP]
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act Amendments Consent: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S.J. Res. 12) (S. Rept. 113–76), [15JY]
Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 159) (S. Rept. 113–94), [10SE]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 659) (S. Rept. 113–73), [15JY]

LANDRIEU, MARY L. ***(a Senator from Louisiana)***
Appointments
U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Afterschool Alliance (organization): support goals and ideals of Lights on Afterschool! event (see S. Res. 274), [16OC]
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [24JN]
AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [23JA]
Alcoholic beverages: exempt aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs (see S. 1457), [11SE]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Animals: improve sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees (see S. 1561), [30OC]
Armed Forces: modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [7FE]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [7MR]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [18AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [16OC]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]
Children and youth: express that foreign assistance for child welfare should adhere to the goals of the U.S. Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity (see S. Res. 190), [27JN]
———issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1047), [23MY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [4FE]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [8MY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [16MY]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Consumers: require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [30JY]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Corps of Engineers: establish program to evaluate cost-effectiveness and efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for civil works flood control and navigation construction projects (see S. 66), [24JA]
———provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
Credit: provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: land exchange with Sabine River Authority, TX (see S. 1484), [1AU]
———modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [7MR]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [21MY]
Dept. of Education: create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies (see S. 1052), [23MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [5MR]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [16MY]
Dept. of HHS: assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care (see S. 466), [16MY]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program funding (see S. 1333), [18JY]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [8AP]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to preg-

nancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [7FE]
———permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of Justice: extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [5NO]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [7NO]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1357), [29OC]
Dept. of the Interior: install in the area of the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or inscription with the words that Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (see S. 1044), [23JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [7MR]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [5NO]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 125), [25AP]
Diseases: improve diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (see S. 908), [6JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
EPA: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MY]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [11FE]
Families and domestic relations: enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 1527), [19SE]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 350), [20MR]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [30JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [1AU]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [11AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Haiti: measure progress of recovery and development efforts following earthquake (see S. 1104), [6JN]
———recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [9SE]
Immigration: establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [9AP]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [19MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [23JY]
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [8MY]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [31JY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [11JN]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [9AP]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [16MY]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [11JN]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [16MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [8MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [20MR]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [29JY]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 295), [14NO]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [17SE]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [15JY]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [10SE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [6MY]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [18AP]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [9DE]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [16DE]
———extend open enrollment period for health care plans and protect individuals from penalties during the enrollment extension (see S. 1693), [13NO]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [7MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [18DE]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [4JN]
Power resources: establish partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore and the Federal Government (see S. 630), [20MR] (see S. 1273), [10JY]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 1725), [19NO]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [17AP]
Ships and vessels: extend exemption from fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line (see S. 1022), [22MY]
Small business: make enrollment in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program available when fewer than 2 qualified health plans are offered through the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) (see S. 1327), [18JY]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [31JY]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 79), [18MR]
Taxation: allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans (see S. 1015), [23MY]
———allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]

———clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations (see S. 479), [7MY]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [26FE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [12NO]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [16SE]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [6NO]
———modify the small employer health insurance credit (see S. 1325), [18JY]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17SE]
———provide a tax incentive for installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property (see S. 775), [9OC]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 1056), [23MY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [12NO]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [18SE]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [14NO]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [5MR]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [28OC]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [28JA]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [31JY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [16MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [13MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 39), [25FE] (see S. Res. 235), [17SE]
Corps of Engineers: modify the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf of Mexico to Baton Rouge, LA, navigation project (see S. 574), [14MR]
Dept. of Education: establish teacher evaluation programs (see S. 1112), [7JN]
Dept. of Justice: provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [16JY]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 311), [13FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE] (see S. 1740), [20NO]
District of Columbia: make local funds available during any portion of the fiscal year at the rate of operations provided under the local budget act if the regular appropriation bill has not yet become law (see S. 1571), [12OC]
Education: increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [12FE]
Families and domestic relations: establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1203), [20JN]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [11JY]
FEMA: improve the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 996), [21MY]
Fish and fishing: develop a fishery management plan for Gulf of Mexico red snapper (see S. 1161), [13JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [12MR]
Insurance: preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [21MR]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1642), [4NO]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
SBA: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
———clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [28FE]
———enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program (see S. 511), [11MR]
———establish a grant program to empower encore entrepreneurs (see S. 1454), [1AU]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [12FE]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 537), [12MR]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Taxation: extend certain expiring tax provisions relative to small businesses (see S. 1498), [12SE]
———make permanent rule providing 5-year amortization of expenses incurred in creating or acquiring music or music copyrights (see S. 1326), [18JY]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [22MR]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Reports filed
Activities During the 112th Congress: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–33), [22AP]
Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 289) (S. Rept. 113–89), [10SE]
Communicating Lender Activity Reports From the SBA (CLEAR SBA) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 537) (S. Rept. 113–91), [10SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2217) (S. Rept. 113–77), [18JY]
Expanding Access to Capital for Entrepreneurial Leaders (EXCEL) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 511) (S. Rept. 113–90), [10SE]
Expenditures: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 39), [26FE]
———Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. Res. 235), [17SE]
Small Business Disaster Reform Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 415) (S. Rept. 113–84), [31JY]

LANGUAGES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: establish a partnership program in foreign languages (see S. 1036), [23MY]
Dept. of State: enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [30JY]
———extend Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs (see S. 990), [20MY]
Education: promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [5MR]
Immigration: reform (see S. 744), [16AP]
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LAOS, PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 200), [31JA]

Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]

LAS VEGAS, NV

Bills and resolutions

BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]

LAS VEGAS VALLEY PUBLIC LAND AND TULE SPRINGS FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 974), [16MY]

LATIN AMERICA

Bills and resolutions

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 969), [16MY]

OAS: support revitalization and reform (see S. 793), [24AP]

Motions

OAS: support revitalization and reform (S. 793), [24SE]

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LAUTENBERG, FRANK R. ***(a Senator from New Jersey)***

Appointments

Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR]

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, [7FE]

Attendance

Present, [3JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [23MY]

———reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]

American Infrastructure Investment Fund: establish (see S. 387), [26FE]

Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [16AP]

Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]

Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]

Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]

———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]

Budget: exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [8AP]

———replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 278), [14FE]

Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]

Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]

Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]

———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]

———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]

Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]

Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [9MY]

Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]

Credit: provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]

———require inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers (see S. 471), [6MR]

Crime: reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]

Dept. of Agriculture: include farmed shellfish as specialty crops (see S. 754), [6MY]

Dept. of Education: collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [7MR]

———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [15MY]

Dept. of HHS: establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]

———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]

———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]

Dept. of Labor: provide grants for an Urban Jobs Program (see S. 655), [22MR]

Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE]

———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [15MY]

Depts. of Labor and Commerce: establish Made in America Incentive Grant Program (see S. 63), [22JA]

Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 125), [25AP]

Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]

Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]

Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]

Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]

———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]

———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]

Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]

Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]

Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]

Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 857), [6MY]

———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]

FEMA: enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]

———extend phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties (see S. 1075), [23MY]

Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]

Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [29JA]

———prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]

———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]

———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]

Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [12FE]

FTC: prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [16MY]

Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]

Haiti: recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]

Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [23MY]

Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [19MR]

Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]

International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]

Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]

Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [7MR]

Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]

Medicare: increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [18AP]

———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]

Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 41), [25FE]

National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]

National Moth Week: designate (see S. Res. 70), [9AP]

National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]

National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 104), [22AP]

Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]

Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [6MY]

Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 457), [5MR]

Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]

Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [10AP]

Public works: provide financing assistance for qualified water infrastructure projects (see S. 335), [14FE]

Roads and highways: amend length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways (see S. 880), [7MY]

Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]

———eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]

———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [7MR]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 194), [31JA]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [6MY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Transportation Security Administration: prohibit airplane passengers from bringing small knives aboard a passenger aircraft (see S. 1008), [22MY]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [25FE]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [23JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [7MR]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [13FE]
Colleges and universities: require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Dept. of Education: establish a partnership program in foreign languages (see S. 1036), [23MY]
———make grants to support fire safety education programs on college campuses (see S. 750), [17AP]
———provide new program review requirements relative to colleges and universities (see S. 406), [28FE]
Dept. of HHS: reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
Dept. of Transportation: withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]
EPA: reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Explosives: strengthen enforcement of background checks relative to the use of explosive materials (see S. 792), [23AP]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prohibit purchase and possession by nonimmigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
Hurricanes: provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 803), [24AP]
Indonesia: allow Indonesian citizens fleeing religious persecution to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims (see S. 295), [13FE]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 111), [24AP]
National security: enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care: designate (see S. Res. 21), [30JA]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [25AP]
New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route: reauthorize (see S. 797), [24AP]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Senate Rules: permit Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased (see S. Res. 7), [3JA]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
Taxation: reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 826), [25AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]

LAUTENBERG, FRANK R. ***(a former Senator from New Jersey)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Senate: authorize the Architect of the Capitol to transfer the catafalque from the Capitol Visitor Center to the Senate Chamber for use during memorial services (see S. Con. Res. 18), [4JN]
———hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
Tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]

LAVIZZO-MOUREY, RISA
Bills and resolutions
Smithsonian Institution: appoint as citizen regent of Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 29), [11DE]

LAW ENFORCEMENT
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Africa: condemn acts of piracy and other maritime crime in the Gulf of Guinea, support U.S. assistance in combating such crimes, and commend international agencies that have enhanced maritime security (see S. Res. 288), [6NO]
Alaska: enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes relative to enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, improve quality of life in rural Alaska, and reduce alcohol and drug abuse (see S. 1474), [1AU]
Armed Forces: modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial (see S. 538), [12MR]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
———extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
———improve outcomes for youth at risk for sex trafficking (see S. 1518), [18SE]
Civil liberties: protect individual privacy against unwarranted governmental intrusion through the use of domestic unmanned aerial vehicles commonly called drones (see S. 1016), [22MY]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (House): authorize release of records on review of disability claims adjudications made in the SSA Huntington, WV, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (see S. Res. 315), [10DE]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on JP Morgan Chase & Co., ''whale trades'' and risks and abuses of derivatives (see S. Res. 300), [19NO]
———authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on offshore profit shifting and the U.S. Tax Code (see S. Res. 62), [27FE]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1196), [20JN]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 359), [14FE]
Corporations: require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Correctional institutions: improve effectiveness and efficiency of Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction (see S. 1783), [9DE]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 619), [20MR]
———protect State and local witnesses from tampering and retaliation (see S. 901), [8MY]
———provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch (see S. 575), [14MR]
———provide for Federal civil liability for trade secret misappropriation in certain circumstances (see S. 1770), [21NO]
Crime: clarify the range of conduct punished as sex trafficking (see S. 1354), [24JY]
———enhance penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors (see S. 1686), [12NO]
———increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]
———prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]

———prohibit and deter theft of metal (see S. 394), [27FE]
———prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
———protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1290), [11JY]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 1675), [7NO]
———save money and reduce tragedies through teen dating abuse prevention grants (see S. 129), [24JA]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
DEA: anniversary (see S. Res. 178), [20JN]
Dept. of Defense: afford crime victims in the military the same basic rights as civilians under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1041), [23MY]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [7MY]
———improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [13MR]
———improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [21MY]
———improve sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities (see S. 1775), [21NO]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
———reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1752), [20NO]
Dept. of HHS: authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 1812), [12DE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [28FE]
———establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 1722), [19NO]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
———improve administration of grants to States under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and ensure that all criminal defendants receive adequate representation (see S. 597), [18MR]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs (see S. 1418), [1AU]
———prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
———provide effective criminal prosecutions and increase penalties for tax return identity thefts (see S. 149), [24JA]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [16JY]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
———report on State law penalties for certain child abusers and expand the predicate for increased penalties for domestic assaults against children (see S. 1778), [9DE]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of Transportation: establish National Yellow Dot Program to alert emergency personnel to medical conditions, prescriptions, and information to treat individuals in motor vehicle emergency situations (see S. 1831), [16DE]
———improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [23JY]
———withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 1412), [31JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [18JY]
———make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [20MR]
Explosives: strengthen enforcement of background checks relative to the use of explosive materials (see S. 792), [23AP]
FAA: provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 1639), [4NO]
Federal employees: amend the definition of a law enforcement officer to include certain positions relative to retirement benefits (see S. 1172), [18JN]
Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [29JA]
———ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
———ensure that individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and require a background check for every firearm sale (see S. 374), [25FE]
———establish minimum standards for States that allow carrying of concealed firearms (see S. 147), [24JA]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
———limit amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [25AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking (see S. 730), [15AP]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [22JA] (see S. 179), [30JA] (see S. 443), [4MR]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [12JN]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
FTC: establish the Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1358), [24JY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [31JY]
Immigration: make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 302), [13FE]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP]
———require the collection of data by officers enforcing immigration law (see S. 260), [7FE]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 102), [23JA]
Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]

National security: prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [7MR]
———require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [23MY]
National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 117), [25AP]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 14), [24JA]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Parlak, Ibrahim: relief (see S. 75), [23JA]
Patents: combat cyber espionage of intellectual property of U.S. persons (see S. 1111), [6JN]
Peace Officers Memorial Day: observance (see S. Res. 140), [14MY]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———extend protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to electronic communications information and require specific court-issued warrants to obtain such information (see S. 1037), [23MY]
———improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Racial relations: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Roads and highways: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
Safety: protect prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and their families from retaliation or intimidation and create stronger offenses for those who target public officials (see S. 698), [10AP]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [28FE]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
Senior citizens: provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
Social Security: improve enforcement, collection, and administration of child support payments (see S. 508), [7MR]
Taxation: disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil (see S. 599), [18MR]
Telecommunications: require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 1889), [20DE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), (see S. 47), [22JA]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 42), [22JA]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 171), [13JN]
Cloture motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Narcotics Traffickers in Colombia: President Obama, [16OC]
National Emergency Relative to Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism: President Obama, [18SE]
Motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [6JN], [13JN], [19JN], [20JN], [21JN], [25JN]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (S. 47), [31JA]
Reports filed
Assault Weapons Ban: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 150), [14MR]
Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744) (S. Rept. 113–40), [7JN]
Condemn Acts of Piracy and Maritime Crime in Gulf of Guinea, Support U.S. Assistance in Combatting Such Crimes, and Commend International Agencies That Enhanced Maritime Security: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 288), [18DE]
Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 975), [19DE]
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 42), [31OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2217) (S. Rept. 113–77), [18JY]
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reauthorization: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 933), [1AU]
Electronic Communications Privacy Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607), [25AP]
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]
Improve Privacy of Electronic Communications: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 113–34), [16MY]
International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 269) (S. Rept. 113–127), [17DE]
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 162), [20JN]
Metal Theft Prevention Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 394), [17JN]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]
Protecting Responsible Gun Sellers Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 374), [12MR]
Stop Illegal Trafficking in Firearms Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54), [11MR]
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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
Bills and resolutions
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: reform the Border Patrol agent pay schedule (see S. 1691), [13NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
DEA: anniversary (see S. Res. 178), [20JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 1812), [12DE]
Dept. of Justice: extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
Dept. of Transportation: establish National Yellow Dot Program to alert emergency personnel to medical conditions, prescriptions, and information to treat individuals in motor vehicle emergency situations (see S. 1831), [16DE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Federal employees: amend the definition of a law enforcement officer to include certain positions relative to retirement benefits (see S. 1172), [18JN]
Firearms: establish minimum standards for States that allow carrying of concealed firearms (see S. 147), [24JA]
———limit amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [25AP]
Immigration: require the collection of data by officers enforcing immigration law (see S. 260), [7FE]
Information technology: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
———protect prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and their families from retaliation or intimidation and create stronger offenses for those who target public officials (see S. 698), [10AP]
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]

Peace Officers Memorial Day: observance (see S. Res. 140), [14MY]
Public safety officers: extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers (see S. 876), [7MY]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Rural areas: improve housing for educators, public safety officers, and medical providers, and their households (see S. 386), [26FE]
Schools: make grants available to local governments to place law enforcement officers in schools (see S. 148), [24JA]
Taxation: provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 506), [7MR]
Telecommunications: require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Reports filed
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reauthorization: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 933), [1AU]
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 162), [20JN]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
LAWRENCE COUNTY, SD
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
Reports filed
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]
LAWYERS AND ATTORNEYS
Bills and resolutions
Courts: protect State and local witnesses from tampering and retaliation (see S. 901), [8MY]
Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program: establish (see S. 1458), [1AU]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [7MY]
Dept. of Justice: improve administration of grants to States under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and ensure that all criminal defendants receive adequate representation (see S. 597), [18MR]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: support university law school programs designed to provide legal assistance to veterans (see S. 1042), [23MY]
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: improve attorney accountability to reduce frivolous lawsuits (see S. 1288), [11JY]
Law enforcement: protect prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and their families from retaliation or intimidation and create stronger offenses for those who target public officials (see S. 698), [10AP]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Patents: add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits to deter abusive litigation (see S. 1013), [22MY]
Securities: protect investors by fostering transparency and accountability of attorneys in private securities litigation (see S. 652), [22MR]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in R. Wayne Patterson v. U.S. Senate, et. al (see S. Res. 185), [24JN]
———authorize legal representation in Steve Schonberg v. Mitch McConnell, et al. (see S. Res. 103), [18AP]
———authorize legal representation in U.S. v. Renzi, et al. (see S. Res. 114), [24AP]
———authorize legal representation in Wade v. Miller, et al. (see S. Res. 220), [9SE]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough (see S. Res. 264), [1OC]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]
———authorize testimony and representation in the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower (see S. Res. 195), [15JY]
———authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al. (see S. Res. 124), [25AP]
Reports filed
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]
LEAD, SD
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
Reports filed
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]
LEAHY, PATRICK J. ***(a Senator from Vermont)***
Appointments
British-American Interparliamentary Group, [21MR]
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Conferee: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [16DE]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
Alcoholic beverages: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1531), [19SE]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 638), [21MR]
Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [18JY]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [6JN]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [7MR]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [13JN]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [17AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: designate the Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room (see S. Res. 76), [13MR]
———tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [15JY]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [29JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [13MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [24JN]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 619), [20MR]
———appoint additional Federal circuit and district judges (see S. 1385), [30JY]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [29JA]
Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program: establish (see S. 1458), [1AU]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [4NO]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [11JN]
Dept. of Education: establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [22AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [5MR]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [16AP]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [26SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [12DE]
Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opin-

ions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [21MR]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [18JY]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [3JN]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 857), [6MY]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [31JY]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [29OC]
———provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [27JN]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Haiti: recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [28JA]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [27JN]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [12DE]
Immigration: extend period when Iraqis employed by the U.S. in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and temporarily increase fee or surcharge for processing certain nonimmigrant visas (see S. 1566), [30SE]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [3JN]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [18JN]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [31JY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [3JN]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [11SE]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [21JN]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [15AP]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Missisquoi and Trout Rivers: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1252), [27JN]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 120), [25AP]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [6NO]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Runaway Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 308), [20NO]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [12SE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers (see S. 858), [6MY]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [16MY]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [5NO]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [11AP]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 286), [12FE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [31JY]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [17JN]
Taxation: apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [6MY]
———expand rehabilitation credit (see S. 1141), [12SE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [11AP]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [16SE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [12NO]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [23JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [13MY]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: designate (see S. 885), [7MY]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [18DE]
Veterans: improve veterans service organizations' access to Federal surplus personal property (see S. 573), [14MR]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [29JA]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [4MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Committee on the Judiciary (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 46), [26FE] (see S. Res. 92), [8AP] (see S. Res. 223), [12SE]
Correctional institutions: eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety (see S. 657), [22MR]
Dept. of Justice: extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
———improve administration of grants to States under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and ensure that all criminal defendants receive adequate representation (see S. 597), [18MR]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]

Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1372), [25JY]
Fahey, John: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 28), [11DE]
Firearms: prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [22JA] (see S. 443), [4MR]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
———reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
Lavizzo-Mourey, Risa: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 29), [11DE]
Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 120), [25AP]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 712), [11AP]
Patents: promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
Peace Officers Memorial Day: observance (see S. Res. 140), [14MY]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Taxation: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 1395), [30JY]
———provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 1421), [1AU]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 517), [11MR]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [22JA]
Whistleblowing: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 42), [22JA]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE], [27SE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
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Baldwin, Senator, [18MR], [8AP], [9JY]
Blumenthal, Senator, [24AP]
Cowan, Senator, [26FE], [27FE], [5MR], [6MR], [12MR], [13MR], [20MR], [10AP], [23AP], [25AP], [8MY], [9MY], [15MY], [21MY], [22MY], [4JN], [6JN], [11JN], [12JN], [19JN], [26JN]
Donnelly, Senator, [10JY]
Durbin, Senator, [30SE]
Franken, Senator, [6SE]
Heinrich, Senator, [11DE]
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Kaine, Senator, [28JA], [15FE], [20MY], [3JN], [15JY], [9SE], [23SE]
King, Senator, [22MR], [27SE], [7OC], [11OC], [14NO]
Levin, Senator, [30AP], [17JY]
Markey, Senator, [24JY], [31JY], [11SE], [17SE], [18SE], [24SE], [29OC], [30OC], [20NO], [18DE]
Murphy, Senator, [16SE], [14OC], [9DE]
Reid, Senator, [31JA], [3JA]
Schatz, Senator, [24JA], [14FE], [28FE], [7MR], [21MR], [11AP], [17AP], [18AP], [7MY], [16MY], [23MY], [20JN], [27JN], [11JY], [18JY], [25JY], [1AU], [12SE], [19SE], [26SE], [3OC], [10OC], [31OC], [19DE]
Udall, Senator Tom, [4JA]
Warner, Senator, [15DE]
Warren, Senator, [14MY]
Motions
Budget: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling and hold salaries of Members of Congress in escrow upon failure to agree to a budget resolution (H.R. 325), [31JA]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [25JN]
Reports filed
Activities During the 112th Congress: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–6), [21MR]
Assault Weapons Ban: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 150), [14MR]
Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744) (S. Rept. 113–40), [7JN]
Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 975), [19DE]
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 42), [31OC]
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reauthorization: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 933), [1AU]
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1372) (S. Rept. 113–81), [25JY]
Electronic Communications Privacy Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607), [25AP]
Expenditures: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. Res. 46), [26FE]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. Res. 92), [8AP]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. Res. 223), [12SE]
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]
Improve Privacy of Electronic Communications: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 113–34), [16MY]
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 162), [20JN]
Metal Theft Prevention Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 394), [17JN]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]
Protecting Responsible Gun Sellers Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 374), [12MR]
School Safety Enhancements Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 146), [12MR]
Stop Illegal Trafficking in Firearms Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54), [11MR]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54) (S. Rept. 113–9), [8AP]

LEBANON, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Iran: impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]

LEE, MIKE *(a Senator from Utah)*
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [30JA]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Correctional institutions: improve effectiveness and efficiency of Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction (see S. 1783), [9DE]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [10AP]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]

Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal features of the electric system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District (see S. 25), [22JA]
———convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 510), [15AP]
———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [22MY]
———facilitate development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project (see S. 26), [22JA]
———limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [3JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]
Egypt: restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 1731), [19NO]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
EPA: repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [15JY]
FCC: direct wireless providers to permit the unlocking of mobile devices (see S. 481), [6MR]
Federal agencies and departments: impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
Firearms: prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
———provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect and prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes (see S. 82), [4FE]
Forest Service: convey certain parcels of land to Fruit Heights, UT (see S. 509), [15AP]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [31JA]
———clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 301), [13FE]
———prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 300), [13FE]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [22MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [12MR]
IRS: prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [22MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [11SE]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2), [23JA]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National security: prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [11MR]
NLRB: prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Patents: promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [30JA]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
Provo River Project Transfer Act: clarify certain property descriptions (see S. 211), [4FE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [5MR]
———constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [15AP]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 517), [11MR]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [16OC]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 1816), [12DE]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [8AP]
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest: convey a small parcel of land to Brigham Young University (see S. 28), [22JA]
Utah: clarify authority under legislation defining the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation (see S. 27), [22JA]
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 1), [22JA]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 1479), [1AU]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]

Eximbank: abolish (see S. 1102), [6JN]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
FRS: improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and the Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 238), [7FE]
Immigration: eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants and increase the per-country limitation for family-sponsored immigrants (see S. 293), [13FE]
———provide a special rule for the period of admission of certain nonimmigrants employed as sheepherders, goat herders, or dairy farmers (see S. 292), [13FE]
Money: treat gold and silver coins used as legal tender in the same manner as U.S. currency (see S. 768), [18AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide that the individual mandate shall not be construed as a tax (see S. 560), [14MR]
Taxation: reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [14NO]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 978), [16MY] (see S. 988), [20MY]
Utah: convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (see S. 1732), [19NO]
Motions
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023 (S. Con. Res. 8), [22MR]

LEELANAU COUNTY, MI
Bills and resolutions
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: designate certain lands and inland water as wilderness (see S. 23), [22JA]
Reports filed
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 23) (S. Rept. 113–14), [22AP]

LEGAL SERVICES CORP.
Bills and resolutions
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]

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related term(s) **CONGRESS; HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; SENATE**
Bills and resolutions
Appropriations: making (see S. 1283), [11JY]
Congress: end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1663), [7NO]
———preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1665), [7NO]
———require each bill enacted be limited to only one subject (see S. 1664), [7NO]
Federal employees: eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for official portraits of Members of Congress or heads of executive or legislative branch agencies or offices (see S. 1820), [12DE]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
———require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 902), [8MY]
Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]

LEVIN, CARL ***(a Senator from Michigan)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [30AP], [17JY], [24DE]
Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China, [7FE]
Open World Leadership Center Board of Trustees, [16OC]
Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [29OC]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [10DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [16AP]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [27SE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [3JN]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 619), [22AP]
Credit: empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [27JN]
———improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 1577), [28OC]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [17SE]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
Dept. of Energy: provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 488), [29JY]
Dept. of HHS: establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [13JN]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [12NO]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [20JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [11SE]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [20MY]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [9DE]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [23AP]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [8OC]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Immigration: reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]

Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [23AP]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [25FE]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [10AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Lewis, Representative: commemorate anniversary of chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (see S. Res. 170), [19JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act: reauthorize (see S. 231), [23SE]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Chess Week: designate (see S. Res. 266), [4OC]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [10SE]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 27), [7FE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [30JY]
Native Americans: reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians (see S. 1603), [29OC]
Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [28OC]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [22AP]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [3JN]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: improve debate and consideration of legislative matters (see S. Res. 16), [24JA]
———improve debate and consideration of legislative matters and nominations (see S. Res. 15), [24JA]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [6MY]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1772), [21NO]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [13JN]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [12DE]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [6NO]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 1056), [8OC]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Veterans: improve veterans service organizations' access to Federal surplus personal property (see S. 573), [31JY]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Wildlife: establish improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent introduction and establishment in the U.S. of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites (see S. 1153), [12JN]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [18AP]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
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Ba, Al-Housseynou: relief (see S. 79), [23JA]
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Budget: reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes (see S. 268), [11FE]
Committee on Armed Services (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 42), [26FE] (see S. Res. 232), [17SE]
Corporations: require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (see S. 1034), [23MY] (see S. 1197), [20JN]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
Dodaj, Anton: relief (see S. 69), [23JA] (see S. 449), [5MR]
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Dodaj, Gjyljana: relief (see S. 69), [23JA] (see S. 449), [5MR]
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Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Hadad, Luay: relief (see S. 72), [23JA]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
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Krcic, Momo: relief (see S. 74), [23JA]
Macotaj, Kanto: relief (see S. 69), [23JA]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
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Taxation: restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 1533), [19SE]
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GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]

National Adopt a Library Day: designate (see S. Res. 113), [24AP]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
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Forests: facilitate planning, permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects (see S. 1640), [4NO]
Nevada: implement the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River and Lincoln County, NV, and extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land (see S. 757), [17AP]
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Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 61), [27FE]

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Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: treat members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]

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Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]

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Alaska: enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes relative to enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, improve quality of life in rural Alaska, and reduce alcohol and drug abuse (see S. 1474), [1AU]
Anchorage, AK: provide for unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city for purposes of economic development by conveying Federal reversion interest to the city (see S. 182), [30JA]
Appalachian Regional Commission: add Hickman, Perry, and Wayne Counties, TN, to the Appalachian region (see S. 1646), [5NO]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Bridges: increase percentage of funds set aside for off-system bridges (see S. 1504), [12SE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]
Children and youth: promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 1546), [24SE]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]
Commission on Effective Regulation and Assessment Systems for Public Schools: establish (see S. 1010), [22MY]
Corps of Engineers: establish program to evaluate cost-effectiveness and efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for civil works flood control and navigation construction projects (see S. 66), [23JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: land exchange with Sabine River Authority, TX (see S. 1484), [1AU]
Dept. of Defense: close and consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and facilities and relocate overseas missions to U.S. installations prior to any domestic base realignment and closure (see S. Res. 132), [8MY]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———authorize grant program to promote physical education, activity, fitness, and nutrition, and ensure healthy students (see S. 1033), [23MY]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———ensure decisions to award grants or other assistance to States or local agencies are not contingent upon adoption of specific educational curricula (see S. 1890), [20DE]
———establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]
———establish a new counseling program (see S. 282), [12FE]
———establish an alternative accountability model for elementary and secondary schools to measure student progress (see S. 943), [14MY]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———establish teacher evaluation programs (see S. 1112), [7JN]
———improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards and develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts (see S. 940), [14MY]
———improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools by authorizing school turnaround grants and reward schools that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps (see S. 578), [14MR]
———improve programs operated by local educational agencies with high numbers of children from low-income families (see S. 1110), [6JN]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 1062), [23MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
———provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development (see S. 1113), [7JN]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
———recruit, prepare, and support principals through capacity-building measures that will improve student academic achievement in high-need schools (see S. 840), [25AP]
Dept. of Energy: establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]
———establish Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [3JN]
———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
Dept. of HUD: authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance (see S. 1177), [18JN]
———reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 576), [14MR]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [28FE]
———establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
———improve administration of grants to States under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and ensure that all criminal defendants receive adequate representation (see S. 597), [18MR]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs (see S. 1418), [1AU]
———prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]

———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [16JY]
———strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [24JA]
Dept. of Labor: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]
Dept. of Transportation: establish an Emergency Transportation Safety Fund (see S. 911), [9MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: assess feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of veterans' benefits, services, and outreach activities (see S. 927), [9MY]
———carry out a program of outreach for veterans (see S. 1558), [27SE]
———report cases of certain infectious diseases at departmental medical facilities (see S. 875), [7MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
District of Columbia: make local funds available during any portion of the fiscal year at the rate of operations provided under the local budget act if the regular appropriation bill has not yet become law (see S. 1571), [12OC]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [14FE]
———support the community schools model (see S. 844), [25AP]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
Families and domestic relations: increase effectiveness of State child support enforcement programs (see S. 1763), [21NO]
———increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1870, 1877), [19DE]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [11JY]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 101), [23JA]
FEMA: award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire (see S. 1396), [30JY]
———delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [6JN]
———delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
———establish pilot program to provide for wildfire mitigation grants (see S. 1428), [1AU]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 178), [30JA]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Medicaid: repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 149), [20MY]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 1131), [11JN]
Power resources: reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Roads and highways: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 88), [23JA]
———make grants available to local governments to place law enforcement officers in schools (see S. 148), [24JA]
———provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis (see S. 1025), [22MY]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
States: prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]
Taxation: extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [18SE]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 41), [22JA] (see S. 127), [24JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
———provide for reporting and disclosure by State and local public employee retirement pension plans (see S. 779), [23AP]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
Telecommunications: require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 1816), [12DE]
Transportation: limit executive compensation at public transit agencies that receive Federal funds (see S. 1496), [11SE]
———provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
Workforce Investment Act: integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards (see S. 882), [7MY]
Cloture motions
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
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Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [18AP]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
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Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reauthorization: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 933), [1AU]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]
School Safety Enhancements Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 146), [12MR]
Supporting At-Risk Children Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]

LOCAL RADIO FREEDOM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [6MR]

LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP ACT
Bills and resolutions
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]

LOPEZ-URENDA, JAVIER
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Relief (see S. 594), [18MR]

LOS ALAMOS, NM
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Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
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Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 507) (S. Rept. 113–65), [27JN]

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Bills and resolutions
Crime: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]

LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA
Bills and resolutions
FAA: issue regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas of Los Angeles County, CA (see S. 208), [4FE]
LOS ANGELES RESIDENTIAL HELICOPTER NOISE RELIEF ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 208), [4FE]
LOUISIANA
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]
Corps of Engineers: modify the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf of Mexico to Baton Rouge, LA, navigation project (see S. 574), [14MR]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 311), [13FE]
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 93), [23JA]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Reports filed
Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 311) (S. Rept. 113–26), [22AP]
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University of Louisville: tribute to men's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
———tribute to women's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
LOWER, LAURA BLOCK
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Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower (see S. Res. 195), [15JY]
LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER AREA STUDY ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 311) (S. Rept. 113–26), [22AP]
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
LU LINGZI
Bills and resolutions
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
LUMBER INDUSTRY *related term(s)* **FORESTS**
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 1544), [24SE]
Oregon: restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests (see S. 1301), [16JY]
LYON COUNTY, NV
Bills and resolutions
Land use: designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances (see S. 159), [28JA]
Reports filed
Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 159) (S. Rept. 113–94), [10SE]
LYON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 159) (S. Rept. 113–94), [10SE]
MACDONOUGH, ELIZABETH C.
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in R. Wayne Patterson v. U.S. Senate, et. al (see S. Res. 185), [24JN]
MACEDONIA, REPUBLIC OF
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National Emergency Relative to the Western Balkans: President Obama, [17JN]
MACOTAJ, KANTO
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Relief (see S. 69), [23JA]
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Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
York River: designate segments and associated tributaries for study and inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1520), [18SE]
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Bills and resolutions
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts and require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball (see S. 1721), [18NO]
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge, St. Louis, MO: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
Bills and resolutions
Sporting Kansas City (soccer team): tribute (see S. Res. 327), [20DE]
MALDIVES, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]
MANCHESTER, NH
Bills and resolutions
Southern New Hampshire University: tribute to men's soccer team (see S. Res. 326), [20DE]
MANCHIN, JOE, III ***(a Senator from West Virginia)***
Appointments
Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, [18DE]
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Alcoholic beverages: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1531), [12OC]
Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1641), [4NO]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 1541), [24SE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [11SE]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [6MR]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 20), [11JY]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [13MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area: authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access (see S. 486), [23AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [31JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Contracts: limit taxpayer-funded salaries of Government contractors (see S. 1192), [19JN]
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies (see S. 1613), [30OC]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [31JY]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [28FE]
Dept. of Defense: improve the Transition Assistance Program (see S. 889), [7MY]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
Dept. of Energy: provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Dept. of Labor: improve management of the Job Corps program (see S. 1825), [13DE]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [11DE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 430), [28FE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [18NO]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]
Economy: provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [29OC]
Education: reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [14FE]
EPA: eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———establish a regulatory review process for proposed rules dealing with agricultural entities (see S. 1466), [1AU]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [25JY]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 1853), [18DE]

———require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1792), [10DE]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
———repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 1099), [6JN]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [6NO] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [18DE]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [15AP]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [27SE]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [16AP]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [30SE]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 947), [14MY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [20DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [5MR]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [16DE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [30SE]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JY]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
Memorial Day: encourage nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1648), [5NO]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
———protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1642), [4NO]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [28OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [30OC]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [8AP]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public buildings: improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 1020), [22MY] (see S. 1199), [20JN]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: prohibit from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or the use of different auditors on a rotating basis (see S. 1526), [19SE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [23AP]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Sports: recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [29JA]
Taxation: provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [21MY]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [7MY]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [18MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [6MR]
———exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [19DE]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [27JN]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [28JA]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [22AP]
West Virginia: anniversary of statehood (see S. Res. 181), [21JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [28FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [9MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
American Fighter Aces: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1827), [15DE]
Appropriations: require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress (see S. 1835), [17DE]
Armed Forces: better connect current and former members with employment opportunities by consolidating duplicative Federal Government websites and conserve resources by merging redundant and competing programs (see S. 1637), [31OC]
Credit: improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 949), [14MY] (see S. 1577), [28OC]
Dept. of Education: establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [18JY]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [27JN]
Dept. of Justice: establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
Dept. of Transportation: establish National Yellow Dot Program to alert emergency personnel to medical conditions, prescriptions, and information to treat individuals in motor vehicle emergency situations (see S. 1831), [16DE]
Drugs: make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [20MR]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
Federal agencies and departments: create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 1231), [26JN]
Financial institutions: require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1671), [7NO]
Senior citizens: provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
Syria: call for Syria to become a signatory to, and comply with, the Chemical Weapons Convention and if such actions do not occur by a certain date, all elements of national power will be considered by the U.S. (see S.J. Res. 22), [10SE]
Cloture motions
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [14NO]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
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MARINE AND HYDROKINETIC RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT
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Enact (see S. 1419), [1AU]
MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 847), [25AP]
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Bills and resolutions
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation

as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [24JN]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 847), [25AP]

MARINE RESOURCES
Bills and resolutions
Arctic Ocean: provide for research, monitoring, and observation (see S. 272), [11FE] (see S. 1344), [23JY]
Coral Reef Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 839), [25AP]
Corps of Engineers: provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
Dept. of the Interior: implement Agreement Between the U.S. and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 812), [25AP]
———require Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote artificial reefs (see S. 1079), [23MY]
Fish and fishing: develop a fishery management plan for Gulf of Mexico red snapper (see S. 1161), [13JN]
———grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 747), [17AP]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
Gulf of Mexico: authorize use of certain offshore oil and gas platforms for artificial reefs (see S. 96), [23JA]
———provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
NOAA: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
———provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1757), [21NO]
Northern Mariana Islands: convey certain submerged lands (see S. 256), [7FE]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Reports filed
Arctic Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1344) (S. Rept. 113–117), [6NO]
Northern Mariana Islands Submerged Lands Conveyance: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 256) (S. Rept. 113–55), [27JN]

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MARKEY, EDWARD J. ***(a Senator from Massachusetts)***
Appointments
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Attendance
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [23SE]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [29OC]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [29OC]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [18DE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [28OC]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [7NO]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [11SE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [12DE]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [11DE]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Courts: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [19NO]
Credit: exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [19NO]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [17SE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [24JY]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16JY]
Dept. of Education: promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [27SE]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [2OC]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [17SE]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [12NO]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [23SE]
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [25JY]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1692), [13NO]
———set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [11DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [9SE]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts (see S. 932), [9DE]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [9SE]
Diseases: support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [18DE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [28OC]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [11SE]
Fab Foundation: provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a network of digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools (see S. 1705), [14NO]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [11SE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [9DE]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 350), [20NO]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [29OC]
———provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [4OC]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [1AU]
Firearms: prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [9SE]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [9SE]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [10SE]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [16DE]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [9SE]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [10SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]

Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [11SE]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [1OC]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [9OC]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [16SE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [10DE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [9SE]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [18SE]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [9SE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [11SE]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [28OC]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [28OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [23JY]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [8OC]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [11SE]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [11SE]
Social Security: revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [30OC]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [19NO]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [10SE]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1476), [12DE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [9DE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [29OC]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [18DE]
Television: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1789), [10DE]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [2OC]
Ukraine: support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [16DE]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [18DE]
Veterans: extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 851), [21NO]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [30SE]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [9SE]
Water: exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [17DE]
Wildlife: prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [28OC]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [17SE]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [31OC]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [10SE]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Adams Memorial Foundation, Inc.: extend legislative authority to establish a commemorative work in honor of John Adams and his legacy (see S. 1866), [19DE]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
Clean Energy Consortia: establish (see S. 1698), [13NO]
Dept. of Defense: develop innovative financial products that encourage savings and wealth-creation among active servicemembers and reduce use of predatory lenders (see S. 1741), [20NO]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
FAA: provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 1639), [4NO]
Karinge, Esther: relief (see S. 1832), [16DE]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1627), [31OC]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [27SE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]

MARQUEZ RICO, CLAUDIA
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 590), [18MR]

MARSHALL, THURGOOD
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 103), [23JA]

MARSHALL ISLANDS, REPUBLIC OF THE
Bills and resolutions
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 1237), [27JN]

MARTINEZ MORENO, JOSE A., AND FAMILY
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 585), [18MR]

MARYLAND
Bills and resolutions
Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1641), [4NO]
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission: extend (see S. 476), [6MR]
Chesapeake Bay: require OMB to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the watershed and require EPA to develop and implement an adaptive management plan (see S. 1000), [21MY]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 770), [18AP]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
Reports filed
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 476) (S. Rept. 113–64), [27JN]
Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]

MASSACHUSETTS
Bills and resolutions
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park: establish and dedicate to John H. Chafee (see S. 371), [14FE]
Essex National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1186), [19JN]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
Reports filed
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park Establishment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 371) (S. Rept. 113–62), [27JN]

MATHEMATICS *related term(s)* **ENGINEERING; SCIENCE**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 1129), [11JN]
———establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]

———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide additional assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program to veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) (see S. 514), [11MR]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
———increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [12FE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
International Year of Statistics: designate (see S. Res. 150), [21MY]

MAXWELL AFB, AL

Bills and resolutions
Air Force: require a demonstration program on the accession as officers of candidates with auditory impairments (see S. 1864), [19DE]

MAYFLOWER, AR

Bills and resolutions
Income: exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the pipeline oil spill (see S. 1350), [24JY]

MAYFLOWER OIL SPILL TAX RELIEF ACT

Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1350), [24JY]

MCCAIN, JOHN *(a Senator from Arizona)*

Appointments
Senate National Security Working Group, [12MR]

Attendance
Present, [3JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [16MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [21MY]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [28FE]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [28JA]
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. Res. 323), [18DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [13NO]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [9OC]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
———replace current fiscal year sequestration (see S. 18), [27FE]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: reform the Border Patrol agent pay schedule (see S. 1691), [13NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [24JN]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [7MR]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [13MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
EPA: repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [26JN]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 1536), [23SE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [28OC]
———provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21NO]
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16MY]
Firearms: improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [15AP]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Forests: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 1300), [16JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Immigration: extend period when Iraqis employed by the U.S. in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and temporarily increase fee or surcharge for processing certain nonimmigrant visas (see S. 1566), [30SE]
———reform (see S. 744), [16AP] (see S. 744), [17AP]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [13MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Money: improve circulation of $1 coins in order to phase out production of $1 bills (see S. 1105), [6JN]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Petroleum: grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [26JN]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Senate Rules: improve debate and consideration of legislative matters (see S. Res. 16), [24JA]
———improve debate and consideration of legislative matters and nominations (see S. Res. 15), [24JA]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts and require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball (see S. 1721), [18NO]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [29JY]
Taxation: deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 1654), [19NO]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [23JY]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [14NO]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
Vietnamese Conflict: anniversary of withdrawal of U.S. combat troops (see S. Res. 280), [31OC]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 1688), [19DE]

Bills and resolutions introduced
Arizona: facilitate efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and di-

recting an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land (see S. 339), [14FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
FCC: allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide subscribers a la carte video programming, penalize broadcasters for downgrading services, and eliminate sports blackout rule (see S. 912), [9MY]
Health: provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal health-care related provisions (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 5), [5MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Prescott, AZ: honor memory and commend bravery and sacrifice of Prescott Fire Dept., Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew killed battling wildfire and extend condolences to surviving families (see S. Res. 193), [10JY]
Bills and resolutions relative to
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in U.S. v. Renzi, et al. (see S. Res. 114), [24AP]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]

MCCASKILL, CLAIRE ***(a Senator from Missouri)***
Appointments
National Council on the Arts, [30JA]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [28JA]
Armed Forces: require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [11MR]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 20), [11JY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [12DE]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [8OC]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [18JY]
Congress: prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [5MR]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [11MR]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [28FE]
Dept. of Defense: limit retirement of A–10 aircraft (see S. 1764), [21NO]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
———require Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions in response to protected communications regarding sexual assault (see S. 1092), [4JN]
Dept. of Education: establish student loan interest rates (see S. 1334), [23JY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [20MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, increasing cap on subsidized loans, and refinancing current fixed-rate loans (see S. 909), [11JY]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [20MY]
Dept. of Justice: establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
Dept. of Labor: improve management of the Job Corps program (see S. 1825), [13DE]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [26SE]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [1AU]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [25FE]
Disasters: extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster (see S. 1274), [18JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [13NO]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [1AU]
FAA: prevent an increase in flight delays and cancellations through spending flexibility (see S. 794), [25AP]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [4FE]
Federal agencies and departments: improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [29JY]
———improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Federal employees: clarify certain due process rights of employees serving in sensitive positions (see S. 1809), [12DE]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [14MY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [25FE]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [15AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [17JN]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Members of Congress: eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 65), [23JA]
———require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [6NO]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [17JY]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [18JY]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Pike National Historic Trail: provide for a study (see S. 524), [17SE]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [26SE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [12JN] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Roads and highways: amend length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways (see S. 880), [7MY]

SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [11MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Tariff: footwear (see S. 1633), [31OC]
Taxation: apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [11MR]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [1AU]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [14FE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [15JY]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
Veterans: improve veterans service organizations' access to Federal surplus personal property (see S. 573), [25JY]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [22JA]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [11MR]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [15AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial (see S. 538), [12MR]
CPSC: clarify terms of cooperation with foreign government safety agencies to improve safety of imported products (see S. 1887), [20DE]
Dept. of Agriculture: terminate certain direct payments to farmers (see S. 334), [14FE]
Dept. of Defense: improve sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities (see S. 1775), [21NO]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [15MY]
Federal employees: prohibit performance awards in the Senior Executive Service during sequestration periods (see S. 986), [16MY]
Government regulations: require that Federal regulations use plain writing that is clear, concise, well-organized, and follows other best practices appropriate to the subject or field and intended audience (see S. 807), [24AP]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Medicare: adjust part B and D premiums for high-income beneficiaries (see S. 1198), [20JN]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [30JA]
Senate: establish Office of the Inspector General (see S. 808), [24AP]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 121), [25AP]
St. Louis, MO: designate as the National Chess Capital (see S. Res. 102), [18AP]
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge, St. Louis, MO: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]
Taxation: protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 838), [25AP]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [15DE], [17DE]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]

MCCLAY, WILFRED M.
Appointments
National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, [23AP]

MCCONNELL, MITCH *(a Senator from Kentucky)*
Appointments
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Senate National Security Working Group, [12MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Armed Forces: leave no member unaccounted for in the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan (see S. Res. 109), [24AP]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [12MR]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [16AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Bureau of the Census: make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions (see S. 530), [12MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (House): authorize release of records on review of disability claims adjudications made in the SSA Huntington, WV, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (see S. Res. 315), [10DE]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on JP Morgan Chase & Co., ''whale trades'' and risks and abuses of derivatives (see S. Res. 300), [19NO]
———authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on offshore profit shifting and the U.S. Tax Code (see S. Res. 62), [27FE]
———authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on review of funding for U.S. efforts in Afghanistan (see S. Res. 158), [23MY]
Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (Joint): extend (see S. Con. Res. 2), [3JA]
Congress: adjournment (see S. Con. Res. 3), [3JA] (see S. Con. Res. 11), [22MR] (see S. Con. Res. 17), [23MY]
———counting of electoral votes for President and Vice President (see S. Con. Res. 1), [3JA]
———notify the President that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [3JA]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 359), [14FE]
Corps of Engineers: prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [23JA] (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [4OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [19DE]
Dept. of Justice: protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [23SE]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [31OC]
EPA: prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [17SE]
ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [11FE]
FDA: encourage use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs (see S. Res. 97), [15AP]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [7FE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
House of Representatives: notify that a quorum of the Senate is present (see S. Res. 2), [3JA]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [10SE]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [4NO]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [18MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [8AP] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [24SE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [31JA]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12SE]

National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [11SE]
Senate: fixing the hour of daily meeting (see S. Res. 3), [3JA]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in R. Wayne Patterson v. U.S. Senate, et. al (see S. Res. 185), [24JN]
———authorize legal representation in U.S. v. Renzi, et al. (see S. Res. 114), [24AP]
———authorize legal representation in Wade v. Miller, et al. (see S. Res. 220), [9SE]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough (see S. Res. 264), [1OC]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]
———authorize testimony and representation in the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower (see S. Res. 195), [15JY]
———authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al. (see S. Res. 124), [25AP]
Senate Rules: improve debate and consideration of legislative matters (see S. Res. 16), [24JA]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [7NO]
Taxation: oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [21MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Alcoholic beverages: exempt aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs (see S. 1457), [1AU]
Committees of the Senate: minority party appointments (see S. Res. 18), [24JA] (see S. Res. 180), [20JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: establish pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms for contracts with community-based outpatient health clinics (see S. 1662), [7NO]
Dove, Laura C.: election as Sec. for the Minority of the Senate (see S. Res. 216), [1AU]
Employment: provide private sector employees with an opportunity for compensatory time off and a flexible credit hour program to help balance the demands of work and family (see S. 1626), [30OC]
EPA: provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 27), [31OC]
Power resources: prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (see S.J. Res. 26), [28OC]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Thatcher, Margaret: tribute (see S. Res. 98), [16AP]
University of Louisville: tribute to men's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
———tribute to women's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
Bills and resolutions relative to
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in Steve Schonberg v. Mitch McConnell, et al. (see S. Res. 103), [18AP]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), [27FE]
Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (S.J. Res. 26), [29OC]
Senate: adjournment, [21NO]
McCOOL, WILLIAM C.
Bills and resolutions
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
McNAIR, DENISE
Bills and resolutions
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]
MEDICARE ACCESS TO RURAL ANESTHESIOLOGY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1444), [1AU]
MEDICARE BETTER HEALTH REWARDS PROGRAM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1228), [26JN]
MEDICARE DIABETES PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 452), [5MR]
MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAVINGS AND CHOICE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 408), [28FE]
MEGELLAS, JAMES
Bills and resolutions
Medal of Honor: award (see S. 993), [21MY]
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS *related term(s)* **CONGRESS; HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; SENATE; VOTES IN HOUSE; VOTES IN SENATE**
Appointments
Congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations, [13MR]
Gallaudet University Board of Trustees, [30JA]
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees, [22MR]
President's Export Council, [30JA]
Bills and resolutions
Budget: modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
C.W. Bill Young Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Bay Pines, FL: designate (see S. 1576), [28OC]
Capitol Building and Grounds: designate the Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room (see S. Res. 76), [13MR]
———tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate): designate Chairman (see S. Res. 20), [29JA]
Committee on Printing (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committee on the Library (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committees of the Senate: majority party appointments (see S. Res. 17), [24JA] (see S. Res. 29), [12FE] (see S. Res. 179), [20JN] (see S. Res. 196), [16JY] (see S. Res. 283), [31OC]
———minority party appointments (see S. Res. 18), [24JA] (see S. Res. 180), [20JN]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 25), [11OC]
———notify the President that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [3JA]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Constitutional amendments: limit congressional terms (see S.J. Res. 2, 3), [23JA]
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: extend work-study program for individuals pursuing rehabilitation, education, or training and expand program to veterans' outreach services provided by congressional offices (see S. 894), [8MY]
Federal employees: eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for official portraits of Members of Congress or heads of executive or legislative branch agencies or offices (see S. 1820), [12DE]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Income: eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 65), [23JA]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
———require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: authorize the Architect of the Capitol to transfer the catafalque from the Capitol Visitor Center to the Senate Chamber for use during memorial services (see S. Con. Res. 18), [4JN]
———hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
———tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 902), [8MY]

———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 1629), [31OC]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 64), [23JA]
Public debt: prohibit from receiving pay whenever the U.S. cannot satisfy obligations because public debt ceiling has been reached (see S. 1142), [12JN]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 307), [20NO]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in Wade v. Miller, et al. (see S. Res. 220), [9SE]
Senate Rules: improve debate and consideration of legislative matters (see S. Res. 16), [24JA]
———improve debate and consideration of legislative matters and nominations (see S. Res. 15), [24JA]
———permit Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased (see S. Res. 7), [3JA]
———provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate (see S. Res. 5), [3JA]
———reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [3JA]
Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act: modify requirements regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms (see S. 716), [11AP]
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: designate (see S. 885), [7MY]
Motions
Budget: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling and hold salaries of Members of Congress in escrow upon failure to agree to a budget resolution (H.R. 325), [31JA]
Senate: request attendance of absent Senators, [15JY], [8OC], [9OC]
Reports filed
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 885), [31JY]

MEMORIAL DAY
Bills and resolutions
Observance: encourage nationwide moment of remembrance with the playing of ''Taps'' (see S. Res. 291), [12NO]
———encourage nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1648), [5NO]

MENDOCINO, CA
Bills and resolutions
California Coastal National Monument: designate Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (see S. 61), [22JA]

MENENDEZ, ROBERT ***(a Senator from New Jersey)***
Appointments
Senate National Security Working Group, [10JN]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [21MY]
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [4JN]
AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [18SE]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [30SE]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [19DE]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [6MY]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [31JY]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 122), [25AP]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [29JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [9MY]
Colleges and universities: require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [28OC]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [26JN]
Credit: exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [28JA]
———require inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers (see S. 471), [6MR]
———require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [28OC]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [11JN]
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
Dept. of HHS: improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [12NO]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
Dept. of the Interior: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 1838), [17DE]
Dept. of Transportation: set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [13DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [13NO]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [19DE]
———reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [19JN]
———ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Families and domestic relations: increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1877), [19DE]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [9SE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [30OC]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]

Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [21MR]
Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [25JY]
Hinduism: recognize the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 277), [30OC]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP] (see S. 744), [17AP]
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [23JA]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [8AP]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [28OC]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [25AP]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [7MR]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [29OC]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 41), [25FE]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Infant Mortality Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 258), [24SE]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [18JY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 104), [22AP]
New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route: reauthorize (see S. 797), [24AP]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [11JN]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [19DE]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [10AP]
Privacy: reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
Roads and highways: amend length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways (see S. 880), [7MY]
———protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [23JY]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [23JY]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [20NO]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 835), [25AP]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 1368), [25JY]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 1658), [6NO]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [24SE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [1AU]
———provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
Transportation Security Administration: prohibit airplane passengers from bringing small knives aboard a passenger aircraft (see S. 1008), [22MY]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [26JN]
———support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [13DE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [11MR]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [28JA]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [31JY]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [19MR]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [19DE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]

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Armed Forces: authorize use against Syria in response to use of chemical weapons (see S.J. Res. 21), [6SE]
Burma: place conditions on assistance relative to human rights (see S. 1885), [20DE]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Children and youth: establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 40), [25FE] (see S. Res. 237), [18SE]
Credit: provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Dept. of HHS: assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care (see S. 466), [5MR]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with dis-

abilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [28FE]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]
———provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary education system (see S. 1259), [27JN]
Dept. of HUD: assist in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program (see S. 469), [6MR]
———transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities (see S. 437), [4MR]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MR]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [30JY]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 125), [25AP]
Diseases: extend authorities relative to global HIV/AIDS and promote oversight of U.S. programs (see S. 1545), [24SE]
Egypt: reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
———enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]
———extend phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties (see S. 1075), [23MY]
Financial institutions: provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards (see S. 1867), [19DE]
Foreign countries: prohibit assistance following coups d'état (see S. 1857), [18DE]
FTC: prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [16MY]
———prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relative to prices of products and services sold online (see S. 1830), [16DE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Housing: enable Federal and State chartered banks and thrifts to meet the credit needs of homebuilders, and provide liquidity and ensure stable credit for meeting the need for new homes (see S. 1002), [21MY]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Moth Week: designate (see S. Res. 70), [7MR]
NIH: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 637), [21MR]
OAS: support revitalization and reform (see S. 793), [24AP]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park: adjust boundaries to include Hinchliffe Stadium (see S. 1189), [19JN]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 457), [5MR]
Petroleum: ban exportation of crude oil produced on Federal land (see S. 435), [4MR]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Ships and vessels: provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients (see S. 1683), [12NO]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
Social Security: improve enforcement, collection, and administration of child support payments (see S. 508), [7MR]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 856), [6MY] (see S. 960), [15MY]
Taxation: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———prevent avoidance of tax by insurance companies through reinsurance with non-taxed affiliates (see S. 991), [20MY]
———provide a credit for employer-provided job training (see S. 1409), [31JY]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Thailand: anniversary of diplomatic relations (see S. Res. 77), [18MR]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 143), [16MY]
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Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
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AID Expansion of Number of Scholarships Available to Pakistani Women Under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 120), [10OC]
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Call for End to Ongoing Conflict and Support International Efforts Toward Long-Term Peace, Stability, and Observance of Human Rights in Democratic Republic of the Congo: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 144), [25JN]
Call for Release of Yulia Tymoshenko, Urge European Union To Include Release as Criterion for Signing Certain Agreements, and Encourage Strong Relationship With Europe by Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 165), [25JN]
Condemn Acts of Piracy and Maritime Crime in Gulf of Guinea, Support U.S. Assistance in Combating Such Crimes, and Commend International Agencies That Enhanced Maritime Security: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 288), [18DE]
Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Continued Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 75), [18DE]
Condemn Political Violence, Provide Fair Elections, Support Dialogue Between Political Factions, Judicial Independence, Human Rights, and Grameen Bank Independence in Bangladesh: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 318), [18DE]
Condemn Terrorist Attack at Mall in Kenya, Express Condolences to Families and Friends of Victims, Commend First Responders and Rescuers, and Reaffirm Support for Government and People: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 268), [31OC]
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MENTAL HEALTH

Bills and resolutions

Arctic regions: study mental, behavioral, and physical health problems, institute Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Arctic health assessment program, and create NIH ''Arctic Desk'' (see S. 271), [11FE]
Armed Forces: extend duration of Physical Disability Board of Review and expand authority of Board to review the separation of members on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability (see S. 628), [20MR]
———notify members of the availability of mental health services and related privacy rights (see S. 1703), [14NO]
Children and youth: establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Coast Guard: improve quality of life for members and families through expanded child care availability, increased educational opportunities, and eased transition to post-service life (see S. 1760), [21NO]
Crime: reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Dept. of Defense: implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [25AP]
Dept. of Education: support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
———include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1815), [12DE]
———integrate mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and provide grants for geriatric mental health treatment outreach teams (see S. 1119), [7JN]
———provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvements (see S. 265), [7FE]
———provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care (see S. 726), [15AP]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
———provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary education system (see S. 1259), [27JN]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize transport of individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 455), [5MR]
———clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders (see S. 1583), [28OC]
———implement mental health care and rehabilitation program for veterans with service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or related substance use disorder (see S. 819), [25AP]
———improve benefits and assistance to surviving spouses of veterans (see S. 735), [16AP]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to Armed Forces members, screen veterans for domestic abuse, and report on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse (see S. 1581), [28OC]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [12JN]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [4JN]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
Drugs: reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 1657), [6NO]
Firearms: improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
GAO: report on the impact of certain mental and physical trauma on the discharge of Armed Forces members for misconduct (see S. 1668), [7NO]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Health care facilities: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
Medicare: cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [14MR]
———include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the ''Medicare and You Handbook'' and coordinate programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1184), [19JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1439), [1AU]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [23MY]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Mosaic (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 36), [14FE]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [26FE]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 106), [23AP]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 27), [7FE]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
NIH: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 637), [21MR]
Professional Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [28FE]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 997), [21MY]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]

Reports filed

Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 975), [19DE]
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 162), [20JN]
Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 689), [11AP]
Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

Bills and resolutions

Enact (see S. 689), [9AP]

Reports filed

Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 689), [11AP]

MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER TREATMENT AND CRIME REDUCTION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]

Reports filed

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 162), [20JN]

MERCHANT MARINE INDUSTRY *related term(s)* **CARGO TRANSPORTATION; SHIPS AND VESSELS**

Bills and resolutions

Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [24JY]

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Bills and resolutions

Federal employees: clarify certain due process rights of employees serving in sensitive positions (see S. 1809), [12DE]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]

Postal Service: extend right of appeal to certain employees (see S. 686), [9AP]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
MERKLEY, JEFF ***(a Senator from Oregon)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China, [7FE]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Agriculture: make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [30JA]
———provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [12SE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [16MY]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 278), [11FE]
Buy American Act: ensure that all items for sale in National Park Service or National Archives and Records Administration gift shops are produced in the U.S. (see S. 1384), [29JY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [24JY]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [25JN]
Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [17DE]
Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [27JN]
———establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [3JN]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 359), [14FE]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S.J. Res. 11), [11JN]
Corps of Engineers: include as a Federal land management agency (see S. 400), [28FE]
Credit: empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [9JY]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 673), [9AP]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [5MR]
———prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [16AP]
Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [4JN]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [4JN]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [23MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [16AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [14MY]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [31JY]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [24SE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [25FE]
Dept. of Justice: extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [10SE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 1414), [31JY]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 1415), [31JY]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———release reversionary interest in certain land conveyed to Oregon for establishment of Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (see S. 1437), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [22MR]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1556), [27SE]
Depts. of Labor and Commerce: establish Made in America Incentive Grant Program (see S. 63), [22JA]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [17DE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [27JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [19MR]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [6NO]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [13NO]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [29OC]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [18JN]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [29OC]
———provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards (see S. 1867), [20DE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Firearms: regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
Fish and fishing: allow fishermen who hold capital construction fund accounts to make a penalty-free withdrawal from such accounts without requiring reinvestment in the fishing industry (see S. 551), [13MR]
———establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]

Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [12FE]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [21MY]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 947), [15MY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [13NO]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [15AP]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [3JN]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [6JN]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [4JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [26FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [19MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [29OC]
Medicare: cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [14MR]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [17DE]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [11SE]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [7JN]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [11JN]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [29OC]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [26FE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [13NO]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [12NO]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [9JY]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
———designate Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area and segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers (see S. 352), [14FE]
———provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 402), [28FE]
———restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests (see S. 1301), [16JY]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1642), [12NO]
———extend open enrollment period for health care plans and protect individuals from penalties during the enrollment extension (see S. 1693), [13NO]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [30SE]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [25JN]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1595), [5NO]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [18JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [3JA]
Social Security: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [20NO]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [9SE]
Tariff: footwear (see S. 1633), [31OC]
———make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 1839), [19DE]
Taxation: allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
———apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [4JN]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [15AP]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 1224), [12NO]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [17DE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [23JY]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [7MY]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1624), [30OC]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [9SE]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [13NO]
———provide a tax incentive for installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property (see S. 775), [18DE]
———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [23MY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [14FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [20DE]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [26FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [28JA]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [18JN]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [4JN]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]

———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [25AP]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
———exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [28JA]
———increase access to refinancing for homeowners (see S. 1373), [25JY]
———prohibit distribution of checks or other negotiable instruments as part of a creditor solicitation to extend credit and limit consumer liability in conjunction with such solicitations (see S. 187), [30JA]
———require portion of closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage loans (see S. 1375), [25JY]
Crooked River: adjust boundary to provide water certainty for Prineville, OR (see S. 1771), [21NO]
Dept. of Education: establish a Pay It Forward model for funding postsecondary education that requires students to pay a percentage of their income back into the fund upon graduation (see S. 1884), [20DE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1501), [12SE]
Dept. of HHS: establish Office of the National Nurse (see S. 1475), [1AU]
Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of Labor: require State workforce agencies and employers to certify the active recruitment of Americans for job placement prior to hiring H–2B nonimmigrant workers (see S. 891), [8MY]
Dept. of Transportation: set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [14NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [23MY]
Education: establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools (see S. 1293), [11JY]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Foreign trade: include the cost of paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods in the calculation of normal value of a product (see S. 1801), [11DE]
Grand Ronde Reservation Act: technical corrections (see S. 416), [28FE]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
Native Americans: anniversary of restoration of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (see S. Res. 304), [20NO]
NOAA: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: notify World Trade Organization if members fail during consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (see S. 355), [14FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
Public works: provide financing assistance for qualified water infrastructure projects (see S. 335), [14FE]
Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Senate Rules: modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 6), [3JA]
Women: provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]
Cloture motions
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
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Dept. of the Interior: implement Agreement Between the U.S. and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 812), [25AP]
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———prohibit U.S. assistance as a result of military coup d'état (see S. 1278), [11JY]
———prohibit use of funds for U.S. participation in joint military exercises if Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (see S. 984), [16MY]
———reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
———restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]
Foreign policy: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
International relations: ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S–300 air defense system (see S. Con. Res. 27), [21NO]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
———condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [24SE]
———eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [21NO]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [16OC]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [23MY]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13MR]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]

———recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [19MR]
———strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [5MR]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 312), [9DE]
Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy: establish (see S. 1021), [22MY]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [1AU]
Syria: call for Syria to become a signatory to, and comply with, the Chemical Weapons Convention and if such actions do not occur by a certain date, all elements of national power will be considered by the U.S. (see S.J. Res. 22), [10SE]
———condemn violence, use of chemical weapons, and human rights violations and call for Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity (see S. Res. 219), [9SE]
———impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
———restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 95), [23JA]
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Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Continued Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 75), [18DE]
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Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia Establishment: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 653), [18DE]
Support Full Implementation of U.S. and International Sanctions on Iran and Urge the President To Continue To Strengthen Enforcement of Sanctions Legislation: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 65), [17AP]
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Urge Intensified Cooperation by Iran on the Case of the Disappearance of Former FBI Agent, Robert Levinson, While on Business Trip in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 312), [18DE]

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]

MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Hunting and trapping: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 89), [23JA]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts (see S. 1650), [5NO]
———protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]

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Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR]
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1641), [4NO]
Baltimore Ravens (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 35), [14FE]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [21MY]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission: extend (see S. 476), [6MR]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [27FE]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [5MR]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [12DE]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [25FE]
———create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies (see S. 1052), [23MY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [4JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [14FE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———integrate mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and provide grants for geriatric mental health treatment outreach teams (see S. 1119), [7JN]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 103), [23JA]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 770), [18AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [19JN]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [19JN]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]

———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
———statehood (see S. 132), [17AP]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [18NO]
———support the community schools model (see S. 844), [25AP]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [28OC]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [21MY]
———strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [19SE]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [23JY]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [15MY]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [8OC]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Haiti: recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [28JA]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [16MY]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 392), [5MR]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [22AP]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [28OC]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [7MY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [30OC]
———congratulate commitment to peaceful elections, call for justice for victims of political violence, and support democratic reforms (see S. Res. 90), [18AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: encourage use of dispensing techniques that foster efficiency and reduce wasteful dispensing of outpatient prescription drugs in long-term care facilities (see S. 1493), [10SE]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [21MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [24SE]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [22MR]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [20NO]
National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 172), [21JN] (see S. Res. 201), [25JY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [10JY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16OC]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [14MY]
Professional Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [19JN]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [7MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate Rules: provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate (see S. Res. 5), [3JA]
———reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [21MY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [26FE]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [12DE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [28OC]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [9DE]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 1485), [1AU]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [13MR]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1085), [9DE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [17DE]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
———tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [25FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [22JA]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [5MR]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [15MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [18MR]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
Cowley, R. Adams: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1345), [23JY]

Dept. of HHS: reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [4FE]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [4JN]
Federal employees: amend the definition of a law enforcement officer to include certain positions relative to retirement benefits (see S. 1172), [18JN]
Naturopathic Medicine Week: designate (see S. Res. 135), [9MY] (see S. Res. 221), [10SE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 997), [21MY]
Taxation: regulate payroll tax deposit agents (see S. 900), [8MY]
———rename the section of the Internal Revenue Code known as the spousal individual retirement account as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA (see S. 1221), [25JN]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE], [27SE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Motions
Budget: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling and hold salaries of Members of Congress in escrow upon failure to agree to a budget resolution (H.R. 325), [31JA]
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Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–3), [13MR]

MILITARY AND VETERANS CAREGIVER WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 71), [7MR]

MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION
Appointments
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MILITARY RETIREMENT RESTORATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1844), [17DE]

MINERAL LEASING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]

MINING AND MINERAL RESOURCES
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: establish Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridor (see S. 181), [30JA]
———exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]
Arizona: facilitate efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land (see S. 339), [14FE]
BLM: provide small miner waivers from claim maintenance fees for a period of time after written receipt of defects is provided to the claimant to cure defects or pay the claim maintenance fee (see S. 366), [14FE]
Clark County, NV: provide for conveyance of certain Federal land for environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site (see S. 343), [14FE]
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]
Dept. of Energy: promote mapping and development of U.S. geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells (see S. 362), [14FE]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
———ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 473), [6MR]
———limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———provide with a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of Soledad Canyon, CA, mining contracts (see S. 771), [18AP]
Ecology and environment: facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
Land use: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]
Lyon County, NV: designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances (see S. 159), [28JA]
Miners: protect health care and pension benefits (see S. 468), [6MR]
Montana: withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Occupational safety and health: protect miners from black lung disease (see S. 1416), [31JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Safety: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
Strategic materials: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Taxation: extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
Reports filed
Clarify That Uncertified States and Indian Tribes Have Authority To Use Certain Payments for Noncoal Reclamation Projects and Acid Mine Remediation Programs: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 222) (S. Rept. 113–20), [22AP]
Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 159) (S. Rept. 113–94), [10SE]
North Fork Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 255) (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]

MINNEAPOLIS, MN
Bills and resolutions
Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [14NO]
University of Minnesota: tribute to women's hockey team (see S. Res. 123), [25AP]

MINNESOTA
Bills and resolutions
Corps of Engineers: manage threat of Asian carp traveling up the Mississippi River in Minnesota (see S. 365), [14FE]
Edward J. Devitt U.S. Courthouse, Fergus Falls, MN: designate (see S. 711), [11AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Native Americans: allow Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe to lease or transfer certain land (see S. 920), [9MY]
University of Minnesota: tribute to women's hockey team (see S. Res. 123), [25AP]

MINNESOTA LYNX (BASKETBALL TEAM)
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 297), [14NO]

MINORITIES
Bills and resolutions
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
Dept. of Education: increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
Dept. of HHS: eliminate the prerequisite of direct appropriations relative to collection of health data and modify standards for measuring sexual orientation and gender identity (see S. 989), [20MY]
———provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [13MY]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]

Diseases: reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
Education: increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [12FE]
———promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Minority Health Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 145), [16MY]
SBA: increase Government-wide small business contracting level and the contracting goal for businesses owned by veterans, women, and economically disadvantaged individuals (see S. 196), [31JA]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
Reports filed
Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia Establishment: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 653), [18DE]

MINUTEMAN MISSILE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE BOUNDARY MODIFICATION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 459) (S. Rept. 113–32), [22AP]

MISSING IN ACTION
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: leave no member unaccounted for in the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan (see S. Res. 109), [24AP]

MISSISSIPPI
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to Mississippi parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway (see S. 304), [13FE]
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 93), [23JA]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Iuka, MS: approve transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties (see S. 212), [4FE]
Mississippi State University: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1785), [10DE]
Roads and highways: waive certain vehicle weight limitations on any segment of U.S. Route 78 in Mississippi that is designated as part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1289), [11JY]
Vicksburg National Military Park: authorize acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond, MS, for addition (see S. 305), [13FE]
Reports filed
Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond Battlefields Addition Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 305) (S. Rept. 113–57), [27JN]
Natchez Trace Parkway Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 113–25), [22AP]

MISSISSIPPI RIVER NAVIGATION SUSTAINMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 565), [14MR]

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]

MITCHELL, PETER
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]

MKOIAN, RUBEN
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 587), [18MR]

MKOYAN, ARTHUR
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 587), [18MR]

MNI WICONI PROJECT ACT
Bills and resolutions
South Dakota: facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System (see S. 684), [9AP]
Reports filed
Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System Completion Facilitation: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 684) (S. Rept. 113–74), [15JY]

MONEY *related term(s)* **COINS**
Bills and resolutions
Coins: improve circulation of $1 coins in order to phase out production of $1 bills (see S. 1105), [6JN]
———treat gold and silver coins used as legal tender in the same manner as U.S. currency (see S. 768), [18AP]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: terminate the U.S. Mint Presidential $1 Coin Program (see S. 94), [23JA]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
FRS: improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and the Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 238), [7FE]
Iran: impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
Syria: impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]

MONROE COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]

MONTANA
Bills and resolutions
BLM: withdraw and reserve certain lands for exclusive military use as part of the Limestone Hills Training Area in Montana (see S. 1169), [13JN]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 434), [4MR]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of the Interior: establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
———settle water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community (see S. 1394), [30JY]
Mining and mineral resources: withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]
Native Americans: extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 161), [28JA]
Public lands: sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System (see S. 37), [22JA]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony and representation in the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower (see S. Res. 195), [15JY]
Reports filed
North Fork Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 255) (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS
Appointments
World War I Centennial Commission, [7FE]
Bills and resolutions
Adams Memorial Foundation, Inc.: extend legislative authority to establish a commemorative work in honor of John Adams and his legacy (see S. 1866), [19DE]
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Buy American Act: ensure that all items for sale in National Park Service or National Archives and Records Administration gift shops are produced in the U.S. (see S. 1384), [29JY]
California Coastal National Monument: designate Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (see S. 61), [22JA]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass (see S. Con. Res. 16), [16MY]
Chaffee County, CO: designate certain Federal land as a national monument and as wilderness (see S. 1794), [10DE]
Civil War—U.S.: anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg (see S. Res. 192), [27JN]
Dept. of the Interior: install in the area of the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or inscription with the words that Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (see S. 1044), [23MY]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, NY, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1389), [30JY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial: designate (see S. 59), [22JA]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Government regulations: require congressional approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 104), [23JA]
National Desert Storm Memorial Association: authorize to establish National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in the District of Columbia (see S. 995), [21MY]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [23MY]
Nevada: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 472), [6MR]
New Hampshire: anniversary of the loss of the State symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain (see S. Res. 127), [25AP]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation: authorize establishment of a commemorative work in the District of Columbia (see S. 230), [7FE]
Religion: ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the U.S. Armed Forces may contain religious symbols (see S. 705), [11AP]
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge, St. Louis, MO: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]

World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [19DE]
Reports filed
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 59) (S. Rept. 113–50), [27JN]
Oregon Caves Revitalization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 354) (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation Establishment of a Commemorative Work in the District of Columbia: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 230) (S. Rept. 113–21), [22AP]

MORALITY AND ETHICS
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 143), [24JA]
———prohibit Federal funding of abortions (see S. 142), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
Federal employees: provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1746), [20NO]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [1AU]
Taxation: provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 136), [24JA]

MORAN, JERRY ***(a Senator from Kansas)***
Appointments
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [9MY]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [17AP]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 171), [29JA] (see S. 1541), [24SE]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [18NO]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [18MR]
Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act: provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any issued orders (see S. 1438), [24SE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [19SE]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Consumers: require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [20JN]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [15AP]
Courts: provide for conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships (see S. 1868), [19DE]
Credit: provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [18JY]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
———improve the Transition Assistance Program (see S. 889), [7MY]
Dept. of Education: improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [28FE]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [8OC]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [6NO]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [9SE]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [19SE]
———require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize transport of individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 455), [5MR]
———clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1588), [28OC]
———improve Health Professionals Education Assistance Program (see S. 845), [25AP]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts (see S. 932), [28OC]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [17JY]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [3JN]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
Diseases: support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [17AP]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
EPA: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [31JY]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
FDA: exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [31JY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management (see S. 1843), [17DE]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [23AP]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [16DE]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [16AP]

FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [28OC]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [11DE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [26JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [30JA]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 616), [19MR]
Housing Act: revise census data and population requirements for areas to be considered rural areas (see S. 766), [18AP]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [7NO]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [15MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [6JN]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [12JN]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [8AP]
Kansas State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 34), [13FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [10SE]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [22MY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [23MY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [7FE]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [11AP]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [29OC]
Members of Congress: prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [30JA]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [22AP]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [7MR]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [27SE]
National Technological Innovation Day: designate (see S. Res. 275), [28OC]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [25AP]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [24SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [30JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [16MY]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [13NO]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [31JY]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities (see S. 763), [18AP]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Tariff: footwear (see S. 1633), [31OC]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [18JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [28FE]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [24AP]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 1395), [30JY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [1AU]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [15MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [5MR]
Telecommunications: require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [12NO]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [29JA]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [28OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 1688), [19DE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [13MY]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow use of educational assistance funds to defray training costs associated with purchasing certain franchise enterprises (see S. 938), [14MY]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
Emporia State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 33), [13FE]

Financial institutions: allow use of prize-linked savings accounts to encourage personal savings (see S. 1597), [29OC]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24JY]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [15AP]
FRS: replace the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau with a 5-person commission, bring the Bureau into the regular appropriations process, and provide for a safety and soundness check (see S. 205), [31JA]
Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Junction City, KS: designate (see S. 1434), [1AU]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12JN]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 1477), [1AU]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [7FE]
Sporting Kansas City (soccer team): tribute (see S. Res. 327), [20DE]
Taxation: clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [17SE]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 950), [14MY] (see S. 1171), [17JN]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]

MOSAIC (ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Res. 36), [14FE]

MOTION PICTURES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Defense: provide for proper reimbursement for assistance provided to nongovernmental entertainment-oriented media producers (see S. 1669), [7NO]
Disabled: improve accessibility of entertainment programming provided by air carriers on passenger flights by making captioning and video description available for visually-displayed entertainment programming (see S. 556), [13MR]
———require captioning and video description at certain movie theaters (see S. 555), [13MR]

MOTLEY, CONSTANCE BAKER
Bills and resolutions
Congressional Gold Medal: award posthumously (see S. 1150), [12JN]

MOTOR VEHICLES
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [7MR]
Armed Forces: increase mileage reimbursement rate for members during permanent change of station and authorize transport of vehicles of members stationed on nonforeign areas outside the continental U.S. (see S. 613), [19MR]
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area: authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access (see S. 486), [7MR]
Collector Car Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 176), [19JN]
Dept. of Energy: promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 488), [7MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 1812), [12DE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to Elko County, NV, and take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (see S. 1167), [13JN]
Dept. of Transportation: delay implementation of regulation changing the hours-of-service rule for commercial truck drivers pending a GAO assessment of such regulation (see S. 1891), [20DE]
———ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [23SE]
———ensure that on-duty time for certain commercial motor vehicle drivers does not include waiting time at natural gas or oil well sites (see S. 1380), [29JY]
———establish National Yellow Dot Program to alert emergency personnel to medical conditions, prescriptions, and information to treat individuals in motor vehicle emergency situations (see S. 1831), [16DE]
———foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1264), [27JN]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 1625), [30OC]
———set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [14NO]
———withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide replacement automobiles for certain disabled veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 1584), [28OC]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
EPA: prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [14FE]
GAO: assess Army study on the combat vehicle industrial base (see S. 1727), [19NO]
Government: reduce number of non-essential new vehicles purchased and leased (see S. 417), [28FE]
Government regulations: provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 487), [7MR]
Lincoln Highway: anniversary of first transcontinental highway (see S. Res. 188), [26JN]
Medicare: extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [31JY]
Patents: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 780), [23AP]
Power resources: expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
Roads and highways: amend length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways (see S. 880), [7MY]
———clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 1854), [18DE]
———ensure currently-operating trucks can continue to use the future Interstate 41 in Wisconsin (see S. 1299), [16JY]
———waive certain vehicle weight limitations on any segment of U.S. Route 78 in Mississippi that is designated as part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1289), [11JY]
Safety: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 278), [30OC]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 490), [7MR]
———expand technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (see S. 906), [8MY]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
Transportation: provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
Reports filed
Preserving Public Access to Cape Hatteras Beaches Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 486) (S. Rept. 113–102), [10SE]

MOUNTAINS
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: establish Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridor (see S. 181), [30JA]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area: designate (see S. 483), [6MR]
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
Dept. of the Interior: designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, CO, as wilderness (see S. 341), [14FE]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in Glacier Peak Wilderness (see S. 404), [28FE]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 155), [28JA]
New Hampshire: anniversary of the loss of the State symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain (see S. Res. 127), [25AP]
Sangre de Cristo National Historic Pak: establish (see S. 503), [7MR]
Valles Caldera National Preserve: designate as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 285), [12FE]
Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station, Talkeetna, AK: designate (see S. 157), [28JA]
Reports filed
Denali National Park Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 157) (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]
Mount Denali Designation: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 155) (S. Rept. 113–93), [10SE]
San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 341) (S. Rept. 113–99), [10SE]
Valles Caldera National Preserve Management Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 285) (S. Rept. 113–96), [10SE]

MRACEK, CORY
Bills and resolutions
Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office, Chadron, NE: designate (see S. 1499), [12SE]
Reports filed
Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office, Chadron, NE: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1499), [6NO]

MUELLER, ROBERT S., III (FBI DIRECTOR)
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]

MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUNDS SEMIPOSTAL STAMP ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 231), [7FE]

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 83), [20MR]
MULTISPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 757) (S. Rept. 113–68), [27JN]
MURKOWSKI, LISA *(a Senator from Alaska)*
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Alaska: enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes relative to enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, improve quality of life in rural Alaska, and reduce alcohol and drug abuse (see S. 1474), [1AU]
———exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [28OC]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [29OC]
———educate potential military recruits on healthy body weight and facilitate and encourage exercise by opening military base sports and exercise facilities to youth (see S. 976), [10JN]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [16JY]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [12MR]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. Res. 323), [18DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [19MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [9SE]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [15MY]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [11MR]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [8MY]
———improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [13MR]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [22MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [6NO]
———require Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions in response to protected communications regarding sexual assault (see S. 1092), [6JN]
Dept. of Education: improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [28FE]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [9JY]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [17SE]
———prevent abuse of dextromethorphan by restricting over-the-counter sales and bulk distribution (see S. 644), [21MR]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [13MY]
Dept. of the Interior: implement Agreement Between the U.S. and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 812), [25AP]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [21MY]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [16JY]
———deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for benefit purposes (see S. 690), [6MY]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [4MR]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts (see S. 932), [10OC]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [16JY]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [3JN]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [31JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Education: reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [14FE]
Elections: require disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity (see S. 791), [23AP]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
FDA: require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [7FE]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [7FE]
Federal Helium Reserve: complete privatization in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting taxpayer interests (see S. 1513), [17SE]
———improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [23AP]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [12DE] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [7OC]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [14MY]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [29OC]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [25JN]
Fish and fishing: allow fishermen who hold capital construction fund accounts to make a penalty-free withdrawal from such accounts without requiring reinvestment in the fishing industry (see S. 551), [13MR]
———establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
———prevent escapement of genetically altered salmon (see S. 246), [7FE]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [10SE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [17JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [23JA]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [12MR]

Insurance: preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [22MR]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [20DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [20MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [12MR]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
———strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [6MY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [20DE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [7NO]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [28OC]
———include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the ''Medicare and You Handbook'' and coordinate programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1184), [19JN]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [6NO]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [13FE]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National MPS Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [26SE]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [18DE]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [26JN]
Native Americans: deem certain claims presented to an Indian Health Service contracting officer pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act as timely presented (see S. 385), [26FE]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]
Northern Mariana Islands: convey certain submerged lands (see S. 256), [7FE]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
Olympic Games: condemn International Olympic Committee decision to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games (see S. Res. 37), [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 1575), [4NO]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [24SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [24SE]
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———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [23AP]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Privacy: reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [27JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [4MR]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [3JN]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [10JY]
———clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [18DE]
———deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 1654), [21NO]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [11SE]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [24AP]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 1133), [20JN]
———provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat (see S. 1194), [20JN]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [22MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [10SE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [11FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [10JY]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 1237), [27JN]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [23MY]
Transportation Security Administration: prohibit airplane passengers from bringing small knives aboard a passenger aircraft (see S. 1008), [22MY]
U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: reevaluate recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer in consultation with appropriate specialists (see S. Res. 251), [30OC]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [6MY]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [16JY]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [28OC]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [8MY]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [22JA]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
Women: provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [8JY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [25AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Air Force: retain current leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson AFB, AK, and require reports on proposed activities at such installation (see S. 152), [24JA]
Alaska: establish Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridor (see S. 181), [30JA]
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for the settlement of certain claims (see S. 14), [26FE] (see S. 340), [14FE]
Anchorage, AK: convey certain property from the U.S. to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (see S. 235), [7FE]
———provide for unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city for purposes of economic development by conveying Federal reversion interest to the city (see S. 182), [30JA]
Armed Forces: notify members of the availability of mental health services and related privacy rights (see S. 1703), [14NO]
BLM: provide small miner waivers from claim maintenance fees for a period of time after written receipt of defects is provided to the claimant to cure defects or pay the claim maintenance fee (see S. 366), [14FE]
Coast Guard: lease tidelands and submerged lands under control of the Coast Guard for periods longer than five years (see S. 1609), [29OC]
Credit: require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
Dept. of Education: improve programs operated by local educational agencies with high numbers of children from low-income families (see S. 1110), [6JN]
———modify the High School Graduation Initiative (School Dropout Prevention Program) (see S. 1109), [6JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [10OC]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
Dept. of the Interior: issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas in, and acquire land from Doyon Tourism, Inc., for Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
———issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipeline transportation utility systems in nonwilderness areas within the Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 200), [31JA]
Faber, Michael G.: relief (see S. 1605), [29OC]
FERC: remove authority to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation (see S. 564), [14MR]
Fish and fishing: prohibit Federal agencies from requiring seafood to be certified as sustainable by a third party nongovernmental organization (see S. 1521), [18SE]
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve: allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people (see S. 156), [28JA]

Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
Medicare: establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [7FE]
———extend the Frontier Extended Stay Clinic demonstration in Alaska (see S. 239), [7FE]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 155), [28JA]
National forests: establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees for cabins in Alaska (see S. 736), [16AP]
Native Americans: facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1574), [16OC]
NOAA: limit maritime liens on fishing licenses (see S. 542), [13MR]
Power resources: establish partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore and the Federal Government (see S. 630), [20MR] (see S. 1273), [10JY]
Red Ribbon Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 279), [31OC]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [18JY]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [29JA]
Taxation: allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food (see S. 910), [8MY]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts (see S. 1650), [5NO]
Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station, Talkeetna, AK: designate (see S. 157), [28JA]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
MURPHY, CHRISTOPHER ***(a Senator from Connecticut)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [16SE], [14OC], [8NO], [9DE]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
American Fighter Aces: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1827), [19DE]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [27JN]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [7MR]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [23AP]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [11DE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [24JN]
Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers: designate segments for study for potential addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 349), [14FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [25JY]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [9AP] (see S. 743), [23AP]
Buy American Act: ensure that all items for sale in National Park Service or National Archives and Records Administration gift shops are produced in the U.S. (see S. 1384), [29JY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [24JN]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [29JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Coltsville National Historical Park: establish (see S. 615), [20MR]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [15JY]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [13NO]
———establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 878), [16DE]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [18JN]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 619), [28OC]
Credit: require inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers (see S. 471), [19DE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [28OC]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [4FE]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [19SE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [28OC]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [11JN]
Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [7FE]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MY]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [29OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE] (see S. 1740), [19DE]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11JY]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 825), [10JY]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [13MY]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [22MR]
———support university law school programs designed to provide legal assistance to veterans (see S. 1042), [23MY]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [17SE]
Diseases: improve diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (see S. 908), [13NO]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [17SE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [25AP]
———provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and work-based training for unemployed adults and youth (see S. 1383), [29JY]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for pre-kindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
ERISA: require a lifetime income disclosure (see S. 1145), [12JN]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [12MR]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]

Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [25AP]
Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [29JA]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [21NO]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [12SE]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [28OC]
FTC: prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [1AU]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [17DE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [30JY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [8MY]
———authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [20MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [20DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [17AP]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [25FE]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [27FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [29JY]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [11JN]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [13JN]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [1AU]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [12JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [15JY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [12JN]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [11JY]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [10AP]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [11JN]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [31JY]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [10DE]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 162), [4JN]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [22MY]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 26), [21NO]
Public safety officers: extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers (see S. 876), [7MY]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [7MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [18SE]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [1AU]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [25JN]
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [23JY]
Taxation: allow manufacturing businesses to establish tax-free manufacturing reinvestment accounts to assist them in providing for new equipment and facilities and workforce training (see S. 1651), [5NO]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [18JY]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [29JY]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [16JY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [10DE]
———increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements (see S. 966), [25JY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [7JN]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [31OC]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [15MY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1797), [12DE] (see S. 1845), [18DE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [29JA]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [22MY]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Contracts: allow contracting officers to consider information regarding domestic employment before awarding a Federal contract (see S. 1246), [27JN]
Conway, Thomas M.: award Navy Cross posthumously (see S. Res. 197), [17JY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [24JY]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1253), [27JN]
Schools: provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis (see S. 1025), [22MY]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [1AU]
Taxation: increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 1713), [14NO]
Ukraine: support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]

Cloture motions

Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [27SE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking,

and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]

MURRAY, PATTY ***(a Senator from Washington)***

Appointments
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]

Attendance
Present, [3JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [29OC]
American Fighter Aces: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1827), [19DE]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [19MR]
Armed Forces: modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [11FE]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [13MR]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [17AP]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
Campus Fire Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 259), [24SE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: establish a mechanism to allow borrowers of private education loans to refinance their loans (see S. 1266), [27JN]
———improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
———require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
———require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [7JN]
———restrict institutions of higher education from using Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes (see S. 528), [18JN]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [11DE]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Courts: prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 38), [11DE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [24SE]
Dept. of HHS: improve the quality of infant and toddler care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1065), [23MY]
Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [8JY]
Dept. of the Interior: prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 825), [23MY]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [11AP]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 125), [25AP]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
———statehood (see S. 132), [24JA]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [14FE]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [29OC]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [16AP]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [16AP]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [16AP]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
Fish and fishing: allow fishermen who hold capital construction fund accounts to make a penalty-free withdrawal from such accounts without requiring reinvestment in the fishing industry (see S. 551), [13MR]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Gonzaga University: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [31JA]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [6MY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13MR]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]

International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [11MR]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [11JN]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
Medicare: provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [12SE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 173), [18JN]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 295), [14NO]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 80), [19MR]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [12SE]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [6MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
Native Americans: settle claims of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation concerning contributions to production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam (see S. 1448), [1AU]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [21MY]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [16DE]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
San Juan Islands National Conservation Area: establish (see S. 497), [7MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [3JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Science: establish a position of Science Laureate of the U.S. (see S. 899), [8MY]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [13MR]
Taxation: strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [23MY]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [14NO]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [18DE]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [5MR]
———authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1058), [23MY]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [24JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [22JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [6MY]

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Alpine Lakes Wilderness: expand to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic (see S. 112), [23JA]
Armed Forces: exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1880), [19DE]
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023 (see S. Con. Res. 8), [18MR]
Cargo transportation: establish a Maritime Goods Movement User Fee and provide grants for international maritime cargo improvements (see S. 1509), [17SE]
Committee on the Budget (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 53), [26FE] (see S. Res. 250), [19SE]
Credit: prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [13JN]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [7MY]
Dept. of Education: award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [13FE]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———establish a comprehensive literacy program (see S. 758), [18AP]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
———improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———provide education for homeless children and youths (see S. 833), [25AP]
Dept. of HHS: authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
———ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 834), [25AP]
———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [18NO]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (see S. 1356), [24JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]
Education: establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Illabot Creek: designate segment as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 383), [26FE]
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]
Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in Glacier Peak Wilderness (see S. 404), [28FE]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [26FE]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 27), [7FE]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]

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Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [27SE], [15DE], [17DE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]

———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [25JY]
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Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1243) (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
Expenditures: Committee on the Budget (Senate) (S. Res. 53), [26FE]
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Setting Forth the Federal Budget for 2013–2023: Committee on the Budget (Senate) (S. Con. Res. 8), [18MR]

MUSEUMS
Appointments
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, [7FE]
World War I Centennial Commission, [7FE]
Bills and resolutions
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [24JN]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial: designate (see S. 59), [22JA]
Fahey, John: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 28), [11DE]
Lavizzo-Mourey, Risa: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 29), [11DE]
Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site: establish (see S. 925), [9MY]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [23MY]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
Reports filed
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 59) (S. Rept. 113–50), [27JN]

MUSIAL, STAN
Bills and resolutions
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge, St. Louis, MO: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]

MUSIC AND DANCE *related term(s)* **ARTS AND HUMANITIES**
Appointments
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees, [22MR]
Bills and resolutions
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 397), [27FE]
Memorial Day: encourage nationwide moment of remembrance with the playing of ''Taps'' (see S. Res. 291), [12NO]
Taxation: make permanent rule providing 5-year amortization of expenses incurred in creating or acquiring music or music copyrights (see S. 1326), [18JY]

MYSTIC, CT
Bills and resolutions
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [24JN]

NASHUA, NH
Bills and resolutions
Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center: designate (see S. 540), [12MR]

NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY LAND CONVEYANCE ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 113–25), [22AP]

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
Bills and resolutions
Children and youth: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 1552), [26SE]
Reports filed
Violent Content Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 134) (S. Rept. 113–126), [17DE]

NATIONAL ADOPT A LIBRARY DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 113), [24AP]

NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY AND INTEGRITY
Appointments
Members, [23AP]

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
BLM: provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Programs: authorize (see S. 1317), [17JY]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Weather: establish, validate, and utilize an official set of data on historical temperature records ensure public access to such records (see S. 106), [23JA]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]

NATIONAL AG DAY
Bills and resolutions
Anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]

NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]

NATIONAL ALL SCHEDULES PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPORTING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]

NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S PROJECT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Diseases: support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]

NATIONAL APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 168), [12JN]

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
Appointments
Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, [11MR], [23AP], [25AP]
Bills and resolutions
Buy American Act: ensure that all items for sale in National Park Service or National Archives and Records Administration gift shops are produced in the U.S. (see S. 1384), [29JY]
Federal agencies and departments: reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]

NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
Bills and resolutions
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: develop a national model disclosure form to assist consumers in purchasing long-term care insurance (see S. 1473), [1AU]

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR AUXILIARIES
Bills and resolutions
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day: designate (see S. Res. 87), [21MR] (see S. Res. 93), [8AP]
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR AUXILIARIES DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 87), [21MR] (see S. Res. 93), [8AP]
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED AGENTS AND BROKERS
Bills and resolutions
Reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
Reports filed
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers Reform Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 534) (S. Rept. 113–82), [29JY]
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED AGENTS AND BROKERS REFORM ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 534) (S. Rept. 113–82), [29JY]
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
Bills and resolutions
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
Miami Heat (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 186), [25JN]
NATIONAL BISON DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
NATIONAL BLUE ALERT ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
NATIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 214), [1AU]
NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]
NATIONAL CEMETERIES *related term(s)* **CEMETERIES AND FUNERALS**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: conduct study relative to claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans (see S. 1755), [21NO]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 200), [31JA]
Veterans: provide authority to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery and disinter remains of Michael L. Anderson from Fort Custer National Cemetery (see S. 1471), [1AU]
Wreaths Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 320), [13DE]
Reports filed
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NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY
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Establish and operate (see S. 433), [28FE]
NATIONAL CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS DAY
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NATIONAL CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
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NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
NATIONAL CHESS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
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NATIONAL CHILD AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
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NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION ACT
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Dept. of Justice: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
Loyola University Chicago: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
Mississippi State University: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 32), [13FE]
Southern New Hampshire University: tribute to men's soccer team (see S. Res. 326), [20DE]
University of Alabama: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 19), [28JA]
University of Louisville: tribute to men's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
———tribute to women's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
University of Minnesota: tribute to women's hockey team (see S. Res. 123), [25AP]
NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
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NATIONAL CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH
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Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
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Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
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Mission and goals: support (see S. Res. 120), [25AP]
NATIONAL DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY
Bills and resolutions
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NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING
Bills and resolutions
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NATIONAL DESERT STORM AND DESERT SHIELD WAR MEMORIAL ACT
Bills and resolutions
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NATIONAL DESERT STORM MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
District of Columbia: authorize to establish National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial (see S. 995), [21MY]
NATIONAL DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK
Bills and resolutions
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NATIONAL DROUGHT POLICY ACT
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National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
NATIONAL EMBLEMS
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American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 1816), [12DE]
NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1261), [27JN]
Dept. of Energy: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
Public buildings: encourage increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities (see S. 1308), [16JY]
NATIONAL ENERGY TAX REPEAL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1324), [18JY]
NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
NATIONAL FAB LAB NETWORK ACT
Bills and resolutions
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NATIONAL FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
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NATIONAL FAMILY PARTNERSHIP
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Red Ribbon Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 279), [31OC]
NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION
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National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION ESTABLISHMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 667), [8AP]
———extend phase-in of actuarial rates for flood insurance for certain properties (see S. 1075), [23MY]
———improve the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 996), [21MY]
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Bills and resolutions
Baltimore Ravens (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 35), [14FE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
NATIONAL FORESTS
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees for cabins (see S. 736), [16AP]
———exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Carson National Forest: adjust boundary (see S. 312), [13FE]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
Cibola National Forest: add the Crest of Montezuma and transfer management from BLM to the Forest Service (see S. 1829), [16DE]
Columbine-Hondo Wilderness: establish (see S. 776), [22AP]

Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
Dept. of the Interior: establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
Forest Service: convey certain parcels of land to Fruit Heights, UT (see S. 509), [7MR]
———designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
Forests: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
Idaho: authorize continued use of certain water diversions on National Forest System lands in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (see S. 1430), [1AU]
Inyo National Forest: facilitate a land exchange involving certain non-Federal lands (see S. 1888), [20DE]
Montana: sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System (see S. 37), [22JA]
———withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]
Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in Glacier Peak Wilderness (see S. 404), [28FE]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
———designate Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area and segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers (see S. 352), [14FE]
———restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests (see S. 1301), [16JY]
San Juan National Forest: designate certain Hermosa Creek watershed lands as wilderness (see S. 841), [25AP]
T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act: amend (see S. 611), [19MR]
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest: convey a small parcel of land to Brigham Young University (see S. 28), [22JA]
Reports filed
Alaska Subsistence Structure Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 736) (S. Rept. 113–67), [27JN]
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]
Carson National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 312) (S. Rept. 113–58), [27JN]
Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 352) (S. Rept. 113–28), [22AP]
North Fork Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 255) (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]
Oregon Treasures Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 353) (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]
Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 28) (S. Rept. 113–92), [10SE]

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]

NATIONAL GUARD
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 634), [21MR]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [18JY]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [7FE]
———provide for enhanced reimbursement of National Guard and Reserve members for certain travel expenses (see S. 378), [25FE]
BLM: withdraw and reserve certain lands for exclusive military use as part of the Limestone Hills Training Area in Montana (see S. 1169), [13JN]
Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams: establish in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Guard Educational Foundation: include among youth and charitable organizations eligible for National Guard assistance (see S. 926), [9MY]
Schools: allow Federal reimbursement of States that choose to use National Guard troops to enhance school safety (see S. 145), [24JA]
Taxation: allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard (see S. 1591), [28OC]
Utah: convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (see S. 1732), [19NO]
Reports filed
Depts. of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans' Services: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2216) (S. Rept. 113–48), [27JN]

NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
Bills and resolutions
National Guard: include among youth and charitable organizations eligible for assistance (see S. 926), [9MY]

NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 247), [19SE]

NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 1838), [17DE]

NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Bills and resolutions
Chicago Blackhawks (hockey team): tribute (see S. Res. 187), [26JN]

NATIONAL HOLOPROSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 152), [22MY]

NATIONAL INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 258), [24SE]

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES
Bills and resolutions
Diseases: expand research and awareness activities relative to scleroderma (see S. 1239), [27JN]

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY
Bills and resolutions
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
Bills and resolutions
Arctic regions: study mental, behavioral, and physical health problems, institute Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Arctic health assessment program, and create NIH ''Arctic Desk'' (see S. 271), [11FE]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1223), [26JN]
———improve and enhance research and programs on childhood cancer survivorship (see S. 1247), [27JN]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Diseases: expand research and awareness activities relative to scleroderma (see S. 1239), [27JN]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [8MY]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 162), [4JN]
Rehabilitation research: improve, coordinate, and enhance (see S. 1027), [22MY]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 1552), [26SE]
Tourette syndrome: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities (see S. 637), [21MR]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]
Reduce Preterm Labor, Delivery, and Risk of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Complications Due to Pregnancy, and Reduce Infant Mortality Caused by Prematurity: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 252), [14FE]
Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 131) (S. Rept. 113–106), [17SE]

NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 148), [16MY]

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 1477), [1AU]

NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Income: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
Labor unions: reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Presidential appointments: delay enforcement of any rulings until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments of certain members (see S. 180), [30JA]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
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NATIONAL LAKESHORES
Bills and resolutions
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: designate certain lands and inland water as wilderness (see S. 23), [22JA]
Reports filed
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 23) (S. Rept. 113–14), [22AP]
NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE AND LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 204), [30JY]
NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 95), [10AP]
NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]
NATIONAL MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 80), [19MR]
NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 145), [16MY]
NATIONAL MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
NATIONAL MOTH WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 70), [7MR]
NATIONAL MPS AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN ACT
Bills and resolutions
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [23MY]
NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
NATIONAL NETWORK FOR YOUTH (ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
National Runaway Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 308), [20NO]
NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]
NATIONAL OBJECTIVES *related term(s)* **DOMESTIC POLICY**
Bills and resolutions
American Infrastructure Investment Fund: establish (see S. 387), [26FE]
Budget: balance through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending (see S. 547), [13MR] (see S. 1436), [1AU]
Crime: reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Dept. of Education: establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]
———establish a new counseling program (see S. 282), [12FE]
———establish national program for arts and technology (see S. 1055), [23MY]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
Dept. of Energy: provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
———reauthorize weatherization and State energy programs (see S. 1213), [20JN]
Dept. of HHS: prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
———publish physical activity guidelines (see S. 531), [12MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
Dept. of Transportation: reauthorize Projects of National and Regional Significance program to fund high-cost surface transportation projects (see S. 823), [25AP]
Diseases: de-link research and development incentives from drug prices for new medicines to treat HIV/AIDS and stimulate greater sharing of scientific knowledge (see S. 626), [20MR]
Economy: provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Executive Office of the President: require development of a National Manufacturing Strategy (see S. 544), [13MR]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [11JY]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Health: improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]
———national policy to provide health care, control costs, and enhance the quality of the health care system (see S. 1782), [9DE]
———reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR]
———repeal health-care related provisions (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Immigration: reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
IRS: prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1330), [18JY] (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE] (see S. 1671), [7NO]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC] (see S. 1642), [4NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR] (see S. 1851), [18DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE] (see S. 1316), [17JY]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———promote domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies (see S. 656), [22MR]
———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 997), [21MY]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
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Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
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Economic Report: President Obama, [18MR]
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Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
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Strengthening America's Schools Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1094) (S. Rept. 113–113), [11OC]
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
Bills and resolutions
Coral Reef Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 839), [25AP]

Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Fish and fishing: develop a fishery management plan for Gulf of Mexico red snapper (see S. 1161), [13JN]
———grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 747), [17AP]
———limit maritime liens on fishing licenses (see S. 542), [13MR]
———permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs (see S. 221), [4FE]
———provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1757), [21NO]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [23MY]
Oceans: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Reports filed
Address Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Through Research, Monitoring, and Mitigation To Help Communities Detect, Control, and Mitigate Such Events: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1254) (S. Rept. 113–121), [18NO]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [23MY]

NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH ALLIANCE
Bills and resolutions
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]

NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH ALLIANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR RARE DISORDERS
Bills and resolutions
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 57), [26FE]

NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE *related term(s)* **NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**
Bills and resolutions
Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 869), [7MY]
American Battlefield Protection Program: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 (see S. 916), [9MY]
America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership: reauthorize in Iowa (see S. 1151), [12JN]
Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1641), [4NO]
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Buy American Act: ensure that all items for sale in National Park Service or National Archives and Records Administration gift shops are produced in the U.S. (see S. 1384), [29JY]
Coins: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [13JN]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 103), [23JA]
———conduct a study of the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, OH, and associated locations to assess potential inclusion in the National Park System (see S. 331), [14FE]
———conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the Ka'u Coast in Hawaii as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1432), [1AU]
———conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]
———convey to Mississippi parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway (see S. 304), [13FE]
———improve support facilities for national historic sites operated by the National Park Service (see S. 1071), [23MY]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding Hudson River Valley in New York, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1139), [11JN]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 770), [18AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
Essex National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1186), [19JN]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
First State National Historical Park: establish (see S. 347), [14FE]
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site: establish (see S. 925), [9MY]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site: modify boundaries (see S. 459), [5MR]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: reauthorize (see S. 1339), [23JY]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park: adjust boundaries to include Hinchliffe Stadium (see S. 1189), [19JN]
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 1718), [18NO]
Pike National Historic Trail: provide for a study (see S. 524), [12MR]
Public lands: suspend collection of entrance fees at national parks and wildlife refuges (see S. 1742), [20NO]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Rachel Carson Nature Trail: designate (see S. 704), [11AP]
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: designate certain lands and inland water as wilderness (see S. 23), [22JA]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 219), [4FE]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]
Valles Caldera National Preserve: designate as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 285), [12FE]
Vicksburg National Military Park: authorize acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond, MS, for addition (see S. 305), [13FE]
Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station, Talkeetna, AK: designate (see S. 157), [28JA]
Yosemite National Park: modify boundaries (see S. 781), [23AP]
Reports filed
Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond Battlefields Addition Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 305) (S. Rept. 113–57), [27JN]
Denali National Park Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 157) (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 368) (S. Rept. 113–61), [27JN]
First State National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 347) (S. Rept. 113–27), [22AP]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 459) (S. Rept. 113–32), [22AP]
Natchez Trace Parkway Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 113–25), [22AP]
Oregon Caves Revitalization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 354) (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]
Oregon Treasures Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 353) (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 23) (S. Rept. 113–14), [22AP]
Valles Caldera National Preserve Management Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 285) (S. Rept. 113–96), [10SE]

NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS *related term(s)* **PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**
Bills and resolutions
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park: establish and dedicate to John H. Chafee (see S. 371), [14FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Buy American Act: ensure that all items for sale in National Park Service or National Archives and Records Administration gift shops are produced in the U.S. (see S. 1384), [29JY]
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission: extend (see S. 476), [6MR]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Coltsville National Historical Park: establish (see S. 615), [19MR]

Dept. of the Interior: conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the national parks (see S. 225), [4FE]
———conduct a study of the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, OH, and associated locations to assess potential inclusion in the National Park System (see S. 331), [14FE]
———conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the Ka'u Coast in Hawaii as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1432), [1AU]
———conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]
———issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas in, and acquire land from Doyon Tourism, Inc., for Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
———issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipeline transportation utility systems in nonwilderness areas within the Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding Hudson River Valley in New York, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1139), [11JN]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 770), [18AP]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 311), [13FE]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, NY, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1389), [30JY]
Dept. of the Treasury: reimburse States that use State funds to operate national parks during the Government shutdown (see S. 1572), [15OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
First State National Historical Park: establish (see S. 347), [14FE]
Gettysburg National Military Park: revise boundaries to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, PA, and limit means of acquiring such property (see S. 782), [23AP]
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve: allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people (see S. 156), [28JA]
Historic buildings and sites: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1785), [10DE]
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1138), [11JN]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site: modify boundaries (see S. 459), [5MR]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 155), [28JA]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [13JN]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: reauthorize (see S. 1339), [23JY]
Public lands: suspend collection of entrance fees at national parks and wildlife refuges (see S. 1742), [20NO]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
Sangre de Cristo National Historic Pak: establish (see S. 503), [7MR]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 219), [4FE]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
Vicksburg National Military Park: authorize acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond, MS, for addition (see S. 305), [13FE]
Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station, Talkeetna, AK: designate (see S. 157), [28JA]
Yosemite National Park: modify boundaries (see S. 781), [23AP]
Reports filed
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park Establishment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 371) (S. Rept. 113–62), [27JN]
Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 225) (S. Rept. 113–53), [27JN]
Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond Battlefields Addition Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 305) (S. Rept. 113–57), [27JN]
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 476) (S. Rept. 113–64), [27JN]
Denali National Park Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 157) (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]
First State National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 347) (S. Rept. 113–27), [22AP]
Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]
Huna Tlingit Traditional Gull Egg Use Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 156) (S. Rept. 113–51), [27JN]
Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 311) (S. Rept. 113–26), [22AP]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 507) (S. Rept. 113–65), [27JN]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 459) (S. Rept. 113–32), [22AP]
Mount Denali Designation: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 155) (S. Rept. 113–93), [10SE]
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]

NATIONAL PEDIATRIC BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 116), [25AP]

NATIONAL PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 162), [4JN]

NATIONAL PHENYLKETONURIA AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 310), [21NO]

NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 130), [7MY]

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]

NATIONAL POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 172), [17JN] (see S. Res. 201), [25JY]

NATIONAL POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]

NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 91), [22MR]

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 149), [20MY]

NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 106), [23AP]

NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 308), [20NO]

NATIONAL RUNAWAY SAFELINE (ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
National Runaway Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 308), [20NO]

NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 111), [24AP]

NATIONAL SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 27), [7FE]

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]

NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL
Bills and resolutions
Manufacturing: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Bills and resolutions
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]

NATIONAL SEASHORES
Bills and resolutions
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area: authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access (see S. 486), [7MR]
Reports filed
Preserving Public Access to Cape Hatteras Beaches Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 486) (S. Rept. 113–102), [10SE]

NATIONAL SECURITY *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE; ESPIONAGE; STRATEGIC MATERIALS; TERRORISM**
Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [24JA], [28FE], [16MY], [22MY]

Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise, [25AP]
Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR], [12MR], [10JN]
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen who are appointed as Navy Reserve midshipmen continue to receive pay during a Government shutdown (see S. 1568), [7OC]
———expand and enhance authorities on protected communications (see S. 1081), [23MY]
Aviation: reform and improve the oversight of passenger and baggage screening at domestic commercial airports by private screening companies (see S. 697), [10AP]
BLM: provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]
Budget: exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Corporations: require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (see S. 1034), [23MY] (see S. 1197), [20JN]
———close and consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and facilities and relocate overseas missions to U.S. installations prior to any domestic base realignment and closure (see S. Res. 132), [8MY]
———improve master plans for major military installations (see S. 1749), [20NO]
———making appropriations (see S. 444), [4MR] (see S. 1429), [1AU]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
———reduce budget sequestration cuts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 but implement such cuts over the duration of sequestration (see S. 1841), [17DE]
———require a study on the use of the Russian RD–180 rocket engine and the cost effectiveness of building the engines in the U.S. (see S. 1679), [12NO]
———rescind amounts appropriated for the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) (see S. 680), [9AP]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
———provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 1812), [12DE]
———provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [30JY]
———require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
EPA: reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 1495), [11SE]
Federal agencies and departments: improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Federal employees: clarify certain due process rights of employees serving in sensitive positions (see S. 1809), [12DE]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
GAO: assess Army study on the combat vehicle industrial base (see S. 1727), [19NO]
Immigration: prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 300), [13FE]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA] (see S. 744), [16AP]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
Intelligence services: authorizing appropriations (see S. 1681), [12NO]
———enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
———require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [23MY]
Law enforcement: prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [7MR]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
NATO: anniversary of Allied Command Transformation (see S. Res. 156), [23MY]
Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy: establish (see S. 1021), [22MY]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
POW: provide for the disposition of certain persons detained in the U.S. pursuant to authorization for use of military force (see S. 1147), [12JN]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———extend protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to electronic communications information and require specific court-issued warrants to obtain such information (see S. 1037), [23MY]
———improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Snowden, Edward: call for Russia to turn over Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities and consider all economic and diplomatic options when pursuing him (see S. Res. 198), [18JY]
Strategic Defense Initiative: anniversary (see S. Res. 82), [20MR]
Syria: call for Syria to become a signatory to, and comply with, the Chemical Weapons Convention and if such actions do not occur by a certain date, all elements of national power will be considered by the U.S. (see S.J. Res. 22), [10SE]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
———enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
Transportation Security Administration: establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee (see S. 1804), [11DE]
———implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs (see S. 1893), [20DE]
———prohibit airplane passengers from bringing small knives aboard a passenger aircraft (see S. 1008), [22MY]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]

Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Messages
Agreement Between NATO Members for Cooperation Regarding Atomic Information: President Obama, [18SE]
Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2014: President Obama, [10AP]
National Emergency Relative to Belarus: President Obama, [13JN]
National Emergency Relative to Disposition of Russian Highly Enriched Uranium: President Obama, [20JN]
National Emergency Relative to Narcotics Traffickers in Colombia: President Obama, [16OC]
National Emergency Relative to Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism: President Obama, [18SE]
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2011: President Obama, [10SE]
National Emergency Relative to the Stabilization of Iraq: President Obama, [20MY]
National Emergency Relative to the Western Balkans: President Obama, [17JN]
National Emergency Relative to Zimbabwe: President Obama, [4MR]
Motions
Armed Forces: authorize use against Syria in response to use of chemical weapons (S.J. Res. 21), [9SE], [10SE]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [14NO], [18NO], [19NO]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [6JN], [13JN], [19JN], [20JN], [21JN], [25JN]
Reports filed
Armed Forces Use Against Syria in Response to Use of Chemical Weapons: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S.J. Res. 21), [6SE]
Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744) (S. Rept. 113–40), [7JN]
Dept. of Defense Appropriations for Military Activities, Prescribing Personnel Strengths, and Military Construction: Committee on Armed Services (Senate) (S. 1197) (S. Rept. 113–44), [20JN]
Dept. of HHS Programs To Protect Against Pandemics and Attacks From Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 307), [14FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2217) (S. Rept. 113–77), [18JY]
Electronic Communications Privacy Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607), [25AP]
Embassy Security, Threat Mitigation, and Personnel Protection Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1386), [9DE]
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
Improve Privacy of Electronic Communications: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 113–34), [16MY]
Intelligence Services Appropriations: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1681), [12NO]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1681) (S. Rept. 113–120), [13NO]
NATO Allied Command Transformation Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 156), [24JY]
Security Clearance Oversight and Reform Enhancement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1276) (S. Rept. 113–111), [24SE]

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
Bills and resolutions
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Senate: express that President Obama should issue a statement regarding National Security Agency spying on Pope Francis (see S. Res. 281), [31OC]
Reports filed
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 117), [25AP]

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]

NATIONAL SOLIDARITY DAY FOR COMPASSIONATE PATIENT CARE
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 21), [30JA]

NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 211), [31JY]

NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 14), [24JA]

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 126), [25AP]

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 275), [28OC]

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Telecommunications: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 1776), [21NO]

NATIONAL TOY WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 325), [20DE]

NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Pike National Historic Trail: provide for a study (see S. 524), [12MR]
Western States Trail: study for potential designation as a national historic trail (see S. 60), [22JA]

NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]

NATIONAL TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
Bills and resolutions
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]

NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER APPRECIATION DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 202), [30JY]

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
Bills and resolutions
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
Dept. of the Interior: grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Public lands: suspend collection of entrance fees at national parks and wildlife refuges (see S. 1742), [20NO]

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM COMMISSION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 398), [27FE]

NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]

NATIONAL YOUTH HIV & AIDS AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 104), [22AP]

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS' MEMORIAL ESTABLISHMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Monuments and memorials: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [23MY]

NATIVE AMERICANS
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: support maple syrup production research and education, sustainability of maple syrup resources, promotion of maple products, and access to lands for maple sugaring activities (see S. 879), [7MY]
Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 869), [7MY]
Alaska: enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes relative to enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, improve quality of life in rural Alaska, and reduce alcohol and drug abuse (see S. 1474), [1AU]
———require oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported onshore by pipeline and provide for sharing of certain Outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone (see S. 199), [31JA]
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for the settlement of certain claims (see S. 14), [26FE] (see S. 340), [14FE]
Anchorage, AK: convey certain property from the U.S. to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (see S. 235), [7FE]
Arizona: facilitate efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land (see S. 339), [14FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 434), [4MR]

Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers (see S. Con. Res. 25), [13NO]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
Dept. of HHS: authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [10OC]
Dept. of HUD: reauthorize programs for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians (see S. 640), [21MR]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [16JY]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1219), [25JN]
———convey certain Federal land to Elko County, NV, and take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (see S. 1167), [13JN]
———convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 1414), [31JY]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 1415), [31JY]
———provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 165), [28JA]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
———settle water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community (see S. 1394), [30JY]
Education: improve (see S. 1131), [11JN]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18AP]
Faber, Michael G.: relief (see S. 1605), [29OC]
Federal aid programs: facilitate ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources (see S. 1574), [16OC]
Gambling: require tribes to demonstrate a substantial direct modern and aboriginal connection to certain lands to allow for gaming on such lands (see S. 477), [6MR]
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve: allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people (see S. 156), [28JA]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 1054), [23MY]
Grand Ronde Reservation Act: technical corrections (see S. 416), [28FE]
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act: consent to certain amendments (see S.J. Res. 12), [21MR]
Indian Health Service: deem certain claims presented to a contracting officer pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act as timely presented (see S. 385), [26FE]
Mining and mineral resources: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]
Minnesota: allow Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe to lease or transfer certain land (see S. 920), [9MY]
Montana: extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 161), [28JA]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Labor Relations Act: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands (see S. 1477), [1AU]
National Minority Health Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 145), [16MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [23MY]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements (see S. 1447), [1AU]
North Carolina: provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe (see S. 1132), [11JN]
Oklahoma: clarify role of Cherokee Nation in maintaining the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam (see S. 513), [11MR]
Oregon: anniversary of restoration of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community (see S. Res. 304), [20NO]
———provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 402), [28FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 1575), [16OC]
Public lands: reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians (see S. 1603), [29OC]
SBA: provide conformity in Native small business opportunities and promote job creation, manufacturing, and American economic recovery (see S. 1607), [29OC]
South Dakota: facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System (see S. 684), [9AP]
Taxation: allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food (see S. 910), [8MY]
———clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [17SE]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 1834), [17DE]
Treaties and agreements: ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (see S. 1818), [12DE]
T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act: amend (see S. 611), [19MR]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts (see S. 1650), [5NO]
Utah: clarify authority under legislation defining the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation (see S. 27), [22JA]
Virginia: extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy, Chickahominy-Eastern Division, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Monacan, and Nansemond Tribes (see S. 1074), [23MY]
Washington: settle claims of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation concerning contributions to production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam (see S. 1448), [1AU]
Reports filed
Clarify That Uncertified States and Indian Tribes Have Authority To Use Certain Payments for Noncoal Reclamation Projects and Acid Mine Remediation Programs: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 222) (S. Rept. 113–20), [22AP]
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act Amendments Consent: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S.J. Res. 12) (S. Rept. 113–76), [15JY]
Hill Creek Cultural Preservation and Energy Development Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 27) (S. Rept. 113–49), [27JN]
Huna Tlingit Traditional Gull Egg Use Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 156) (S. Rept. 113–51), [27JN]
Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System Completion Facilitation: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 684) (S. Rept. 113–74), [15JY]
Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization and Jobs Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 340) (S. Rept. 113–98), [10SE]

NATIVE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]

NATIVE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL
Bills and resolutions
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]

NATIVE SMALL BUSINESS CONFORMITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1607), [29OC]

NATOMAS BASIN FLOOD PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 197), [31JA]

NATURAL GAS *related term(s)* **POWER RESOURCES**
Bills and resolutions
Arctic regions: expedite development of Arctic deepwater ports (see S. 428), [28FE]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
———promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of the Interior: include Lease Sale 220 in the Outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012–2017 and revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area (see S. 1024), [22MY]
———issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipeline transportation utility systems in nonwilderness areas within the Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling (see S. 598), [18MR]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
———require Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote artificial reefs (see S. 1079), [23MY]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure that on-duty time for certain commercial motor vehicle drivers does not include waiting time at natural gas or oil well sites (see S. 1380), [29JY]
EPA: impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
Gulf of Mexico: authorize use of certain offshore oil and gas platforms for artificial reefs (see S. 96), [23JA]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
Motor vehicles: provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]

Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———establish partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore and the Federal Government (see S. 630), [20MR] (see S. 1273), [10JY]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1627), [31OC]
States: recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 1743), [20NO]
Taxation: eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 1833), [17DE]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 1103), [6JN]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Reports filed
Denali National Park Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 157) (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]
U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperation Improvement: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1491), [19DE]

NATURAL RESOURCES
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Bills and resolutions
Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 869), [7MY]
Alaska: require oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported onshore by pipeline and provide for sharing of certain Outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone (see S. 199), [31JA]
Arbor Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 14), [25AP]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 434), [4MR]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 1800), [11DE]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]
Crooked River: adjust boundary to provide water certainty for Prineville, OR (see S. 1771), [21NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
Dept. of Energy: improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [23MY]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of State: require report on water sharing with Mexico (see S. 1125), [10JN]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1219), [25JN]
———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
———implement Agreement Between the U.S. and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 812), [25AP]
———prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling (see S. 598), [18MR]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
———require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
Federal Helium Reserve: complete privatization in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting taxpayer interests (see S. 1513), [17SE]
———improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [23AP]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Mining and mineral resources: facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
Montana: withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]
Native Americans: allow Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe to lease or transfer certain land (see S. 920), [9MY]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements (see S. 1447), [1AU]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Petroleum: ban exportation of crude oil produced on Federal land (see S. 435), [4MR]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 228), [4FE]
San Juan Islands National Conservation Area: establish (see S. 497), [7MR]
South Dakota: facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System (see S. 684), [9AP]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 167), [29JA]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [1AU]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 970), [16MY]
Reports filed
Geothermal Production Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 363) (S. Rept. 113–72), [15JY]
Helium Stewardship Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 783) (S. Rept. 113–83), [29JY]
Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System Completion Facilitation: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 684) (S. Rept. 113–74), [15JY]
North Fork Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 255) (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]

NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 135), [9MY] (see S. Res. 221), [10SE]

NAZI PARTY—WORLD WAR II
Bills and resolutions
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
World War II: anniversary of rescue of Danish Jews from the Nazis (see S. Res. 227), [17SE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [19DE]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Reports filed
Danish Jews Rescue From the Nazis During World War II Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 227), [30SE]

NEBRASKA
Bills and resolutions
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]

Mosaic (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 36), [14FE]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
NELSON, BILL ***(a Senator from Florida)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [28FE]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [28OC]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Consumers: enhance consumer rights relative to consumer report disputes by requiring provision of documentation provided by consumers (see S. 1538), [23SE]
Corps of Engineers: establish program to evaluate cost-effectiveness and efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for civil works flood control and navigation construction projects (see S. 66), [23JA]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [29JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [11DE]
Dept. of Education: establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [18AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
Dept. of HHS: Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program funding (see S. 1333), [18JY]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [23MY]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [6NO]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
Dept. of the Interior: prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling (see S. 598), [18MR]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [18NO]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [17AP]
———modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [17AP]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial: designate (see S. 59), [22JA]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Drugs: make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [18AP]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
ERISA: require a lifetime income disclosure (see S. 1145), [12JN]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [29JY]
Federal agencies and departments: improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [11JY]
———reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [4OC]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [1AU]
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
Foreign aid: provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [26SE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [7FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
Iran: impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [8MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [14MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [12JN]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [31OC]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [16MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [11DE]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [11JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [13MY]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [23SE]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [7MR]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [31JY]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [9DE]
Miami Heat (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 186), [25JN]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [28OC]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 211), [31JY]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [23JY]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [9SE]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [28OC]
SBA: establish a grant program to empower encore entrepreneurs (see S. 1454), [10DE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [22MY]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [13MY]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [5MR]
———clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations (see S. 479), [6MR]
———deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 1654), [21NO]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [16DE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [19JN]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [20DE]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 41), [22JA]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [14NO]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [27JN]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
Veterans: reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of Dept. of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 257), [7FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [31JA]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 58), [12FE]
Wildlife: establish improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent introduction and establishment in the U.S. of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites (see S. 1153), [12JN]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 171), [13JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [7JN]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
C.W. Bill Young Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Bay Pines, FL: designate (see S. 1576), [28OC]
Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]
Committee on Aging (Senate, Special): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 49), [26FE] (see S. Res. 241), [19SE]
Coral Reef Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 839), [25AP]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Corps of Engineers: expedite implementation of comprehensive Everglades restoration project plan (see S. 414), [28FE]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [21MR]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [28FE]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a Veterans Conservation Corps (see S. 1262), [27JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [16AP]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [15JY]
Disasters: establish National Catastrophic Risk Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program (see S. 1461), [1AU]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
Firearms: reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms (see S. 1774), [21NO]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [12JN]
Haiti: measure progress of recovery and development efforts following earthquake (see S. 1104), [6JN]
———recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 397), [27FE]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 312), [9DE]
Medicaid: extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 1672), [7NO]
Medicare: apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1365), [25JY]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [14MR]
Members of Congress: require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
NASA: authorize programs (see S. 1317), [17JY]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
Older Americans Month: designate (see S. Res. 137), [9MY]
Ponce de Leon, Juan: issue postage stamp in commemoration of anniversary of landing on Florida (see S. Res. 23), [31JA]
Randolph, A. Philip: tribute (see S. Res. 218), [9SE]
Taxation: disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil (see S. 599), [18MR]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 606), [19MR]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Bills and resolutions relative to
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [27SE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [14NO]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
Reports filed
Expenditures: Committee on Aging (Senate, Special) (S. Res. 49), [26FE]
———Committee on Aging (Senate, Special) (S. Res. 241), [19SE]

NEMO, SD
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
Reports filed
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]

NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 969), [16MY]

NEPAL, FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign trade: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 431), [28FE]
———extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]

NEVADA
Bills and resolutions
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Clark County, NV: provide for conveyance of certain Federal land for environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site (see S. 343), [14FE]
Conservation of natural resources: implement the multi-species habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River

and Lincoln County, NV, and extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land (see S. 757), [17AP]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to Elko County, NV, and take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (see S. 1167), [13JN]
Douglas County, NV: establish a wilderness area, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 1263), [27JN]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 1054), [23MY]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 472), [6MR]
Native Americans: ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (see S. 1818), [12DE]
Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area: designate (see S. 342), [14FE]
Western States Trail: study for potential designation as a national historic trail (see S. 60), [22JA]
Reports filed
Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 757) (S. Rept. 113–68), [27JN]
Pine Forest Range Recreation Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 342) (S. Rept. 113–59), [27JN]

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Bills and resolutions
Monuments and memorials: anniversary of the loss of the State symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain (see S. Res. 127), [25AP]
Southern New Hampshire University: tribute to men's soccer team (see S. Res. 326), [20DE]

NEW JERSEY
Bills and resolutions
Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [11JN]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: authorize the Architect of the Capitol to transfer the catafalque from the Capitol Visitor Center to the Senate Chamber for use during memorial services (see S. Con. Res. 18), [4JN]
———hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
———tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route: reauthorize (see S. 797), [24AP]
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park: adjust boundaries to include Hinchliffe Stadium (see S. 1189), [19JN]

NEW MEXICO
Bills and resolutions
BLM: provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]
Bureau of Reclamation: transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District in New Mexico (see S. 284), [12FE]
Carson National Forest: adjust boundary (see S. 312), [13FE]
Cibola National Forest: add the Crest of Montezuma and transfer management from BLM to the Forest Service (see S. 1829), [16DE]
Columbine-Hondo Wilderness: establish (see S. 776), [22AP]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, NM (see S. 609), [19MR]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Native Americans: make technical corrections to certain water rights settlements (see S. 1447), [1AU]
Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area: establish in New Mexico (see S. 241), [7FE]
T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act: amend (see S. 611), [19MR]
Valles Caldera National Preserve: designate as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 285), [12FE]
Reports filed
Carson National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 312) (S. Rept. 113–58), [27JN]
Fort Sumner Project Title Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 284) (S. Rept. 113–56), [27JN]
Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area Establishment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 241) (S. Rept. 113–54), [27JN]
San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 609) (S. Rept. 113–66), [27JN]
Valles Caldera National Preserve Management Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 285) (S. Rept. 113–96), [10SE]

NEW ORLEANS, LA
Bills and resolutions
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]

NEW PHILADELPHIA, ILLINOIS, STUDY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1328), [18JY]

NEW YORK, NY
Bills and resolutions
Budget: exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, NY, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1389), [30JY]
Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site: establish (see S. 925), [9MY]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2011: President Obama, [10SE]

NEW YORK (STATE)
Bills and resolutions
Budget: exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of adding Hudson River Valley in New York, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1139), [11JN]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, NY, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1389), [30JY]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [11JN]
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1138), [11JN]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]
Tesfamical, Alemseghed M.: relief (see S. 36), [22JA]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
Reports filed
Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]

NEWBORN SCREENING SAVES LIVES REAUTHORIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1417), [1AU]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1417), [19DE]

NEWS MEDIA
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Courts: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
Freedom of speech: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [6MR]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 1207), [20JN]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 143), [16MY]
Reports filed
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 143), [22MY]

NEWSPAPERS *related term(s)* **NEWS MEDIA**
Bills and resolutions
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
Reports filed
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]

NEXT GENERATION RESEARCH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1552), [26SE]

NICARAGUA, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA): extend preferential tariff treatment for certain textile goods imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1136), [11JN]
Tariff: trousers, breeches, or shorts imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1883), [20DE]

NICKLAUS, JACK
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Congressional Gold Medal: award (see S. 1040), [23MY]

NIGERIA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]

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Relief (see S. 671), [9AP]

9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Budget: exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]

NO BUDGET, NO OMB PAY ACT
Bills and resolutions
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NO BUDGET, NO PAY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (see S. 1569), [8OC]
Cloture motions
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Motions
Enact (H.R. 325), [31JA]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), [10OC], [11OC], [12OC], [13OC], [14OC], [15OC], [16OC]

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Fed-

eral funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———establish an alternative accountability model for elementary and secondary schools to measure student progress (see S. 943), [14MY]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Reports filed
Strengthening America's Schools Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1094) (S. Rept. 113–113), [11OC]

NO SUBSIDIES WITHOUT VERIFICATION ACT
Cloture motions
Enact (H.R. 2775), [16OC]

NOISE POLLUTION *related term(s)* **POLLUTION**
Bills and resolutions
FAA: issue regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas of Los Angeles County, CA (see S. 208), [4FE]

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *related term(s)* **CHARITIES; TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the International Trade Administration Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1748), [20NO]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [11AP]
Dept. of HHS: extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [28FE]
———integrate mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and provide grants for geriatric mental health treatment outreach teams (see S. 1119), [7JN]
Dept. of HUD: establish a pilot program to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans (see S. 1387), [30JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: assess feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of veterans' benefits, services, and outreach activities (see S. 927), [9MY]
Disasters: extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster (see S. 1274), [10JY]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
National Guard Educational Foundation: include among youth and charitable organizations eligible for National Guard assistance (see S. 926), [9MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Veterans: improve veterans service organizations' access to Federal surplus personal property (see S. 573), [14MR]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
Reports filed
Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1302), [30OC]
Formerly Owned Resources for Veterans To Express Thanks for Service (FOR VETS) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1171), [31JY]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers Reform Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 534) (S. Rept. 113–82), [29JY]

NORTH AMERICAN ALTERNATIVE FUELS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1100), [6JN]

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Wetlands: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO)
Bills and resolutions
Allied Command Transformation: anniversary (see S. Res. 156), [23MY]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Dept. of Defense: rescind amounts appropriated for the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) (see S. 680), [9AP]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [11DE]
Messages
Agreement Between NATO Members for Cooperation Regarding Atomic Information: President Obama, [18SE]
Reports filed
NATO Allied Command Transformation Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 156), [24JY]

NORTH CAROLINA
Bills and resolutions
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area: authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access (see S. 486), [7MR]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]
Native Americans: provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (see S. 1132), [11JN]
Reports filed
Preserving Public Access to Cape Hatteras Beaches Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 486) (S. Rept. 113–102), [10SE]

NORTH DAKOTA
Bills and resolutions
North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 32), [13FE]

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 32), [13FE]

NORTH FORK WATERSHED PROTECTION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 255) (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]

NORTH KOREA NONPROLIFERATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 298), [13FE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 298), [14FE]

NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV
Bills and resolutions
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]

NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD
Bills and resolutions
Arctic Ocean: provide for research, monitoring, and observation (see S. 272), [11FE] (see S. 1344), [23JY]
Reports filed
Arctic Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1344) (S. Rept. 113–117), [6NO]

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, COMMONWEALTH OF
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]
Public lands: convey certain submerged lands (see S. 256), [7FE]
Reports filed
Northern Mariana Islands Submerged Lands Conveyance: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 256) (S. Rept. 113–55), [27JN]

NUCLEAR ENERGY *related term(s)* **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION; NUCLEAR WEAPONS; POWER RESOURCES; RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES**
Appointments
Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise, [17AP]
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]
Iran: ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [21NO]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [16OC]
NRC: ensure orderly conduct of actions (see S. 1519), [18SE]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Messages
Agreement Between NATO Members for Cooperation Regarding Atomic Information: President Obama, [18SE]

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION *related term(s)* **NUCLEAR ENERGY**
Bills and resolutions
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 1245), [27JN]
Government regulations: ensure orderly conduct of actions (see S. 1519), [18SE]
Reports filed
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1245) (S. Rept. 113–47), [27JN]

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REORGANIZATION PLAN CODIFICATION AND COMPLEMENTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1519), [18SE]

NUCLEAR WASTE ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
NUCLEAR WEAPONS *related term(s)* **NUCLEAR ENERGY; WEAPONS**
Appointments
Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise, [17AP], [25AP]
Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR], [12MR], [10JN]
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
History: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Iran: ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [21NO]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [16OC]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
Middle East: ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S–300 air defense system (see S. Con. Res. 27), [21NO]
Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy: establish (see S. 1021), [22MY]
Strategic Defense Initiative: anniversary (see S. Res. 82), [20MR]
Messages
Agreement Between NATO Members for Cooperation Regarding Atomic Information: President Obama, [18SE]
National Emergency Relative to Disposition of Russian Highly Enriched Uranium: President Obama, [20JN]
Reports filed
Dept. of HHS Programs To Protect Against Pandemics and Attacks From Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 307), [14FE]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 507) (S. Rept. 113–65), [27JN]
North Korea Nonproliferation and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 298), [14FE]
OAK CREEK, WI
Bills and resolutions
Disasters: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
OAK RIDGE, TN
Bills and resolutions
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
Reports filed
Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 507) (S. Rept. 113–65), [27JN]
OAS REVITALIZATION AND REFORM ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 793) (S. Rept. 113–43), [13JN]
OBAMACARE TAXPAYER BAILOUT PREVENTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1726), [19NO]
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH *related term(s)* **SAFETY**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Health: improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
———protect miners from black lung disease (see S. 1416), [31JY]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Government regulations: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]
OCEANS
Bills and resolutions
Africa: condemn acts of piracy and other maritime crime in the Gulf of Guinea, support U.S. assistance in combating such crimes, and commend international agencies that have enhanced maritime security (see S. Res. 288), [6NO]
Arctic Ocean: provide for research, monitoring, and observation (see S. 272), [11FE] (see S. 1344), [23JY]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [24JN]
Coast Guard: lease tidelands and submerged lands under control of the Coast Guard for periods longer than five years (see S. 1609), [29OC]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]
Coral Reef Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 839), [25AP]
Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Dept. of the Interior: implement Agreement Between the U.S. and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 812), [25AP]
———include Lease Sale 220 in the Outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012–2017 and revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area (see S. 1024), [22MY]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
EPA: establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
NOAA: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
Northern Mariana Islands: convey certain submerged lands (see S. 256), [7FE]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
San Francisco, CA: tribute to Oracle Team USA for winning the America's Cup sailing competition (see S. Res. 286), [5NO]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Taxation: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Topsail, NC: revise boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06 (see S. 533), [12MR]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]
Reports filed
Arctic Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1344) (S. Rept. 113–117), [6NO]
Condemn Acts of Piracy and Maritime Crime in Gulf of Guinea, Support U.S. Assistance in Combating Such Crimes, and Commend International Agencies That Enhanced Maritime Security: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 288), [18DE]
Northern Mariana Islands Submerged Lands Conveyance: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 256) (S. Rept. 113–55), [27JN]
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
Bills and resolutions
Appropriations: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Budget: withhold salary of the Director, Deputy Director, and Deputy Director for Management upon failure to submit the President's budget to Congress (see S. 620), [20MR]
Chesapeake Bay: require OMB to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the watershed and require EPA to develop and implement an adaptive management plan (see S. 1000), [21MY]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———quantify costs associated with proposed economically significant regulations (see S. 786), [23AP]
———set forth reasons for determining that a proposed regulatory action is significant (see S. 787), [23AP]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Government regulations: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of non-essential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 417), [28FE]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
Reports filed
Federal Real Property Asset Management Reform Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental

Affairs (Senate) (S. 1398) (S. Rept. 113–122), [19NO]
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT *related term(s)* **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**
Bills and resolutions
Federal agencies and departments: improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Federal employees: prohibit performance awards in the Senior Executive Service during sequestration periods (see S. 986), [16MY]
———require submittal of an annual report on the use of official time by Federal employees (see S. 1338), [23JY]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
National security: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 1629), [31OC]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
Security Clearance Oversight and Reform Enhancement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1276) (S. Rept. 113–111), [24SE]

OFFICE OF RURAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1096), [4JN]

OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
Bills and resolutions
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY
Bills and resolutions
Financial institutions: require a quantitative impact study on cumulative effect of the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets (see S. 737), [16AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
Bills and resolutions
Cybersecurity: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
Federal agencies and departments: improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Reports filed
Security Clearance Oversight and Reform Enhancement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1276) (S. Rept. 113–111), [24SE]

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ADVOCATE
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]

OFFICE OF THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
Bills and resolutions
Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator: establish position (see S. 660), [22MR]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
World Trade Organization: notify if members fail during consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (see S. 355), [14FE]
Reports filed
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]

OHIO
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a study of the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, OH, and associated locations to assess potential inclusion in the National Park System (see S. 331), [14FE]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: reauthorize (see S. 1339), [23JY]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]

OIL POLLUTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Taxation: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]

OKLAHOMA
Bills and resolutions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Native Americans: clarify role of Cherokee Nation in maintaining the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam (see S. 513), [11MR]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]

OLDER AMERICANS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
Reauthorize (see S. 1562), [30SE]
Reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Senior citizens: establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and provide quality assurance for home and community-based services (see S. 998), [21MY]
———provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 137), [9MY]

OLIVEIRO, GENESIO J. (JUNIOR)
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 48), [22JA]

OLYMPIC GAMES *related term(s)* **SPORTS**
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: discourage ambush marketing by entities that adversely effect the ability of Team USA to attract sponsorships (see S. Res. 289), [7NO]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]
Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Wrestling: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]

OMAHA, NE
Bills and resolutions
Mosaic (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 36), [14FE]

OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
BLM: provide small miner waivers from claim maintenance fees for a period of time after written receipt of defects is provided to the claimant to cure defects or pay the claim maintenance fee (see S. 366), [14FE]

OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE STREETS ACT
Bills and resolutions
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [28FE]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
Public safety officers: extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers (see S. 876), [7MY]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Reports filed
Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reauthorization: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 933), [1AU]

OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER
Appointments
Board of Trustees, [16OC]

ORACLE CORP.
Bills and resolutions
San Francisco, CA: tribute to Oracle Team USA for winning the America's Cup sailing competition (see S. Res. 286), [5NO]

OREGON
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: participate in Hermiston, OR, water recycling and reuse project (see S. 693), [10AP]
Crooked River: adjust boundary to provide water certainty for Prineville, OR (see S. 1771), [21NO]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 1414), [31JY]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 1415), [31JY]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
———restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests (see S. 1301), [16JY]
Grand Ronde Reservation Act: technical corrections (see S. 416), [28FE]
Native Americans: anniversary of restoration of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (see S. Res. 304), [20NO]

———provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 402), [28FE]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
Public lands: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
Wilderness areas: designate Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area and segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers (see S. 352), [14FE]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]
Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 352) (S. Rept. 113–28), [22AP]
Oregon Caves Revitalization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 354) (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]
Oregon Treasures Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 353) (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]

OREGON AND CALIFORNIA LANDS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]

OREGON CAVES REVITALIZATION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 354) (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]

OREGON COASTAL LAND CONVEYANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1414), [31JY]

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: release reversionary interest in certain land conveyed to Oregon for establishment of Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (see S. 1437), [1AU]

OREGON TREASURES ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 353) (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]

ORGAN MOUNTAINS-DESERT PEAKS CONSERVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1805), [12DE]

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
Bills and resolutions
Revitalization and reform: support (see S. 793), [24AP]
Motions
Revitalization and reform: support (S. 793), [24SE]
Reports filed
OAS Revitalization and Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 793) (S. Rept. 113–43), [13JN]

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES REVITALIZATION AND REFORM ACT
Motions
Enact (S. 793), [24SE]

OURAY COUNTY, CO
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, CO, as wilderness (see S. 341), [14FE]
Reports filed
San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 341) (S. Rept. 113–99), [10SE]

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: require oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported onshore by pipeline and provide for sharing of certain Outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone (see S. 199), [31JA]
Dept. of the Interior: include Lease Sale 220 in the Outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012–2017 and revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area (see S. 1024), [22MY]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling (see S. 598), [18MR]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
———require Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote artificial reefs (see S. 1079), [23MY]
Fish and fishing: develop a fishery management plan for Gulf of Mexico red snapper (see S. 1161), [13JN]
———grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 747), [17AP]
Gulf of Mexico: authorize use of certain offshore oil and gas platforms for artificial reefs (see S. 96), [23JA]
———provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: require oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported onshore by pipeline and provide for sharing of certain Outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone (see S. 199), [31JA]
Dept. of the Interior: prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORP.
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1372), [25JY]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 1179), [18JN]
Reports filed
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1372) (S. Rept. 113–81), [25JY]

OWENS, JESSE
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]

PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS
Bills and resolutions
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]

PACIFIC ISLANDS PARKS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 618), [20MR]

PACKAGING *related term(s)* **LABELING**
Bills and resolutions
Crime: enhance penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors (see S. 1686), [12NO]
Dept. of HHS: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 1653), [5NO]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]

PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1670), [7NO]

PAKISTAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Afridi, Shakeel: relief (see S. 158), [28JA]
AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [23JA]
Foreign aid: prohibit assistance until Shakeel Afridi is freed (see S. 164), [28JA]
Reports filed
AID Expansion of Number of Scholarships Available to Pakistani Women Under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 120), [10OC]

PALAU, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Treaties and agreements: approve an agreement between the U.S. and Palau (see S. 1268), [27JN]

PALESTINIANS
Bills and resolutions
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 95), [23JA]

PANDEMIC AND ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
Reports filed
Dept. of HHS Programs To Protect Against Pandemics and Attacks From Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 307), [14FE]

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Small business: suspend fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations (see S. 97), [23JA]

PARK GEUN-HYE (PRESIDENT, REPUBLIC OF KOREA)
Bills and resolutions
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 118), [25AP]

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS
Bills and resolutions
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area: authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access (see S. 486), [7MR]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]

———convey certain Federal land to Elko County, NV, and take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (see S. 1167), [13JN]
———convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in Wyoming (see S. 130), [24JA]
Forest Service: revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]
National forests: establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees for cabins in Alaska (see S. 736), [16AP]
National Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 148), [16MY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [13JN]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1785), [10DE]
Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area: designate (see S. 342), [14FE]
Public lands: suspend collection of entrance fees at national parks and wildlife refuges (see S. 1742), [20NO]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Reports filed
Alaska Subsistence Structure Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 736) (S. Rept. 113–67), [27JN]
Pine Forest Range Recreation Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 342) (S. Rept. 113–59), [27JN]
Powell Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 130) (S. Rept. 113–18), [22AP]
Preserving Public Access to Cape Hatteras Beaches Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 486) (S. Rept. 113–102), [10SE]
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]

PARLAK, IBRAHIM
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 75), [23JA]

PASSPORTS
Bills and resolutions
Courts: clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review (see S. 478), [6MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [4FE]
Hong Kong: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 703), [11AP]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
———reform (see S. 744), [16AP]
Israel: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 266), [7FE]
Cloture motions
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Motions
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [6JN], [13JN], [19JN], [20JN], [21JN], [25JN]
Reports filed
Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744), [3JN]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 744) (S. Rept. 113–40), [7JN]

PATENT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1013), [22MY]

PATENT LITIGATION INTEGRITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1612), [30OC]

PATENT TRANSPARENCY AND IMPROVEMENTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1720), [18NO]

PATENTS *related term(s)* **COPYRIGHTS**
Bills and resolutions
Courts: add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits to deter abusive litigation (see S. 1013), [22MY]
———deter abusive patent litigation by awarding the prevailing party reasonable fees and expenses and allowing the defendant to request the alleging party post a bond to cover certain costs (see S. 1612), [30OC]
———promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
FCC: provide that certain uses of a patent or copyright in compliance with an order for emergency communications services shall be construed as use or manufacture for the U.S. (see S. 1478), [1AU]
FDA: ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
Information technology: combat cyber espionage of intellectual property of U.S. persons (see S. 1111), [6JN]
Motor vehicles: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts (see S. 780), [23AP]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: establish position of Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator (see S. 660), [22MR]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 712), [11AP]
———improve transitional program covered business method patents (see S. 866), [6MY]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]

PATENTS FOR HUMANITY PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 712), [11AP]

PATERSON, NJ
Bills and resolutions
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park: adjust boundaries to include Hinchliffe Stadium (see S. 1189), [19JN]

PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Churches and synagogues: allow coverage of church plans (see S. 1164), [13JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 144), [24JA]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
———prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
Drugs: repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
Employment: modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 701), [10AP] (see S. 1188), [19JN]
Federal employees: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 902), [8MY]
Health: lower health premiums and increase choice for small business (see S. 24), [22JA]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR]
———repeal health-care related provisions (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Independent Payment Advisory Board: repeal provisions (see S. 351), [14FE] (see S. 1316), [17JY]
Insurance: clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 1723), [19NO]
———condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [1AU]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1330), [18JY] (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE] (see S. 1671), [7NO]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 27), [31OC]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC] (see S. 1642), [4NO]
———ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
———extend open enrollment period for health care plans and protect individuals from penalties during the enrollment extension (see S. 1693), [13NO]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
———increase qualified health plan options by offering plans with lower premiums but requiring higher out-of-pocket costs (see S. 1729), [19NO]
———permit individuals to renew certain health insurance offered in the individual or small group markets and provide that such individuals would not be subject to the individual mandate penalty (see S. 1699), [13NO]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period for health exchange plans and disclose premium and cost-sharing information prior to enrollment (see S. 1849), [18DE]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1154), [12JN] (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———provide that the individual mandate shall not be construed as a tax (see S. 560), [14MR]

———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [18AP]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 1629), [31OC]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [28OC]
IRS: prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Labor unions: limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
Medicaid: repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
Native Americans: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 1575), [16OC]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [11JN]
Privacy: ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
Repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR] (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Small business: make enrollment in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program available when fewer than 2 qualified health plans are offered through the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) (see S. 1327), [18JY]
States: allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers (see S. 858), [6MY]
———allow to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
Taxation: disapprove rule relative to taxable medical devices (see S.J. Res. 8), [27FE]
———modify the small employer health insurance credit (see S. 1325), [18JY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Cloture motions
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Reports filed
Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 975), [19DE]

PATIENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 764), [18AP]

PATMINTRA, RYAN
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony, documents, and representation in Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough (see S. Res. 264), [1OC]

PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS (ORGANIZATION)
Bills and resolutions
Wreaths Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 320), [13DE]

PATRIOTISM
Bills and resolutions
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 273), [16OC]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
———require purchase of domestically made U.S. flags for use by the Federal Government (see S. 1214), [24JN]
Peralta, Rafael: award Medal of Honor posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 9), [19MR]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [28FE]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2011: President Obama, [10SE]

PATTERSON, R. WAYNE
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in R. Wayne Patterson v. U.S. Senate, et. al (see S. Res. 185), [24JN]

PAUL, ALICE
Bills and resolutions
Congressional Gold Medal: award posthumously (see S. 457), [5MR]

PAUL, RAND *(a Senator from Kentucky)*
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [20NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Alcoholic beverages: exempt aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs (see S. 1457), [1AU]
Armed Forces: require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [22MR]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: balance through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending (see S. 547), [13MR] (see S. 1436), [1AU]
———constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Citizenship: constitutional amendment to restrict citizenship of individuals born in the U.S. to those with one parent that is a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or active member of the U.S. military (see S.J. Res. 4), [23JA]
———constitutional amendment to restrict citizenship of individuals born in the U.S. to those with one parent that is a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or active member of the U.S. military, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S.J. Res. 4), [25FE]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [31JA]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 359), [14FE]
Corps of Engineers: prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Defense: provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
Dept. of HHS: establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
———prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [13MY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [18DE]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
EPA: prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
———provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
———provide for congressional review of agency guidance documents (see S. 320), [13FE]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
Firearms: prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [27JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]

Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [7FE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2), [23JA]
Money: treat gold and silver coins used as legal tender in the same manner as U.S. currency (see S. 768), [18AP]
National security: prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [7MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [6JN]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
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Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]
Taxation: provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [24JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [6MY]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
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University of Louisville: tribute to men's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
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Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 950), [3JN]
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Abortion: protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
Afridi, Shakeel: relief (see S. 158), [28JA]
Agriculture: permanently suspend application of certain price support authority (see S. 956), [15MY]
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2014–2023 (see S. Con. Res. 14), [22AP]
Bureau of the Census: make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions (see S. 530), [12MR]
Civil liberties: protect individual privacy against unwarranted governmental intrusion through the use of domestic unmanned aerial vehicles commonly called drones (see S. 1016), [22MY]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 25), [11OC]
———end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1663), [7NO]
———preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1665), [7NO]
———require each bill enacted be limited to only one subject (see S. 1664), [7NO]
Corps of Engineers: modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 732), [16AP]
Courts: allow judges greater discretion in sentencing decisions in Federal cases involving mandatory minimum sentences (see S. 619), [20MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]
Dept. of Transportation: establish an Emergency Transportation Safety Fund (see S. 911), [9MY]
Economy: permit voluntary economic activity (see S. 1004), [21MY]
Egypt: prohibit sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 201), [31JA]
———prohibit U.S. assistance as a result of military coup d'état (see S. 1278), [11JY]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 1731), [19NO]
EPA: prohibit awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or financial assistance under the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity to occur outside the U.S. (see S. 558), [13MR]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [21MR]
Federal employees: eliminate use of official time (see S. 785), [23AP]
Firearms: provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect and prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes (see S. 82), [23JA]
Foreign countries: repeal violation of sovereign nations' laws and privacy matters (see S. 887), [7MY]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Government: provide for continuing operations in a fiscally responsible manner (see S. 83), [23JA]
IRS: condemn targeting of Tea Party groups and call for an investigation (see S. Res. 159), [4JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA]
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Pakistan: prohibit assistance until Shakeel Afridi is freed (see S. 164), [28JA]
Privacy: extend protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to electronic communications information and require specific court-issued warrants to obtain such information (see S. 1037), [23MY]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 81), [23JA]
Senate: express that President Obama should issue a statement regarding National Security Agency spying on Pope Francis (see S. Res. 281), [31OC]
———provide sufficient time for legislation to be read (see S. Res. 28), [11FE]
Senior citizens: provide higher-quality, lower-cost health care to seniors (see S. 1469), [1AU]
Taxation: disapprove rule relative to taxable medical devices (see S.J. Res. 8), [27FE]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]

PAY OUR MILITARY ACT

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Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen who are appointed as Navy Reserve midshipmen continue to receive pay during a Government shutdown (see S. 1568), [7OC]

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Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Egypt: prohibit use of funds for U.S. participation in joint military exercises if Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (see S. 984), [16MY]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30JY]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [1AU]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
War of 1812: anniversary of Battle of Lake Erie (see S. Res. 153), [23MY]

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Call for End to Ongoing Conflict and Support International Efforts Toward Long-Term Peace, Stability, and Observance of Human Rights in Democratic Republic of the Congo: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 144), [25JN]
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Support Free and Peaceful Exercise of Representative Democracy in Venezuela and Condemn Violence and Intimidation of Country's Political Opposition: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 213), [30SE]

PEACE CORPS

Bills and resolutions

Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1372), [25JY]
Health: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation: authorize establishment of a commemorative work in the District of Columbia (see S. 230), [7FE]

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Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1372) (S. Rept. 113–81), [25JY]

Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation Establishment of a Commemorative Work in the District of Columbia: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 230) (S. Rept. 113–21), [22AP]

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District of Columbia: authorize establishment of a commemorative work (see S. 230), [7FE]

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Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation Establishment of a Commemorative Work in the District of Columbia: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 230) (S. Rept. 113–21), [22AP]

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Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]

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Highlands Conservation Act: extend authorization (see S. 1140), [11JN]

Public lands: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]

Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 219), [4FE]

Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: designate (see S. 885), [7MY]

War of 1812: anniversary of Battle of Lake Erie (see S. Res. 153), [23MY]

White Clay Creek: designate additional segments and tributaries as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 393), [27FE]

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Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 885), [31JY]

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Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]

Taxation: expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]

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Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1302), [30OC]

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Bills and resolutions

Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]

Reports filed

Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1302), [30OC]

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Armed Forces: exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872, 1880), [19DE]

———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1856; S. Res. 323), [18DE]

———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]

———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]

Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]

———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]

———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]

———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [16AP]

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ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [11FE]

———require a lifetime income disclosure (see S. 1145), [12JN]

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———end the defined benefit portion of the Federal Employee Retirement System for any individual hired after a certain date (see S. 1678), [12NO]

———provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1746), [20NO]

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Social Security: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 90), [23JA]

———establish a procedure to safeguard trust funds (see S. 110), [23JA]

———provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements (see S. 767), [18AP]

———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]

———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [14MR]

Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [5MR]

———clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 952), [14MY]

———expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]

———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1772), [21NO]

———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 606), [19MR]

———protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 838), [25AP]

———provide for reporting and disclosure by State and local public employee retirement pension plans (see S. 779), [23AP]

———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]

———rename the section of the Internal Revenue Code known as the spousal individual retirement account as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA (see S. 1221), [25JN]

———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]

Veterans: exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]

———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [7FE]

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Santa Fe, NM: Uniting American Families Act, [24JY]
Seaside, CA, City Council: immigration reform, [13JN]
Shreveport, LA, Caddo Bossier Port Commission: J. Bennett Johnston/Red River Waterway lock and dam operations, [19DE]
South Bend, IN, City Council: use of Vice-Presidential seal, [3OC]
South Carolina: authority to manage black sea bass stock in State and Federal waters, [29JY]
Sumner, WI, Town Board: constitutional amendment to provide that corporations are not entitled to the rights of natural persons, [3OC]
Sumter, SC: preserve municipal bonds tax-exempt status for State and local governments, [24JY]
Sumter, SC, County Council: preserve municipal bonds tax-exempt status for State and local governments, [24JY]
Sumter, SC, School District: preserve municipal bonds tax-exempt status for State and local governments, [24JY]
Tennessee: adopt balanced Federal budget, [7MY], [31JY]
Toa Alta, PR, Municipal Legislature: plebiscite to determine status of territory, [7MY]
Tupper Lake, NY, Board of Trustees: uphold Second Amendment right to bear arms, [1AU]
Utah: appreciation for Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project completion, [29JY]
———declare Forest Service claims on State waters originating on public lands undermine State sovereignty, [29JY]
———Financial Ready Utah initiative enterprise risk management process, [31JY]
———Israel's right to exist and self-defense, [31JY]
———jurisdictional right to respond to conditions on Federally managed land that adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of the people, [29JY]
———Justice George Sutherland Federal Courthouse, Salt Lake City, UT, [31JY]
———Marketplace Fairness Act, [31JY]
———mill tailings exposure victims' cancer education, screening, and treatment funding, [31JY]
———Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act impact, [31JY]
———Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act repeal of provision providing for health insurance tax, [31JY]
———reduce Federal fuel tax rate to match tax rate increase by States, [26SE]
———rejection of U.N. Agenda 21, a voluntarily implemented action plan on sustainable development, [31JY]
———support free trade with Taiwan, [31JY]
———U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service exemption or exclusion of private properties in San Juan County, UT, from designation as critical habitat in the proposed listing of the Gunnison sagegrouse under the Endangered Species Act, [29JY]
———Utah Navajo oil and gas royalties transfer to Utah Dineh Corp., [29JY]
———Vietnam War anniversary, [31JY]
Vietnam National Assembly: express condolences on the death of Daniel Inouye, [7FE]
Virgin Islands: Virgin Islands Energy Crisis Relief Act, [29JY]
Webster, TX, City Council: uphold Second Amendment right to bear arms, [1AU]
West Virginia: constitutional amendment to provide that corporations are not entitled to the rights of natural persons, [26SE], [3OC]
———protect Social Security benefits by opposing use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments, [3OC]
———update Renewable Fuel Standard, [29JY]
———uphold Second Amendment right to bear arms, [3OC]
York County, ME, Commissioners: recognize importance of F–35 Joint Strike Fighter, [26SE]

PETROLEUM *related term(s)* **POWER RESOURCES**

Bills and resolutions

Alaska: require oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported onshore by pipeline and provide for sharing of certain Outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone (see S. 199), [31JA]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
Arctic regions: expedite development of Arctic deepwater ports (see S. 428), [28FE]
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
Dept. of Energy: establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]
———improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [23MY]
———promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
Dept. of the Interior: include Lease Sale 220 in the Outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012–2017 and revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area (see S. 1024), [22MY]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling (see S. 598), [18MR]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
———require Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote artificial reefs (see S. 1079), [23MY]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure that on-duty time for certain commercial motor vehicle drivers does not include waiting time at natural gas or oil well sites (see S. 1380), [29JY]
Disasters: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
EPA: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MR]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [14FE]
Fuels: grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Gulf of Mexico: authorize use of certain offshore oil and gas platforms for artificial reefs (see S. 96), [23JA]
———provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
Mayflower, AR: exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the pipeline oil spill (see S. 1350), [24JY]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [7MR]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coast-

al Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———establish partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore and the Federal Government (see S. 630), [20MR] (see S. 1273), [10JY]
———expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
Public lands: ban exportation of crude oil produced on Federal land (see S. 435), [4MR]
States: recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 1743), [20NO]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 167), [29JA]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 856), [6MY] (see S. 960), [15MY]
Taxation: disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil (see S. 599), [18MR]
———eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 1833), [17DE]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, prevent U.S. tax avoidance, and eliminate tax loopholes for big oil companies (see S. 250), [7FE]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 1103), [6JN]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [14NO]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Iran: President Obama, [12MR], [3JN]
Reports filed
Syria Transition Support Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 960) (S. Rept. 113–79), [24JY]

PETTUS, GRACE
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDING QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 959), [19JN]

PHARMACEUTICALS *related term(s)* **DRUGS**
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [11JN]
———prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [4FE]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———prevent abuse of dextromethorphan by restricting over-the-counter sales and bulk distribution (see S. 644), [21MR]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 752), [17AP]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
Diseases: de-link research and development incentives from drug prices for new medicines to treat HIV/AIDS and stimulate greater sharing of scientific knowledge (see S. 626), [20MR]
———preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
———reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1879), [19DE]
Drugs: establish a commission to coordinate efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse (see S. 1277), [10JY]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]
———make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [20MR]
———reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 1657), [6NO]
FDA: encourage use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs (see S. Res. 97), [15AP]
———ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
———exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [31JY]
———reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs (see S. 622), [20MR]
———strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Health: reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
Medicare: adjust part B and D premiums for high-income beneficiaries (see S. 1198), [20JN]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1365), [25JY]
———authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77), (see S. 117), [23JA]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 672), [9AP]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 408), [28FE]
———encourage use of dispensing techniques that foster efficiency and reduce wasteful dispensing of outpatient prescription drugs in long-term care facilities (see S. 1493), [10SE]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [13FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
———include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the ''Medicare and You Handbook'' and coordinate programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1184), [19JN]
———permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump (see S. 914), [9MY]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
Research: provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines and enhance access to new medicines (see S. 627), [20MR]
Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [16MY]
Taxation: include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines (see S. 391), [27FE]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 950), [14MY] (see S. 1171), [17JN]
Cloture motions
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Motions
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), [6NO], [7NO], [12NO], [13NO], [14NO]
Reports filed
FDA User Fee Programs Relating to New Animal Drugs and Generic New Animal Drugs Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 622), [20MR]
Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 689), [11AP]
Pharmaceutical Compounding Quality and Accountability Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 959), [19JN]
School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]

PHILADELPHIA, PA
Bills and resolutions
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center: designate (see S. 229), [7FE]
Navy: encourage to commission the U.S.S. *Somerset* (LPD–25) in Philadelphia, PA (see S. Res. 63), [28FE]

PHILIPPINES, REPUBLIC OF THE
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Defense: establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 868), [7MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for benefit purposes (see S. 690), [9AP]
———modify method of determining whether Filipino veterans are U.S. residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation (see S. 1559), [27SE]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Taxation: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan (see S. 1821), [12DE]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
Reports filed
Express Condolences and Support to Victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and Support Relief and Reconstruction Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 292), [14NO]
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]
PIKE, ZEBULON
Bills and resolutions
Pike National Historic Trail: provide for a study (see S. 524), [12MR]
PIKE COUNTY, IL
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia, IL, town site (see S. 1328), [18JY]
PINE FOREST RANGE RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 342), [14FE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 342) (S. Rept. 113–59), [27JN]
PINYON-JUNIPER RELATED PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1640), [4NO]
PIPELINE MODERNIZATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1767), [21NO]
PIPELINE REVOLVING FUND AND JOB CREATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1768), [21NO]
PIPELINES *related term(s)* **NATURAL GAS; PETROLEUM**
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: require oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported onshore by pipeline and provide for sharing of certain Outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone (see S. 199), [31JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Dept. of the Interior: issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipeline transportation utility systems in nonwilderness areas within the Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]
Economy: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Mayflower, AR: exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the pipeline oil spill (see S. 1350), [24JY]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 111), [24AP]
Natural gas: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Power resources: expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
Public works: provide financing assistance for qualified water infrastructure projects (see S. 335), [14FE]
States: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities (see S. 763), [18AP]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [18JY], [23JY], [25JY], [31JY]
Reports filed
Denali National Park Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 157) (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1243) (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
PITKIN COUNTY, CO
Bills and resolutions
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]
PLACITAS, NM
Bills and resolutions
Cibola National Forest: add the Crest of Montezuma and transfer management from BLM to the Forest Service (see S. 1829), [16DE]
PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC.
Bills and resolutions
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
PLASCENCIA LOPEZ, ALFREDO AND FAMILY
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 586), [18MR]
POISON CENTER NETWORK ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [19DE]
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES
Bills and resolutions
Political ethics: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 64), [23JA]
POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [18JN]
———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures by corporations or labor organizations intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [28JA]
———constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
———ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 64), [23JA]
Roads and highways: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Taxation: prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions (see S. 118), [23JA]
Reports filed
Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act: Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. 375), [24JY]
POLITICAL ETHICS
Bills and resolutions
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
Courts: provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch (see S. 575), [14MR]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
———require disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity (see S. 791), [23AP]
Federal employees: provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
IRS: condemn targeting of Tea Party groups and call for an investigation (see S. Res. 159), [4JN]
———prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
———prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [14MY]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 64), [23JA]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Roads and highways: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
Senate: establish Office of the Inspector General (see S. 808), [24AP]
Senate Rules: modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 6), [3JA]
———reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [3JA]
Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act: modify requirements regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms (see S. 716), [11AP]

Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [1AU]
POLITICAL PARTIES
Bills and resolutions
IRS: condemn targeting of Tea Party groups and call for an investigation (see S. Res. 159), [4JN]
———prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [14MY]
Senate Rules: modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 6), [3JA]
———provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate (see S. Res. 5), [3JA]
Taxation: prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions (see S. 118), [23JA]
POLK COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
POLLUTION *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**
Bills and resolutions
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 107), [23JA] (see S. 163), [28JA]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
———prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
Taxation: disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil (see S. 599), [18MR]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Reports filed
Address Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Through Research, Monitoring, and Mitigation To Help Communities Detect, Control, and Mitigate Such Events: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1254) (S. Rept. 113–121), [18NO]
PONCE DE LEON, JUAN
Bills and resolutions
Postal Service: issue postage stamp in commemoration of anniversary of landing on Florida (see S. Res. 23), [31JA]
POPE FRANCIS
Bills and resolutions
Senate: express that President Obama should issue a statement regarding National Security Agency spying on Pope Francis (see S. Res. 281), [31OC]
POPULATION
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of the Census: make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions (see S. 530), [12MR]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [23JA]
Housing Act: revise census data and population requirements for areas to be considered rural areas (see S. 766), [18AP]
PORT GIBSON, MS
Bills and resolutions
Vicksburg National Military Park: authorize acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond, MS, for addition (see S. 305), [13FE]
Reports filed
Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond Battlefields Addition Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 305) (S. Rept. 113–57), [27JN]
PORTMAN, ROB ***(a Senator from Ohio)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [9MY]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [25AP]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. Res. 323), [18DE]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [30JA]
———ensure effective control over the congressional budget process (see S. 280), [12FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [19MR]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [31JY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [18AP]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [28OC]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [28OC]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 1675), [13NO]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [29JA]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [17SE]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [20MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [18NO]
Dept. of Education: make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, income-based repayment caps, and cap on Federal loan consolidation rate (see S. 1241), [8JY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [8OC]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———prevent abuse of dextromethorphan by restricting over-the-counter sales and bulk distribution (see S. 644), [30SE]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [6JN]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [28FE]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [1OC]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [7FE]
Dept. of State: rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a study of the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, OH, and associated locations to assess potential inclusion in the National Park System (see S. 331), [14FE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [16MY]

Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [17SE]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Economy: provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [23JY]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21MY]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [21NO]
———expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1806), [12DE]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [27JN]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [25AP]
Firearms: improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [10AP]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [18SE]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [29OC]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [17SE]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [6NO]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [22MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [6JN]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [9AP]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [10SE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health (see S. 1228), [26JN]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [7MR]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 148), [16MY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [30SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [13MY]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [18SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [31OC]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [11SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [24JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [20DE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [18NO]
Petroleum: grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [24JY]
Ships and vessels: extend exemption from fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line (see S. 1022), [22MY]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [23JY]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [25FE]
Taxation: clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 952), [14MY]
———clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations (see S. 479), [6MR]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [20NO]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
Tubman, Harriet: tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [4JN]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [30JA]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [15JY]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [17DE]
War of 1812: anniversary of Battle of Lake Erie (see S. Res. 153), [25JY]
Water: exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [17JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [22JA]

Dept. of the Interior: install in the area of the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or inscription with the words that Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (see S. 1044), [23MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: authorize States to use assistance provided under the Hardest Hit Fund program to demolish blighted structures (see S. 1122), [10JN]
Employment: streamline Federal job training system, steer training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide State access to National Directory of New Hires (see S. 804), [24AP]
Federal agencies and departments: reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
———require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1173), [18JN]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1685), [12NO]
———lower health premiums and increase choice for small business (see S. 24), [22JA]
———reduce health care and insurance costs through medical malpractice tort reform (see S. 44), [22JA]
IRS: issue regulations to allow enrolled agents to use or display their credentials when advertising their services or representing clients (see S. 1134), [11JN]
Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act: reauthorize (see S. 231), [7FE]
Nicklaus, Jack: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1040), [23MY]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation: authorize establishment of a commemorative work in the District of Columbia (see S. 230), [7FE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]

POSTAGE AND STAMPS
Bills and resolutions
Children and youth: issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1047), [23MY]
Dept. of the Interior: grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
———increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [4JN]
Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act: reauthorize (see S. 231), [7FE]
Ponce de Leon, Juan: issue postage stamp in commemoration of anniversary of landing on Florida (see S. Res. 23), [31JA]
Postal Service: improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 1486), [1AU]
Sullivan, Leon: issue commemorative postage stamp (see S. Con. Res. 23), [1AU]

POSTAL SERVICE
Bills and resolutions
Children and youth: issue a semipostal stamp to support programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care (see S. 1047), [23MY]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [4JN]
Federal employees: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr., Post Office Building, Hazlehurst, MS: designate (see S. 1093), [4JN]
FTC: establish the Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1358), [24JY]
Improve, sustain, and transform (see S. 1486), [1AU]
James R. Burgess Jr., Post Office Building, Champaign, IL: designate (see S. 796), [24AP]
Merit Systems Protection Board: extend right of appeal to certain Postal Service employees (see S. 686), [9AP]
Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act: reauthorize (see S. 231), [7FE]
Ponce de Leon, Juan: issue postage stamp in commemoration of anniversary of landing on Florida (see S. Res. 23), [31JA]
Public buildings: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 26), [21NO]
Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office, Chadron, NE: designate (see S. 1499), [12SE]
Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building, Tyrone, NY: designate (see S. 233), [7FE]
Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office, Rochester, NY: designate (see S. 1512), [17SE]
Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building, Brockport, NY: designate (see S. 668), [8AP]
Sullivan, Leon: issue commemorative postage stamp (see S. Con. Res. 23), [1AU]
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: designate (see S. 885), [7MY]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr., Post Office Building, Hazlehurst, MS: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1093), [31JY]
James R. Burgess Jr., Post Office Building, Champaign, IL: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 796), [31JY]
Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office, Chadron, NE: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1499), [6NO]
Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building, Tyrone, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 233), [31JY]
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Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 885), [31JY]

POTTSTOWN, PA
Bills and resolutions
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]

POVERTY *related term(s)* **HOMELESS; HUNGER**
Bills and resolutions
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [19NO]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [22MY]
Children and youth: express that foreign assistance for child welfare should adhere to the goals of the U.S. Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity (see S. Res. 190), [27JN]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 458), [5MR]
———improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 762), [18AP]
Dept. of Education: amend the Small, Rural School Achievement Program and the Rural and Low-Income School Program (see S. 1222), [25JN]
———award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 918), [9MY]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [7MR]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———improve programs operated by local educational agencies with high numbers of children from low-income families (see S. 1110), [6JN]
———improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster youth (see S. 1754), [21NO]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
———provide education for homeless children and youths (see S. 833), [25AP]
Dept. of HHS: assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care (see S. 466), [5MR]
Dept. of HUD: authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance (see S. 1177), [18JN]
———develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
———establish a pilot program to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans (see S. 1387), [30JY]
———reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [13FE]
———transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities (see S. 437), [4MR]
Dept. of Labor: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]
———provide grants for an Urban Jobs Program (see S. 655), [22MR]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
FCC: prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 874), [7MY]
———provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 1766), [21NO]
———suspend and revise proposed rule that revised Universal Service fund distribution to rural carriers and encourage investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure (see S. 1858), [18DE]
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]
Haiti: measure progress of recovery and development efforts following earthquake (see S. 1104), [6JN]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
———improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]
———national policy to provide health care, control costs, and enhance the quality of the health care system (see S. 1782), [9DE]

———reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR]
———repeal health-care related provisions (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Interagency Council on Healthy Housing: establish (see S. 291), [13FE]
IRS: prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Medicare: require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
National Infant Mortality Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 258), [24SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR] (see S. 1851), [18DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE] (see S. 1316), [17JY]
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Taxation: allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food (see S. 910), [8MY]
———clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [17SE]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 1368), [25JY]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 1133), [11JN]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Veterans: exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]

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Alaska: require oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported onshore by pipeline and provide for sharing of certain Outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone (see S. 199), [31JA]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal reclamation law (see S. 306), [13FE]
Business and industry: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
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Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Conservation of energy: encourage benchmarking and disclosure of energy information for commercial buildings (see S. 1206), [20JN]
———facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants relative to energy efficiency in buildings (see S. 1191), [19JN]
———promote energy efficiency and energy savings in residential buildings (see S. 1200), [20JN]
———promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1261), [27JN]
———promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [18AP]
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Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Credit: require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
———modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorize long-term contracts for procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels (see S. 389), [26FE]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
———establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]
———establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1501), [12SE]
———establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [11AP]
———establish Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [3JN]
———improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
———improve the coordination of refinery outages through required scheduled maintenance and unplanned outages reporting (see S. 1073), [23MY]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
———promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———promote mapping and development of U.S. geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells (see S. 362), [14FE]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 488), [7MR]
———provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
———reauthorize weatherization and State energy programs (see S. 1213), [20JN]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal features of the electric system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District (see S. 25), [22JA]
———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
———ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 473), [6MR]
———facilitate development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project (see S. 26), [22JA]
———include Lease Sale 220 in the Outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012–2017 and revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area (see S. 1024), [22MY]
———issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas in, and acquire land from Doyon Tourism, Inc., for Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
———issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipeline transportation utility systems in nonwilderness areas within the Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
———limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling (see S. 598), [18MR]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
———require Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote artificial reefs (see S. 1079), [23MY]
Dept. of Transportation: foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1264), [27JN]
Ecology and environment: prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of

pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 1245), [27JN]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
———prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [14FE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
———require a report on economic impact of certain energy-related rules and prohibit finalization of such rules that will cause significant adverse effects to the economy (see S. 1363), [25JY]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 1536), [23SE]
———require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
Federal Helium Reserve: complete privatization in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting taxpayer interests (see S. 1513), [17SE]
———improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [23AP]
FERC: remove authority to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation (see S. 564), [14MR]
Geothermal resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
Government regulations: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
GSA: improve energy and water efficiency of Federal buildings (see S. 52), [22JA]
Gulf of Mexico: authorize use of certain offshore oil and gas platforms for artificial reefs (see S. 96), [23JA]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
———promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Idaho: reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (see S. 276), [11FE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (see S. 275), [11FE]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
Mining and mineral resources: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]
———promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [7MR]
———expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
———provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]
National Lineman Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [10AP]
National objectives: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
Native Americans: settle claims of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation concerning contributions to production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam (see S. 1448), [1AU]
NRC: ensure orderly conduct of actions (see S. 1519), [18SE]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
Petroleum: ban exportation of crude oil produced on Federal land (see S. 435), [4MR]
———establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
———grant EPA waivers giving communities flexibility in use of fuel blends and require the EPA and Dept. of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study (see S. 1319), [18JY]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Public buildings: encourage increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities (see S. 1308), [16JY]
———improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 1020), [22MY] (see S. 1199), [20JN]
Public lands: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1595), [29OC]
———establish a Federal renewable electricity standard and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1627), [31OC]
———promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
———promote domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies (see S. 656), [22MR]
States: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore and the Federal Government (see S. 630), [20MR] (see S. 1273), [10JY]
———recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 1743), [20NO]
———recognize primacy relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 167), [29JA]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 490), [7MR]
———eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 1833), [17DE]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, prevent U.S. tax avoidance, and eliminate tax loopholes for big oil companies (see S. 250), [7FE]
———expand technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (see S. 906), [8MY]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [24AP]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [22MY]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———provide a tax incentive for installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property (see S. 775), [22AP]
———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [23MY]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 1103), [6JN]
———provide that solar energy property need not be located on the property to which it is generating electricity to qualify for residential energy efficient property credit (see S. 1225), [26JN]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [14NO]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
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———provide for conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships (see S. 1868), [19DE]
———reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [10AP]
Dept. of Defense: improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [21MY]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Federal agencies and departments: modify appointment of Inspectors General (see S. 1366), [25JY]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
NLRB: delay enforcement of any rulings until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments of certain members (see S. 180), [30JA]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
Senate Rules: improve debate and consideration of legislative matters and nominations (see S. Res. 15), [24JA]
Reports filed
Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia Establishment: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 653), [18DE]

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PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES
Appointments
Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, [18DE]
Bills and resolutions
Adams Memorial Foundation, Inc.: extend legislative authority to establish a commemorative work in honor of John Adams and his legacy (see S. 1866), [19DE]
Budget: ensure effective control over the congressional budget process (see S. 280), [12FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (see S. 16), [27FE] (see S. 799), [24AP]
———require annual budget submission by the President provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit (see S. 581), [14MR]
———require the President to submit a budget to Congress listing current fiscal year spending levels for proposed programs and separate amounts for proposed spending increases (see S. 1314), [17JY] (see S. 1321), [18JY]
Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (Joint): extend (see S. Con. Res. 2), [3JA]
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 25), [11OC]
———counting of electoral votes for President and Vice President (see S. Con. Res. 1), [3JA]
Dept. of the Interior: install in the area of the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or inscription with the words that Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (see S. 1044), [23MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: terminate the U.S. Mint Presidential $1 Coin Program (see S. 94), [23JA]
Economy: provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
Executive Office of the President: require development of a National Manufacturing Strategy (see S. 544), [13MR]
Firearms: provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect and prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes (see S. 82), [23JA]
Foreign aid: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
National security: prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [7MR]
———require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [23MY]
OMB: withhold salary of the Director, Deputy Director, and Deputy Director for Management upon failure to submit the President's budget to Congress (see S. 620), [20MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
Public debt: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (see S.J. Res. 26), [28OC]
———provide a process for ensuring the U.S. does not default on its obligations by making permanent authority for Congress to disapprove a debt ceiling increase instead of approving it (see S. 1598), [29OC]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act: modify requirements regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms (see S. 716), [11AP]
Taxation: prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions (see S. 118), [23JA]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), [27FE]
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Reports filed
Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1271) (S. Rept. 113–131), [20DE]
Transcripts
Inauguration of President Obama and Vice President Biden, [22JA]

PRESSLER, LARRY *(a former Senator from South Dakota)*
Appointments
Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, [21MY]

PREVENTING ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1256), [27JN]

PREVENTING DUPLICATIVE AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS RESOLUTION
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. Res. 110), [24AP]

PRINEVILLE, OR
Bills and resolutions
Crooked River: adjust boundary to provide water certainty for Prineville, OR (see S. 1771), [21NO]

PRINTING
Bills and resolutions
Committee on Printing (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate): authorize preparation of a revised edition of the Senate Rules as a Senate document (see S. Res. 285), [4NO]
Committees of the Senate: authorize printing of rules (see S. Res. 322), [16DE]

PRISONERS OF WAR
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: leave no member unaccounted for in the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan (see S. Res. 109), [24AP]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, NY, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1389), [30JY]
National security: provide for the disposition of certain persons detained in the U.S. pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force (see S. 1147), [12JN]

PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD
Bills and resolutions
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]

PRODUCT SAFETY
Bills and resolutions
Chemicals: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
CPSC: clarify terms of cooperation with foreign government safety agencies to improve safety of imported products (see S. 1887), [20DE]
———require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]
FDA: strengthen and secure the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain to protect consumers from counterfeit pharmaceuticals (see S. 957), [15MY]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Sports: reduce sports-related concussions in youth (see S. 1014), [22MY]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Goal and ideals: support (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]

PROPERLY REDUCING OVEREXEMPTIONS FOR SPORTS (PRO SPORTS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1524), [18SE]

PROTECT AMERICA'S CITIES FROM GOVERNMENT BLACKLIST ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1097), [6JN]

PROTECTING ACCESS TO RURAL THERAPY SERVICES (PARTS) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1143), [12JN]

PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS TO TERRORISTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1201), [20JN]

PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM UNREASONABLE CREDIT RATES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 673), [9AP]

PROTECTING LANDS AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING (PLANT) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1889), [20DE]

PROTECTING OLDER WORKERS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1391), [30JY]

PROTECTING OUR STUDENTS AND TAXPAYERS (POST) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1659), [6NO]
PROTECTING OUR YOUTH FROM DANGEROUS SYNTHETIC DRUGS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1323), [18JY]
PROTECTING RESPONSIBLE GUN SELLERS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 374), [12MR]
PROTECTING SENIORS' ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1316), [17JY]
PROTECTING STATES' RIGHTS TO PROMOTE AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1743), [20NO]
PROTECTING STUDENT ATHLETES FROM CONCUSSIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1546), [24SE]
PROVO RIVER PROJECT TRANSFER ACT
Bills and resolutions
Public works: clarify certain property descriptions (see S. 211), [4FE]
Reports filed
Provo River Project Transfer Act Clarification of Certain Property Descriptions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 211) (S. Rept. 113–52), [27JN]
PRYOR, MARK L. ***(a Senator from Arkansas)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Armed Forces: establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [1AU]
———exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1880), [19DE]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [17AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [22MY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Consumers: require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [5NO]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime (see S. 1078), [16JY]
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [18JN]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
Dept. of HHS: establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [13JN]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [24SE]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [15OC]
Dept. of the Interior: grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [3OC]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [12FE]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
———provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved (see S. 1148), [27JN]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [5NO]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [21MY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [9SE]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [25AP]
Education: increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [12FE]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [23JY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [24JY]
Federal agencies and departments: reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [23MY]
Federal employees: make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 1045), [23MY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [26SE]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [19SE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [18SE]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [17SE]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [7NO]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [13MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [16AP]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [18NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Little Rock, AR: treat Armed Forces members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Mayflower, AR: exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the pipeline oil spill (see S. 1350), [24JY]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [7JN]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [23JY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [7FE]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JY]
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day: designate (see S. Res. 87), [21MR] (see S. Res. 93), [8AP]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [24SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1642), [7NO]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [12DE]

———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [10JN]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [28OC]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 57), [26FE]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [28FE]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [29OC]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: make shareholder registration threshold for savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies (see S. 872), [7MY]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [19NO]
———clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations (see S. 479), [6MR]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [10SE]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1772), [21NO]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [5MR]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat (see S. 1194), [20JN]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
———restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [4JN]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [11FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [24JA]
Volunteer workers: clarify that volunteers at children's consignment events are not employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 1656), [6NO]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [12MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [16MY]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1244), [27JN]
Armed Forces: exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872), [19DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1856), [18DE]
Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act: provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any issued orders (see S. 1438), [1AU]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
Dept. of Energy: replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 1445), [1AU]
Dept. of Justice: establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 1722), [19NO]
Dept. of Transportation: recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 1625), [30OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
EPA: change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (see S. 496), [7MR]
FDA: exempt certain user fees from budget sequestration (see S. 1413), [31JY]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 1544), [24SE]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [9AP]
Medicare: provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
Merit Systems Protection Board: extend right of appeal to certain Postal Service employees (see S. 686), [9AP]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 214), [1AU]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
National Toy Week: designate (see S. Res. 325), [20DE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow coverage of church plans (see S. 1164), [13JN]
Transportation Security Administration: facilitate air passenger screening of severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1403), [31JY]
———provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1367), [25JY]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]

Reports filed

Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1244) (S. Rept. 113–46), [27JN]

PUBLIC BROADCASTING *related term(s)* **NEWS MEDIA**

Bills and resolutions

Disasters: provide eligibility for public broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance (see S. 1819), [12DE]
Television: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1789), [10DE]

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Bills and resolutions

C.W. Bill Young Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Bay Pines, FL: designate (see S. 1576), [28OC]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Conservation of energy: encourage increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities (see S. 1308), [16JY]
———improve energy performance in Federal buildings (see S. 1020), [22MY] (see S. 1199), [20JN]
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA: designate (see S. 229), [7FE]
Courts: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Dept. of Education: establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 439), [4MR]
Dept. of Energy: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
Disabled: recognize need to improve physical access to many U.S. postal facilities and other Federal agencies for all people and in particular disabled citizens (see S. Con. Res. 26), [21NO]
Edward J. Devitt U.S. Courthouse, Fergus Falls, MN: designate (see S. 711), [11AP]
First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr., Post Office Building, Hazlehurst, MS: designate (see S. 1093), [4JN]
Food: allow traditional foods to be served at public facilities (see S. 1374), [25JY]
GSA: improve energy and water efficiency of Federal buildings (see S. 52), [22JA]
Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
James R. Burgess Jr., Post Office Building, Champaign, IL: designate (see S. 796), [24AP]
Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Junction City, KS: designate (see S. 1434), [1AU]
Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, Nashua, NH: designate (see S. 540), [12MR]
Paul Brown U.S. Courthouse, Sherman, TX: designate (see S. 1594), [29OC]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office, Chadron, NE: designate (see S. 1499), [12SE]
Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building, Tyrone, NY: designate (see S. 233), [7FE]
Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office, Rochester, NY: designate (see S. 1512), [17SE]
Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building, Brockport, NY: designate (see S. 668), [8AP]
Surplus Government property: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
Taxation: make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [18SE]
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: designate (see S. 885), [7MY]

Reports filed

Federal Real Property Asset Management Reform Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1398) (S. Rept. 113–122), [19NO]
First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr., Post Office Building, Hazlehurst, MS: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1093), [31JY]

James R. Burgess Jr., Post Office Building, Champaign, IL: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 796), [31JY]
Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office, Chadron, NE: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1499), [6NO]
Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building, Tyrone, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 233), [31JY]
Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office, Rochester, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1512), [6NO]
Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building, Brockport, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 668), [31JY]
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 885), [31JY]

PUBLIC COMPANY ACCOUNTING OVERSIGHT BOARD

Bills and resolutions

Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
Business and industry: prohibit from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or the use of different auditors on a rotating basis (see S. 1526), [19SE]
———promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]

PUBLIC COMPANY ACCOUNTING REFORM AND INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT

Bills and resolutions

Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: prohibit from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or the use of different auditors on a rotating basis (see S. 1526), [19SE]
———promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]

PUBLIC DEBT *related term(s)* **BUDGET—U.S.**

Bills and resolutions

Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 1), [22JA] (see S.J. Res. 6), [29JA] (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE] (see S.J. Res. 20), [11JY]
———exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
———exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
———limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
———reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes (see S. 268), [11FE]
———replace current fiscal year sequestration (see S. 18), [27FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (see S. 16), [27FE] (see S. 799), [24AP]
———require annual budget submission by the President provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit (see S. 581), [14MR]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818), (see S. 853), [25AP]
Economy: provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
———provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
FAA: exempt from reduction under any order issued to carry out a sequestration (see S. 817), [25AP]
Federal agencies and departments: close out expired, empty grant accounts (see S. 1792), [10DE]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [21MR]
Federal employees: eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
Government: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (see S.J. Res. 26), [28OC]
———establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt ceiling (see S. 57), [22JA]
———prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 92), [23JA]
———prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
———provide a process for ensuring the U.S. does not default on its obligations by making permanent authority for Congress to disapprove a debt ceiling increase instead of approving it (see S. 1598), [29OC]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (see S. 1569), [8OC]
Members of Congress: prohibit from receiving pay whenever the U.S. cannot satisfy obligations because public debt ceiling has been reached (see S. 1142), [12JN]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]

Cloture motions

Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Government: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]

Messages

Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2014: President Obama, [10AP]
Economic Report: President Obama, [18MR]

Motions

Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), [26FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), [27FE]
———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling and hold salaries of Members of Congress in escrow upon failure to agree to a budget resolution (H.R. 325), [31JA]
Government: disapprove President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt ceiling (S.J. Res. 26), [29OC]
———temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), [10OC], [11OC], [12OC], [13OC], [14OC], [15OC], [16OC]

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS

Bills and resolutions

Ukraine: support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]

Reports filed

Support Sovereignty and Closer Relations With Europe, Condemn Violence Against Peaceful Protesters, and Urge a Peaceful Solution to Political and Economic Crisis in Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 319), [18DE]

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

Bills and resolutions

Federal agencies and departments: eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management (see S. 1843), [17DE]
———reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE *related term(s)* **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION; HEALTH**

Bills and resolutions

Dept. of HHS: establish Office of the National Nurse (see S. 1475), [1AU]

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT

Bills and resolutions

Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
Animals: improve sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees (see S. 1561), [30SE]
Children and youth: establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
———improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [13FE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals (see S. 739), [16AP]
———establish Office of the National Nurse (see S. 1475), [1AU]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1223), [26JN]
———facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 1060), [23MY]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (see S. 1815), [12DE]

———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [21MR]
———integrate mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and provide grants for geriatric mental health treatment outreach teams (see S. 1119), [7JN]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]
———provide for participation in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program of certain specialists needed to respond to environmental public health emergencies (see S. 426), [28FE]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 1445), [1AU]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [19MR]
———provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvements (see S. 265), [7FE]
———provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care (see S. 726), [15AP]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [15MY]
———provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary education system (see S. 1259), [27JN]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [13MY]
———reauthorize and extend the fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and services program (see S. 237), [7FE]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [18NO]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 1061), [23MY]
Diseases: foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [12MR]
———improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 608), [19MR]
———improve diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (see S. 908), [8MY]
———reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]
———require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1879), [19DE]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Health care professionals: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 1152), [12JN]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
———preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [21MR]
———require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [18AP]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [26FE]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 41), [25FE]
NIH: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 637), [21MR]
Reports filed
Dept. of HHS Graduate Medical Education Programs in Children's Hospitals Support Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1557), [30OC]
Dept. of HHS Programs To Protect Against Pandemics and Attacks From Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 307), [14FE]
HIV Organ Policy Equity Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 330), [21MY]
Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1417), [19DE]
Poison Center Network Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [19DE]
Sanctuary System for Surplus Chimpanzees Improvement: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1561), [30OC]
School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]

PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION BOARD
Appointments
Members, [17SE]

PUBLIC LANDS
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
Anchorage, AK: convey certain property from the U.S. to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (see S. 235), [7FE]
———provide for unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city for purposes of economic development by conveying Federal reversion interest to the city (see S. 182), [30JA]
Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1641), [4NO]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
Arizona: facilitate efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land (see S. 339), [14FE]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area: designate (see S. 483), [6MR]
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park: establish and dedicate to John H. Chafee (see S. 371), [14FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
———provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]
———provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
———withdraw and reserve certain lands for exclusive military use as part of the Limestone Hills Training Area in Montana (see S. 1169), [13JN]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 434), [4MR]
California Coastal National Monument: designate Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (see S. 61), [22JA]
Carson National Forest: adjust boundary (see S. 312), [13FE]
Chaffee County, CO: designate certain Federal land as a national monument and as wilderness (see S. 1794), [10DE]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission: extend (see S. 476), [6MR]
Cibola National Forest: add the Crest of Montezuma and transfer management from BLM to the Forest Service (see S. 1829), [16DE]
Clark County, NV: provide for conveyance of certain Federal land for environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site (see S. 343), [14FE]
Coast Guard: lease tidelands and submerged lands under control of the Coast Guard for periods longer than five years (see S. 1609), [29OC]
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [22MR]
Columbine-Hondo Wilderness: establish (see S. 776), [22AP]
Corps of Engineers: expedite implementation of comprehensive Everglades restoration project plan (see S. 414), [28FE]
———include as a Federal land management agency (see S. 400), [28FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
———land exchange with Sabine River Authority, TX (see S. 1484), [1AU]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia, IL, town site (see S. 1328), [18JY]
———conduct a study of the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, OH, and associated locations to assess potential inclusion in the National Park System (see S. 331), [14FE]
———conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the Ka'u Coast in Hawaii as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1432), [1AU]
———convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, NM (see S. 609), [19MR]
———convey certain Federal land to Elko County, NV, and take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (see S. 1167), [13JN]
———convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 1414), [31JY]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 1415), [31JY]

———convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in Wyoming (see S. 130), [24JA]
———convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 510), [7MR]
———convey to Mississippi parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway (see S. 304), [13FE]
———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
———designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, CO, as wilderness (see S. 341), [14FE]
———ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 473), [6MR]
———establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
———improve support facilities for national historic sites operated by the National Park Service (see S. 1071), [23MY]
———issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas in, and acquire land from Doyon Tourism, Inc., for Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
———issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipeline transportation utility systems in nonwilderness areas within the Denali National Park and Preserve (see S. 157), [28JA]
———modify Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project (see S. 244), [7FE]
———provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]
———provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 165), [28JA]
———release reversionary interest in certain land conveyed to Oregon for establishment of Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (see S. 1437), [1AU]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding Hudson River Valley in New York, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1139), [11JN]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 311), [13FE]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, NY, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1389), [30JY]
———withdraw and reserve certain public land for military uses (see S. 1309), [16JY]
Dept. of the Treasury: reimburse States that use State funds to operate national parks during the Government shutdown (see S. 1572), [15OC]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
———expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 1049), [23MY]
———expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 1479), [1AU]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Douglas County, NV: establish a wilderness area, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 1263), [27JN]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
FERC: remove authority to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation (see S. 564), [14MR]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
First State National Historical Park: establish (see S. 347), [14FE]
Forest Service: convey certain parcels of land to Fruit Heights, UT (see S. 509), [7MR]
———convey Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, CO (see S. 1305), [16JY]
———designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
———revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
———promote rehabilitation and restoration of Federal land impacted by catastrophic events and redirect certain funding to mechanical forest treatment and salvage operations due to such events (see S. 661), [22MR]
———provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP] (see S. 1300), [16JY]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
Gettysburg National Military Park: revise boundaries to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, PA, and limit means of acquiring such property (see S. 782), [23AP]
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve: allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people (see S. 156), [28JA]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 1054), [23MY]
Government regulations: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
Grand Ronde Reservation Act: technical corrections (see S. 416), [28FE]
GSA: convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, NM, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation (see S. 898), [8MY]
———repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Idaho: authorize continued use of certain water diversions on National Forest System lands in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (see S. 1430), [1AU]
Inyo National Forest: facilitate a land exchange involving certain non-Federal lands (see S. 1888), [20DE]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Lincoln County, NV: facilitate planning, permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects (see S. 1640), [4NO]
Lyon County, NV: designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances (see S. 159), [28JA]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site: modify boundaries (see S. 459), [5MR]
Montana: sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System (see S. 37), [22JA]
———withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 472), [6MR]
———require congressional approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 104), [23JA]
Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in Glacier Peak Wilderness (see S. 404), [28FE]
Mount Denali: designate (see S. 155), [28JA]
National forests: establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees for cabins in Alaska (see S. 736), [16AP]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [9MY]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [13JN]
National parks and wildlife refuges: suspend collection of entrance fees (see S. 1742), [20NO]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]
Native Americans: reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians (see S. 1603), [29OC]
Nevada: implement the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River and Lincoln County, NV, and extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land (see S. 757), [17AP]
Northern Mariana Islands: convey certain submerged lands (see S. 256), [7FE]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
———designate Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area and segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers (see S. 352), [14FE]
———provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 402), [28FE]
———restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests (see S. 1301), [16JY]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park: adjust boundaries to include Hinchliffe Stadium (see S. 1189), [19JN]
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]
Petroleum: ban exportation of crude oil produced on Federal land (see S. 435), [4MR]
Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area: designate (see S. 342), [14FE]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coast-

al Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Provo River Project Transfer Act: clarify certain property descriptions (see S. 211), [4FE]
Public buildings: allow traditional foods to be served at public facilities (see S. 1374), [25JY]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Rachel Carson Nature Trail: designate (see S. 704), [11AP]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area: establish in New Mexico (see S. 241), [7FE]
San Juan Islands National Conservation Area: establish (see S. 497), [7MR]
San Juan National Forest: designate certain Hermosa Creek watershed lands as wilderness (see S. 841), [25AP]
Sangre de Cristo National Historic Pak: establish (see S. 503), [7MR]
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: designate certain lands and inland water as wilderness (see S. 23), [22JA]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [18JY] (see S. 1660), [6NO]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [29JA]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1160), [13JN]
T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act: amend (see S. 611), [19MR]
U.S. Sentencing Commission: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 1889), [20DE]
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest: convey a small parcel of land to Brigham Young University (see S. 28), [22JA]
Utah: clarify authority under legislation defining the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation (see S. 27), [22JA]
———convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (see S. 1732), [19NO]
Valles Caldera National Preserve: designate as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 285), [12FE]
Vicksburg National Military Park: authorize acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond, MS, for addition (see S. 305), [13FE]
Western States Trail: study for potential designation as a national historic trail (see S. 60), [22JA]
Yosemite National Park: modify boundaries (see S. 781), [23AP]
Reports filed
Alaska Subsistence Structure Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 736) (S. Rept. 113–67), [27JN]
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park Establishment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 371) (S. Rept. 113–62), [27JN]
Carson National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 312) (S. Rept. 113–58), [27JN]
Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond Battlefields Addition Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 305) (S. Rept. 113–57), [27JN]
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 476) (S. Rept. 113–64), [27JN]
Denali National Park Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 157) (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]
Dept. of the Interior Pilot Project Offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project Modification: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 244) (S. Rept. 113–22), [22AP]
Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 352) (S. Rept. 113–28), [22AP]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 368) (S. Rept. 113–61), [27JN]
First State National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 347) (S. Rept. 113–27), [22AP]
Geothermal Production Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 363) (S. Rept. 113–72), [15JY]
Hill Creek Cultural Preservation and Energy Development Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 27) (S. Rept. 113–49), [27JN]
Huna Tlingit Traditional Gull Egg Use Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 156) (S. Rept. 113–51), [27JN]
Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 311) (S. Rept. 113–26), [22AP]
Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 159) (S. Rept. 113–94), [10SE]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 459) (S. Rept. 113–32), [22AP]
Mount Denali Designation: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 155) (S. Rept. 113–93), [10SE]
Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 757) (S. Rept. 113–68), [27JN]
Natchez Trace Parkway Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 113–25), [22AP]
North Fork Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 255) (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]
Northern Mariana Islands Submerged Lands Conveyance: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 256) (S. Rept. 113–55), [27JN]
Oregon Caves Revitalization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 354) (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]
Oregon Treasures Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 353) (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]
Pine Forest Range Recreation Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 342) (S. Rept. 113–59), [27JN]
Powell Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 130) (S. Rept. 113–18), [22AP]
Provo River Project Transfer Act Clarification of Certain Property Descriptions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 211) (S. Rept. 113–52), [27JN]
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]
Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area Establishment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 241) (S. Rept. 113–54), [27JN]
San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 609) (S. Rept. 113–66), [27JN]
San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 341) (S. Rept. 113–99), [10SE]
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 23) (S. Rept. 113–14), [22AP]
Valles Caldera National Preserve Management Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 285) (S. Rept. 113–96), [10SE]
Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 28) (S. Rept. 113–92), [10SE]

PUBLIC LANDS CORPS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Public lands: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Reports filed
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]

PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S.) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]

PUBLIC ONLINE INFORMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 549), [13MR]

PUBLIC OPINION POLLS
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of the Census: make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions (see S. 530), [12MR]

PUBLIC POWER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1802), [11DE]

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]

PUBLIC UTILITIES
Bills and resolutions
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies (see S. 1613), [30OC]
Dept. of Energy: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal features of the electric system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District (see S. 25), [22JA]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 1245), [27JN]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 1508), [17SE]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
———promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
National Lineman Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [10AP]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 149), [20MY]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 111), [24AP]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]

———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
Public works: provide financing assistance for qualified water infrastructure projects (see S. 335), [14FE]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1595), [29OC]
———establish a Federal renewable electricity standard and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1627), [31OC]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
Reports filed
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1245) (S. Rept. 113–47), [27JN]
Hydropower Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545) (S. Rept. 113–36), [3JN]
Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267) (S. Rept. 113–38), [3JN]
South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 25) (S. Rept. 113–15), [22AP]

PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY POLICIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1627), [31OC]

PUBLIC WELFARE PROGRAMS *related term(s)* **FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS; SOCIAL SECURITY**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [31OC]
———improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 458), [5MR]
———improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 762), [18AP]
———increase purchase of Kosher and Halal food and modify labeling of the commodities list under the Emergency Food Assistance Program to assist food banks in obtaining such foods (see S. 811), [25AP]
Dept. of HHS: assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care (see S. 466), [5MR]
———better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of victims under adoption assistance and foster care programs (see S. 1823), [13DE]
———reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
Dept. of HUD: develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [12FE]
Economy: provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [17AP]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
———repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
———require a certain medical loss ratio percentage for Medicaid managed care plans (see S. 1787), [10DE]
———require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 1655), [6NO]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
———delay implementation schedule of the reductions of disproportionate share hospital payments (see S. 1555), [26SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN] (see S. 1870, 1878), [19DE]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [13FE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
Taxation: clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [17SE]
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program: disapprove rule relative to waivers of work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
———require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance (see S. 873), [7MY]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747), [20NO] (see S. 1797), [10DE] (see S. 1845), [17DE]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
Cloture motions
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Reports filed
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Expansion of Definition of Homeless Veteran for Purposes of Benefits: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 287) (S. Rept. 113–110), [23SE]
Supporting At-Risk Children Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]

PUBLIC WORKS
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Bills and resolutions
American Infrastructure Investment Fund: establish (see S. 387), [26FE]
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Bureau of Reclamation: require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 1800), [11DE]
Corps of Engineers: establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects (see S. 566), [14MR]
———establish program to evaluate cost-effectiveness and efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for civil works flood control and navigation construction projects (see S. 66), [23JA]
———modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 732), [16AP]
———modify the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf of Mexico to Baton Rouge, LA, navigation project (see S. 574), [14MR]
———provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [14MR]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1219), [25JN]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 1245), [27JN]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 149), [20MY]
Provo River Project Transfer Act: clarify certain property descriptions (see S. 211), [4FE]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
South Dakota: facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System (see S. 684), [9AP]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [14NO]
Water: provide financing assistance for qualified water infrastructure projects (see S. 335), [14FE]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]
Cloture motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]
Motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [25AP]
Reports filed
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1245) (S. Rept. 113–47), [27JN]
Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System Completion Facilitation: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 684) (S. Rept. 113–74), [15JY]
Provo River Project Transfer Act Clarification of Certain Property Descriptions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 211) (S. Rept. 113–52), [27JN]
Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]

PUBLIC-PRIVATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PARITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1678), [12NO]

PUERTO RICO, COMMONWEALTH OF
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico under part B (see S. 324), [14FE]
PUPPY UNIFORM PROTECTION AND SAFETY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 395), [27FE]
PUTTING OUR VETERANS BACK TO WORK ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 6), [22JA]
QUALITY DATA, QUALITY HEALTHCARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1758), [21NO]
RACIAL RELATIONS
Bills and resolutions
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 5), [5MR]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]
RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
RADIO *related term(s)* **NEWS MEDIA; PUBLIC BROADCASTING; TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: expand and enhance authorities on protected communications (see S. 1081), [23MY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [6MR]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
Telecommunications: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 1776), [21NO]
Reports filed
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Health: make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 1237), [27JN]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Disposition of Russian Highly Enriched Uranium: President Obama, [20JN]
Reports filed
Dept. of HHS Programs To Protect Against Pandemics and Attacks From Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 307), [14FE]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 507) (S. Rept. 113–65), [27JN]
RAILROADS *related term(s)* **CARGO TRANSPORTATION**
Bills and resolutions
Amtrak: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1710), [14NO]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 638), [21MR]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of adding President Station in Baltimore, MD, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 770), [18AP]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [1AU]
———reauthorize Projects of National and Regional Significance program to fund high-cost surface transportation projects (see S. 823), [25AP]
———reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 1553), [26SE]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]
Gettysburg National Military Park: revise boundaries to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, PA, and limit means of acquiring such property (see S. 782), [23AP]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Randolph, A. Philip: tribute (see S. Res. 218), [9SE]
Taxation: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [28FE]
Transportation: provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
World War II: ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [18JY], [23JY], [25JY], [31JY]
Reports filed
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1243) (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
RAINSY, SAM
Bills and resolutions
Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
RAMON, ILAN
Bills and resolutions
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
RANDOLPH, A. PHILIP
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 218), [9SE]
RARE DISEASE DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 57), [26FE]
RAYMOND, MS
Bills and resolutions
Vicksburg National Military Park: authorize acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond, MS, for addition (see S. 305), [13FE]
Reports filed
Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond Battlefields Addition Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 305) (S. Rept. 113–57), [27JN]
READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 61), [27FE]
READY TO LEARN ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 322), [13FE]
REAGAN, RONALD ***(40th President of the United States)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Strategic Defense Initiative: anniversary (see S. Res. 82), [20MR]
REAL ESTATE
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses relative to mortgages (see S. 1593), [28OC]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Conservation of energy: facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants relative to energy efficiency in buildings (see S. 1191), [19JN]
———promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [18AP]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Credit: improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 949), [14MY] (see S. 1577), [28OC]
———increase access to refinancing for homeowners (see S. 1373), [25JY]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [16DE]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
———require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [6JN]
———require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
———require portion of closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage loans (see S. 1375), [25JY]
———revoke Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charters, temporarily create a Mortgage Finance Agency to secure mortgages until the transition to privatization, and protect against another housing collapse (see S. 1048), [23MY]

Dept. of HUD: assist in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program (see S. 469), [6MR]
———establish a pilot program to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans (see S. 1387), [30JY]
Dept. of the Treasury: authorize States to use assistance provided under the Hardest Hit Fund program to demolish blighted structures (see S. 1122), [10JN]
———provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire real property that complies with certain approved habitat conservation plans (see S. 1175), [18JN]
Disasters: establish National Catastrophic Risk Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program (see S. 1461), [1AU]
———provide assistance for condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster (see S. 1480), [1AU]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
FHA: improve, and ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (see S. 1376), [25JY]
Forest Service: revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]
Government regulations: require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property and establish a right of action to enforce compliance with such protections (see S. 1761), [21NO]
Native Americans: allow Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe to lease or transfer certain land (see S. 920), [9MY]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
SBA: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [12FE]
Taxation: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand rehabilitation credit (see S. 1141), [11JN]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 1834), [17DE]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 688), [9AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
———provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 1421), [1AU]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1260), [27JN]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
———repeal estate and gift taxes (see S. 1402), [31JY]
Motions
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (S. 1392), [1AU]
Reports filed
Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 289) (S. Rept. 113–89), [10SE]
Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 761), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 761) (S. Rept. 113–37), [3JN]
Federal Real Property Asset Management Reform Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1398) (S. Rept. 113–122), [19NO]
FHA Solvency Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate) (S. 1376) (S. Rept. 113–129), [19DE]
REBUILD AMERICA ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 4), [22JA]
REBUILDING AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1373), [25JY]
RECLAMATION STATES EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 659), [22MR]
Reports filed
Reauthorize: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 659) (S. Rept. 113–73), [15JY]
RECLAMATION WASTEWATER AND GROUNDWATER STUDY AND FACILITIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: participate in Hermiston, OR, water recycling and reuse project (see S. 693), [10AP]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]
RECYCLED MATERIALS *related term(s)* **REFUSE DISPOSAL**
Bills and resolutions
Crime: prohibit and deter theft of metal (see S. 394), [27FE]
Ecology and environment: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Reports filed
Metal Theft Prevention Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 394), [17JN]
RECYCLING *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: participate in Hermiston, OR, water recycling and reuse project (see S. 693), [10AP]
Crime: prohibit and deter theft of metal (see S. 394), [27FE]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Reports filed
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]
Metal Theft Prevention Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 394), [17JN]
RED RIBBON WEEK
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 279), [31OC]
RED RIVER, NM
Bills and resolutions
Columbine-Hondo Wilderness: establish (see S. 776), [22AP]
REDUCING FLIGHT DELAYS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 853), [25AP]
REDUCING OVERLAPPING PAYMENTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1099), [6JN]
REED, JACK ***(a Senator from Rhode Island)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [9JY]
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [16AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [23JY]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [12DE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [30JY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [28FE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]
Credit: empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [27JN]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
———require lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale (see S. 361), [14FE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [12OC]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [4NO]

———include farmed shellfish as specialty crops (see S. 754), [21MY]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [7MY]
Dept. of Education: collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [11AP]
———establish a comprehensive literacy program (see S. 758), [18AP]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
———review and improve regulation of proprietary or for-profit institutions of higher education (see S. 1659), [11DE]
Dept. of Energy: reauthorize weatherization and State energy programs (see S. 1213), [20JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [9JY]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [21MR]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [19SE]
Depts. of Labor and Commerce: establish Made In America Incentive Grant Program (see S. 63), [29JA]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [19NO]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [17DE]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [19JN]
Fahey, John: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 28), [11DE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [21MY]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [12DE] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prohibit purchase and possession by nonimmigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [9JY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [12DE]
Housing: permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property and establish a right of action to enforce compliance with such protections (see S. 1761), [12DE]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [27FE]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [9JY]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [24AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Lavizzo-Mourey, Risa: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 29), [11DE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [9JY]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 408), [28FE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [17SE]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [9JY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [26FE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [9AP]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [10SE]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [27JN]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [1AU]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [7MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Social Security: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [8AP]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [16MY]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [16AP]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [11JY]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [11DE]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [22MR]
———provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 194), [8JY]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Veterans: reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [29JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [23JA]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [21NO]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [10JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses relative to mortgages (see S. 1593), [28OC]
Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers: designate segments for study for potential addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 349), [14FE]
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park: establish and dedicate to John H. Chafee (see S. 371), [14FE]

Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———establish Federal-State partnership to increase higher education funding and need-based student financial aid (see S. 1874), [19DE]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [11AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 1062), [23MY]
———improve teacher and principal quality (see S. 1063), [23MY]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, increasing cap on subsidized loans, and refinancing current fixed-rate loans (see S. 909), [8MY]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1873), [19DE]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
Dept. of HHS: improve and enhance research and programs on childhood cancer survivorship (see S. 1247), [27JN]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvements (see S. 265), [7FE]
Dept. of HUD: develop local strategies to coordinate use of assistance for low-income housing residents with public and private resources to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency (see S. 454), [5MR]
———establish a pilot program to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans (see S. 1387), [30JY]
———reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [13FE]
Education: increase access to adult education to provide for economic growth (see S. 1400), [30JY]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [11JY]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Health care professionals: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 1152), [12JN]
Interagency Council on Healthy Housing: establish (see S. 291), [13FE]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 527), [12MR]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 61), [27FE]
Rhode Island: add to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see S. 713), [11AP]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 286), [12FE]
Taxation: deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 1654), [5NO]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1476), [1AU]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747), [20NO] (see S. 1797), [10DE] (see S. 1845), [17DE]
Workforce Investment Act: integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards (see S. 882), [7MY]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [14NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
REFUGEE PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 645), [21MR]
REFUGEES *related term(s)* **IMMIGRATION**
Bills and resolutions
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Dept. of HHS: reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 883), [7MY] (see S. 1850), [18DE]
Immigration: reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
Indonesia: allow Indonesian citizens fleeing religious persecution to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims (see S. 295), [13FE]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 527), [12MR]
Tesfamical, Alemseghed M.: relief (see S. 36), [22JA]
Vietnam: promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [5NO]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
REFUSE DISPOSAL *related term(s)* **RECYCLED MATERIALS; SEWAGE DISPOSAL**
Bills and resolutions
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
NOAA: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]
REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Federal agencies and departments: reform regulatory process to ensure freedom of small businesses to compete and create jobs (see S. 1730), [19NO]
REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1390), [30JY]
REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 1390), [30JY]
REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR ECONOMY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 191), [31JA]
REHABILITATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
REID, HARRY ***(a Senator from Nevada)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [31JA], [3JA]
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 122), [25AP]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [14MR]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [18JN]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [11MR]
Dept. of Education: establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]

Dept. of State: enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to Elko County, NV, and take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (see S. 1167), [13JN]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 125), [25AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
———statehood (see S. 132), [18JN]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [14NO]
Douglas County, NV: establish a wilderness area, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 1263), [27JN]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 1508), [17SE]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 1097), [7JN]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 5), [5MR]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [12JN]
Lyon County, NV: designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances (see S. 159), [28JA]
Medicare: distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [14MR]
Minimum wage: increase, and extend increased expensing limitations for depreciable business assets and treatment of certain property as section 179 property (see S. 1737), [19NO]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [8JY]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [13NO]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [12JN] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
Taxation: apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [28JA]
World War II: ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
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Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
———suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending (see S. 788), [23AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: designate the Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room (see S. Res. 76), [13MR]
Clark County, NV: provide for conveyance of certain Federal land for environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site (see S. 343), [14FE]
Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate): designate Chairman (see S. Res. 20), [29JA]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (House): authorize release of records on review of disability claims adjudications made in the SSA Huntington, WV, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (see S. Res. 315), [10DE]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on JP Morgan Chase & Co., ''whale trades'' and risks and abuses of derivatives (see S. Res. 300), [19NO]
———authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on expenditure of funds in U.S. efforts in Afghanistan (see S. Res. 158), [23MY]
———authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on offshore profit shifting and the U.S. Tax Code (see S. Res. 62), [27FE]
Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (Joint): extend (see S. Con. Res. 2), [3JA]
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———counting of electoral votes for President and Vice President (see S. Con. Res. 1), [3JA]
———notify the President that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [3JA]
Crime: reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: land exchange with Sabine River Authority, TX (see S. 1484), [1AU]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 1054), [23MY]
House of Representatives: notify that a quorum of the Senate is present (see S. Res. 2), [3JA]
Immigration: reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: authorize the Architect of the Capitol to transfer the catafalque from the Capitol Visitor Center to the Senate Chamber for use during memorial services (see S. Con. Res. 18), [4JN]
———hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Native Americans: ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (see S. 1818), [12DE]
Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area: designate (see S. 342), [14FE]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (see S. 1569), [8OC]
Roads and highways: amend length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways (see S. 880), [7MY]
Senate: fixing the hour of daily meeting (see S. Res. 3), [3JA]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in R. Wayne Patterson v. U.S. Senate, et. al (see S. Res. 185), [24JN]
———authorize legal representation in Steve Schonberg v. Mitch McConnell, et al. (see S. Res. 103), [18AP]
———authorize legal representation in U.S. v. Renzi, et al. (see S. Res. 114), [24AP]
———authorize legal representation in Wade v. Miller, et al. (see S. Res. 220), [9SE]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough (see S. Res. 264), [1OC]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]
———authorize testimony and representation in the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower (see S. Res. 195), [15JY]
———authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al. (see S. Res. 124), [25AP]
Senate Rules: improve debate and consideration of legislative matters (see S. Res. 16), [24JA]
———improve debate and consideration of legislative matters and nominations (see S. Res. 15), [24JA]
Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act: modify requirements regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms (see S. 716), [11AP]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [7FE]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
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Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE], [27SE], [15DE], [17DE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]

———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
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Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]

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Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), [26FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [18AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [31OC], [6NO]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (S. 1392), [1AU]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [14NO], [18NO], [19NO]
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), [10JY], [15JY], [17JY]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (S. 1356), [21NO], [9DE], [10DE], [11DE], [16DE], [17DE], [18DE], [19DE]
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FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), [6NO], [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [6JN], [13JN], [19JN], [20JN], [21JN]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE]
OAS: support revitalization and reform (S. 793), [24SE]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), [10OC], [11OC], [12OC], [13OC], [14OC], [15OC], [16OC]
Senate: request attendance of absent Senators, [15JY], [8OC], [9OC]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (S. 47), [31JA]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [25AP]

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Bills and resolutions

Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building, Brockport, NY: designate (see S. 668), [8AP]

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Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building, Brockport, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 668), [31JY]

RELIGION *related term(s)* **CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES**

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American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [19NO]
Arab countries: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms and urge repeal of blasphemy laws (see S. Res. 69), [7MR]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: increase purchase of Kosher and Halal food and modify labeling of the commodities list under the Emergency Food Assistance Program to assist food banks in obtaining such foods (see S. 811), [25AP]
Dept. of HHS: provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MR]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [11JY]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Hinduism: recognize the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 277), [30OC]
Indonesia: allow Indonesian citizens fleeing religious persecution to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims (see S. 295), [13FE]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12MR]
———condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [24SE]
Monuments and memorials: ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the U.S. Armed Forces may contain religious symbols (see S. 705), [11AP]
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow coverage of church plans (see S. 1164), [13JN]
Schools: express support for prayer at school board meetings (see S. Res. 11), [23JA]
Taxation: clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 952), [14MY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
Wilmington, DE: tribute to August Quarterly Festival (see S. Res. 199), [25JY]

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Condemn Persecution of Baha'is and Continued Violation of International Covenants on Human Rights, Impose Sanctions, and Call for Release of Religious Prisoners in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 75), [18DE]
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RENEWABLE ENERGY *related term(s)* **POWER RESOURCES**

Bills and resolutions

Clean Energy Consortia: establish (see S. 1698), [13NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
———modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [5MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorize long-term contracts for procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels (see S. 389), [26FE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]
———establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1501), [12SE]
———establish Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [3JN]
———promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and ther-

mal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of the Interior: ensure timely review of BLM notices before appearance in the Federal Register in order to streamline energy development permitting process (see S. 473), [6MR]
Dept. of Transportation: foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1264), [27JN]
EPA: amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
———require that a reduction to the volume of cellulosic biofuel required under the renewable fuel standard also results in a pro rata reduction of the volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels (see S. 977), [16MY]
Federal agencies and departments: repeal prohibition on the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels (see S. 1100), [6JN]
Government regulations: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1595), [29OC]
———establish a Federal renewable electricity standard and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1627), [31OC]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
———promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Idaho: reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (see S. 276), [11FE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (see S. 275), [11FE]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
———establish partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore and the Federal Government (see S. 630), [20MR] (see S. 1273), [10JY]
———expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———promote domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies (see S. 656), [22MR]
———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
Public lands: promote development of renewable energy (see S. 279), [11FE]
Taxation: expand technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (see S. 906), [8MY]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [24AP]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [22MY]
———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [23MY]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———provide that solar energy property need not be located on the property to which it is generating electricity to qualify for residential energy efficient property credit (see S. 1225), [26JN]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
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Geothermal Production Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 363) (S. Rept. 113–72), [15JY]
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Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267), [13MY]
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Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]
———support maple syrup production research and education, sustainability of maple syrup resources, promotion of maple products, and access to lands for maple sugaring activities (see S. 879), [7MY]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [10DE]
Animals: improve sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees (see S. 1561), [30SE]
Arctic Ocean: provide for research, monitoring, and observation (see S. 272), [11FE] (see S. 1344), [23JY]
Arctic regions: study mental, behavioral, and physical health problems, institute Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Arctic health assessment program, and create NIH ''Arctic Desk'' (see S. 271), [11FE]
CBO: provide a macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation (see S. 184), [30JA]
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [13FE]
Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Dept. of Agriculture: promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [28FE]
Dept. of Defense: award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 521), [11MR]
Dept. of Education: invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
———promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 488), [7MR]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]
———establish an interagency coordinating committee on pulmonary hypertension (see S. 1453), [1AU]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
———expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1223), [26JN]
———improve and enhance research and programs on childhood cancer survivorship (see S. 1247), [27JN]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [27JN]
———provide grants to health agencies and community and faith-based organizations for HIV/AIDS education, outreach, research and testing activities in minority communities (see S. 1408), [31JY]
———provide research, training, and navigator services to youth and young adults on the verge of aging out of the secondary education system (see S. 1259), [27JN]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [1AU]
Dept. of Justice: provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
Dept. of the Interior: release reversionary interest in certain land conveyed to Oregon for establishment of Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (see S. 1437), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow public access to departmental research (see S. 877), [7MY]
———award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11MR]
———establish a continuing medical education program for medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of conditions common to veterans and their families (see S. 1863), [19DE]

———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 1602), [29OC]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
Diseases: de-link research and development incentives from drug prices for new medicines to treat HIV/AIDS and stimulate greater sharing of scientific knowledge (see S. 626), [20MR]
———expand research and awareness activities relative to scleroderma (see S. 1239), [27JN]
———improve diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (see S. 908), [8MY]
———issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [4JN]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [8MY]
———reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]
———reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
EPA: provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 1853), [18DE]
Fab Foundation: provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a network of digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools (see S. 1705), [14NO]
FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 350), [14FE]
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
Health: make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
———promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [20MR]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 89), [21MR]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 85), [20MR]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Holoprosencephaly Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 152), [22MY]
National MPS Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 162), [4JN]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 310), [21NO]
National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 172), [17JN] (see S. Res. 201), [25JY]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]
National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 211), [31JY]
National Technological Innovation Day: designate (see S. Res. 275), [28OC]
Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 969), [16MY]
NIH: expand, intensify, and coordinate programs and activities relative to Tourette syndrome (see S. 637), [21MR]
———improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 1027), [22MY]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 118), [25AP]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 712), [11AP]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) to raise money for the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Four Diamonds Fund (see S. Res. 68), [6MR]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Pharmaceuticals: provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines and enhance access to new medicines (see S. 627), [20MR]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 57), [26FE]
Science: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 1552), [26SE]
———support innovation (see S. 1777), [21NO]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 997), [21MY]
Taxation: extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 1658), [6NO]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 136), [24JA]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]
U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: reevaluate recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer in consultation with appropriate specialists (see S. Res. 251), [23SE]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 970), [16MY]
World AIDS Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 314), [10DE]
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Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [9MY]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [28JA]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [10AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: balance through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending (see S. 1436), [1AU]
———constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal reclamation law (see S. 306), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1261), [27JN]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [27FE]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [24JA] (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [26JN]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
———limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———provide for Indian trust asset management reform (see S. 165), [28JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund (see S. 1420), [1AU]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818), (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [4NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 847), [25AP]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [28FE]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [10JY]
———eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [31JY]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [8JY]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
———reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]
———limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
———provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [20MY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [19NO]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [27JN]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [31OC]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [27JN]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Forest Service: revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [29JY]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [26JN]
———provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 1300), [16JY]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [7FE]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [13DE]

Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [20DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [16OC]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [18MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
———prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [14MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [26JN]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [24AP]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [12MR]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [8JY]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 104), [13JN]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [24SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [7FE]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [27JN]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [20MR]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [20MR]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [19DE]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [14FE]
———clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
Public lands: improve management of grazing leases and permits (see S. 258), [7FE]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 1854), [18DE]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [7MR]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [1AU]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [27FE]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [4NO]
———recognize authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 1743), [20NO]
Taxation: clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations (see S. 479), [30SE]
———constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [7NO]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [10JY]
———expand technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (see S. 906), [8MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [19MR]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses (see S. 1342), [30JY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [13MY]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [6MY]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 1056), [1AU]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
U.N.: promote transparency, accountability, and reform (see S. 1313), [18JY]
———provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Ukraine: support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [18DE]
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [27JN]
———repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [4MR]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Dept. of State: require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Idaho: authorize continued use of certain water diversions on National Forest System lands in the Frank

Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (see S. 1430), [1AU]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (see S. 276), [11FE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (see S. 275), [11FE]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [31OC]
SBA: increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 550), [13MR]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]

RIVERS
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Bills and resolutions
Alpine Lakes Wilderness: expand to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic (see S. 112), [23JA]
Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers: designate segments for study for potential addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 349), [14FE]
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park: establish and dedicate to John H. Chafee (see S. 371), [14FE]
Corps of Engineers: establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects (see S. 566), [14MR]
———manage threat of Asian carp traveling up the Mississippi River in Minnesota (see S. 365), [14FE]
———modify the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf of Mexico to Baton Rouge, LA, navigation project (see S. 574), [14MR]
———prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
———provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
———provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [14MR]
Crooked River: adjust boundary to provide water certainty for Prineville, OR (see S. 1771), [21NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: land exchange with Sabine River Authority, TX (see S. 1484), [1AU]
Dept. of State: require report on water sharing with Mexico (see S. 1125), [10JN]
Dept. of the Interior: settle water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community (see S. 1394), [30JY]
———study suitability and feasibility of adding Hudson River Valley in New York, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1139), [11JN]
———study suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 311), [13FE]
Disasters: provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters (see S. 243), [7FE]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1253), [27JN]
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1138), [11JN]
Idaho: authorize continued use of certain water diversions on National Forest System lands in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (see S. 1430), [1AU]
Illabot Creek: designate segment as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 383), [26FE]
Missisquoi and Trout Rivers: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1252), [27JN]
Montana: withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]
Nevada: implement the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River and Lincoln County, NV, and extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land (see S. 757), [17AP]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements (see S. 1447), [1AU]
Oklahoma: clarify role of Cherokee Nation in maintaining the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam (see S. 513), [11MR]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
———designate Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area and segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers (see S. 352), [14FE]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]
Provo River Project Transfer Act: clarify certain property descriptions (see S. 211), [4FE]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
Sacramento, CA: authorize improvements to flood damage reduction facilities adjacent to the American and Sacramento Rivers (see S. 197), [31JA]
Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 219), [4FE]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]
White Clay Creek: designate additional segments and tributaries as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 393), [27FE]
York River: designate segments and associated tributaries for study and inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1520), [18SE]
Cloture motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]
Motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [25AP]
Reports filed
Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 112) (S. Rept. 113–17), [22AP]
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park Establishment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 371) (S. Rept. 113–62), [27JN]
Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 352) (S. Rept. 113–28), [22AP]
Illabot Creek Segment Designation as a Component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 383) (S. Rept. 113–30), [22AP]
Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 311) (S. Rept. 113–26), [22AP]
Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 757) (S. Rept. 113–68), [27JN]
North Fork Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 255) (S. Rept. 113–95), [10SE]
Oregon Caves Revitalization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 354) (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]
Oregon Treasures Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 353) (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]
Provo River Project Transfer Act Clarification of Certain Property Descriptions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 211) (S. Rept. 113–52), [27JN]
Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]
White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic River Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 393) (S. Rept. 113–31), [22AP]
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 349) (S. Rept. 113–60), [27JN]

RIVERSIDE, CA
Bills and resolutions
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial: designate (see S. 59), [22JA]
Reports filed
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 59) (S. Rept. 113–50), [27JN]

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: establish Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridor (see S. 181), [30JA]
———exempt national forest lands from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (see S. 384), [26FE]
Bridges: increase percentage of funds set aside for off-system bridges (see S. 1504), [12SE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to Mississippi parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway (see S. 304), [13FE]
Dept. of Transportation: delay implementation of regulation changing the hours-of-service rule for commercial truck drivers pending a GAO assessment of such regulation (see S. 1891), [20DE]
———establish an Emergency Transportation Safety Fund (see S. 911), [9MY]
———establish National Yellow Dot Program to alert emergency personnel to medical conditions, prescriptions, and information to treat individuals in motor vehicle emergency situations (see S. 1831), [16DE]
———foster market development of clean energy fueling facilities by steering infrastructure installation toward designated Clean Vehicle Corridors (see S. 1264), [27JN]
———obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]
———reauthorize Projects of National and Regional Significance program to fund high-cost surface transportation projects (see S. 823), [25AP]
———reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 1553), [26SE]
———set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [14NO]
———withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]

Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 178), [30JA]
Idaho: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 1854), [18DE]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Lincoln Highway: anniversary of first transcontinental highway (see S. Res. 188), [26JN]
Mississippi: waive certain vehicle weight limitations on any segment of U.S. Route 78 that is designated as part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1289), [11JY]
Motor vehicles: amend length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways (see S. 880), [7MY]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge, St. Louis, MO: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]
States: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay to play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [14NO]
———prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [1AU]
———provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
Wisconsin: ensure currently-operating trucks can continue to use the future Interstate 41 (see S. 1299), [16JY]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [18JY], [23JY], [25JY], [31JY]
Reports filed
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1243) (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
Natchez Trace Parkway Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 304) (S. Rept. 113–25), [22AP]
ROBERTS, PAT ***(a Senator from Kansas)***
Appointments
Conferee: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [16MY]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [29JA] (see S. 137), [12NO]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 137), [30JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [30JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [10OC]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Armed Forces: require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [6NO]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Committee on Printing (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committee on the Library (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Committee To Reduce Government Waste (Senate): establish (see S. 253), [7FE] (see S. Res. 30), [12FE]
Committees of the Senate: authorize reporting of funding resolutions (see S. Res. 58), [27FE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Consumers: require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [11SE]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [12NO]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Corps of Engineers: provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [9MY]
Courts: clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review (see S. 478), [6MR]
———provide for conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships (see S. 1868), [19DE]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 273), [16OC]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [16OC]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [18SE]
Dept. of Education: ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [1OC]
———offer rewards for information regarding the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya (see S. 1661), [17DE]
Dept. of the Treasury: notify taxpayers each time the taxpayers' information is accessed by the IRS (see S. 1489), [10SE]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [18SE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818), (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
Emporia State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 33), [13FE]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
EPA: prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [1AU]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
FDA: strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Federal agencies and departments: exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [24AP]
———prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [24JY]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and

management of certain Government agencies (see S. 523), [12MR]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]
———provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [25JY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [8OC]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [27JN]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [11AP]
FRS: prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without a constitutionally confirmed Director (see S. 190), [31JA]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [16JY]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Housing Act: revise census data and population requirements for areas to be considered rural areas (see S. 766), [18AP]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [16MY]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (see S. 1455), [14NO]
———exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [21NO]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [3JN]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [9MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [4NO]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [14MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [17AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [20NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Junction City, KS: designate (see S. 1434), [1AU]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [11MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [6NO]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [31JY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [6NO]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [14FE]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [23MY]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [9AP]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [16MY]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 295), [14NO]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [24SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Native Americans: require tribes to demonstrate a substantial direct modern and aboriginal connection to certain lands to allow for gaming on such lands (see S. 477), [21MR]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———prohibit use of Federal funds for certain activities without a constitutionally confirmed board (see S. 190), [31JA]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [19SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [17SE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [16JY]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [21NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [16JY]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [12JN]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [30OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [28OC]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Privacy: require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice in the case of a breach of security involving such information (see S. 1193), [20JN]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [24JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [24SE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements (see S. 767), [18AP]
Sporting Kansas City (soccer team): tribute (see S. Res. 327), [20DE]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Tariff: footwear (see S. 1633), [31OC]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [25AP]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [11JY]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1855), [18DE]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]

———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [25AP]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [5NO]
———provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [22MR]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [16AP]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1287), [11JY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [9SE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [17JN]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [19NO]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 1171), [9JY]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 1688), [19DE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [14MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Dept. of Agriculture: improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 458), [5MR]
———improve the crop insurance program (see S. 677), [9AP]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———quantify costs associated with proposed economically significant regulations (see S. 786), [23AP]
———set forth reasons for determining that a proposed regulatory action is significant (see S. 787), [23AP]
Health: prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
Kansas State University: anniversary (see S. Res. 34), [13FE]
Medicare: exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [7MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1154), [12JN] (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities (see S. 763), [18AP]
Public debt: retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
Securities: protect transactions in the U.S. from enforcement of certain excise taxes imposed by foreign governments (see S. 1257), [27JN]
Telecommunications: require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]

ROBERTSON, CAROLE
Bills and resolutions
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]

ROBESON COUNTY, NC
Bills and resolutions
Native Americans: provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (see S. 1132), [11JN]

ROCHESTER, NY
Bills and resolutions
Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office: designate (see S. 1512), [17SE]
Reports filed
Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office, Rochester, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1512), [6NO]

ROCKEFELLER, JOHN D., IV *(a Senator from West Virginia)*
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [3MY]
Committee on Taxation (Joint), [26FE]
Congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to international conferences, meetings, and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements, [13MR]
U.S. Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Armed Forces: improve protections for servicemembers and their families (see S. 1579), [28OC]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [4FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [15JY]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [18JN]
Colleges and universities: require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [4FE]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Coral Reef Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 839), [25AP]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Crime: reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [4NO]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [3JN]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [3JN]
Dept. of Education: authorize grant program to promote physical education, activity, fitness, and nutrition, and ensure healthy students (see S. 1033), [30JY]
———establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [4JN]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [22AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [14MY]
———provide new program review requirements relative to colleges and universities, [28FE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [24JN]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [11MR]
Dept. of Justice: establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
———strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [12MR]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 853), [25AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [31JY]

Drugs: make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [20MR]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [16MY]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
FAA: exempt from reduction under any order issued to carry out a sequestration (see S. 817), [25AP]
Families and domestic relations: increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1877), [19DE]
———reauthorize and restructure adoption incentives payments (see S. 1876), [19DE]
Firearms: regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
Flag—U.S.: require purchase of domestically made U.S. flags for use by the Federal Government (see S. 1214), [24JN]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [7FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [28OC]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 1672), [7NO]
Medicare: extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [4JN]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
NASA: authorize programs (see S. 1317), [17JY]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [31JY]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [11AP]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 111), [24AP]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 884), [7MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [19DE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [24SE] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 278), [30OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [24SE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [5MR]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [24JN] (see S. 1878), [19DE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [24JY]
Sports: reduce sports-related concussions in youth (see S. 1014), [22MY]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [23JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [18MR]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 835), [25AP]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 1368), [25JY]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies (see S. 1346), [23JY]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [17SE]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [14FE]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 826), [23JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [19DE]
Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [23JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 1688), [13NO]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
American Infrastructure Investment Fund: establish (see S. 387), [26FE]
Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1641), [4NO]
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 51), [26FE] (see S. Res. 244), [19SE]
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [23JY]
Drugs: increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [14FE]
Families and domestic relations: increase effectiveness of State child support enforcement programs (see S. 1763), [21NO]
———remove barriers to the adoption of children in foster care through reauthorization and improvement of the adoption incentives program (see S. 1511), [17SE]
FCC: increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace (see S. 1680), [12NO]
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
FTC: prescribe regulations on the collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 418), [28FE]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]
Medicaid: encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
———require a certain medical loss ratio percentage for Medicaid managed care plans (see S. 1787), [10DE]
Medicare: adjust wage index determination for certain hospitals near State borders to ensure they are treated in the same manner as nearby facilities in other States (see S. 1791), [10DE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
———protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
———protect miners from black lung disease (see S. 1416), [31JY]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
National Chess Week: designate (see S. Res. 266), [4OC]
Taxation: expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [28FE]
———impose an ad valorem excise tax on certain passenger cruise voyages (see S. 1450), [1AU]
———make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [18SE]

———permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 1133), [11JN]
———provide that income attributable to certain passenger cruises beginning or ending in the U.S. be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. (see S. 1449), [1AU]
Telephones: prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills (see S. 1144), [12JN]
West Virginia: anniversary of statehood (see S. Res. 181), [21JN]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [27SE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Reports filed
Address Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Through Research, Monitoring, and Mitigation To Help Communities Detect, Control, and Mitigate Such Events: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1254) (S. Rept. 113–121), [18NO]
Arctic Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1344) (S. Rept. 113–117), [6NO]
Expenditures: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Res. 51), [26FE]
———Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Res. 244), [19SE]
Improve Telephone Service in Rural Areas and Express That No Entity May Unreasonably Discriminate Against Telephone Users in Those Areas: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Res. 157) (S. Rept. 113–130), [19DE]
International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 269) (S. Rept. 113–127), [17DE]
Small Airplane Revitalization Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1072) (S. Rept. 113–108), [17SE]
Violent Content Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 134) (S. Rept. 113–126), [17DE]

ROCKERVILLE, SD
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
Reports filed
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]

ROJAS GUTIERREZ, JORGE AND FAMILY
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 584), [18MR]

ROOSEVELT, FRANKLIN D. ***(32d President of the United States)***
Bills and resolutions relative to
Dept. of the Interior: install in the area of the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or inscription with the words that Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (see S. 1044), [23MY]

ROUBAIX, SD
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
Reports filed
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]

ROUHANI, HASSAN (PRESIDENT, IRAN)
Bills and resolutions
Iran: condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [24SE]

RUBIO, MARCO ***(a Senator from Florida)***
Appointments
Senate National Security Working Group, [12MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [31OC]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [11DE]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Arab countries: call for protection of religious minority rights and freedoms and urge repeal of blasphemy laws (see S. Res. 69), [30JY]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [11AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: balance through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending (see S. 547), [13MR] (see S. 1436), [1AU]
———constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level (see S. 185), [12MR]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
Burma: place conditions on assistance relative to human rights (see S. 1885), [20DE]
C.W. Bill Young Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Bay Pines, FL: designate (see S. 1576), [28OC]
Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CBO: provide a macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation (see S. 184), [30JA]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [23JY]
———prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [21JN]
———reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [11JN]
Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [17DE]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———award grants in order to establish longitudinal personal college readiness and savings online platforms for low-income students (see S. 918), [9MY]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [9MY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———prevent abuse of dextromethorphan by restricting over-the-counter sales and bulk distribution (see S. 644), [14NO]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [12NO]
———permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [7MY]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [17AP]
———establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [22MY]
———offer rewards for information regarding the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya (see S. 1661), [13NO]
———require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Dept. of the Interior: provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 1838), [17DE]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [11SE]
———modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hos-

pital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [26SE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [21MR]
Drugs: make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [18AP]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [30OC]
Employment: allow private sector employers to offer employees the choice between cash wages and compensatory time for overtime hours worked (see S. 1623), [30OC]
EPA: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [12DE]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [17JY]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements requiring regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof (see S. 714), [11AP]
———prohibit the revocation or withholding of Federal funds to programs whose participants carry out voluntary religious activities (see S. 1279), [30JY]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: improve attorney accountability to reduce frivolous lawsuits (see S. 1288), [11JY]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [15AP]
Firearms: prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
FRS: improve functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors and the Federal Open Market Committee (see S. 238), [7FE]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [13MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [30JY]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———reform (see S. 744), [16AP] (see S. 744), [17AP]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
Iran: call for release of Saeed Abedini and others detained due to their religious beliefs (see S. Res. 284), [6NO]
———condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [13MR]
———impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [14MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [11JN]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [16MY]
———prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [7JN]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Levinson, Robert: urge intensified cooperation by Iran on the case of the disappearance of former FBI agent while on business trip in Iran (see S. Res. 312), [9DE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [11AP]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2), [23JA]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
Monuments and memorials: ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the U.S. Armed Forces may contain religious symbols (see S. 705), [11AP]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [11SE]
National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 172), [18JN] (see S. Res. 201), [25JY]
National security: require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [23MY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
NLRB: prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [18JY]
OAS: support revitalization and reform (see S. 793), [24AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [29OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [30JY]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [7NO]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [18AP]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Peralta, Rafael: award Medal of Honor posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 9), [19MR]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
Privacy: require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice in the case of a breach of security involving such information (see S. 1193), [20JN]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
SBA: increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 936), [14MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Ships and vessels: provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients (see S. 12), [5NO]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
States: prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]

Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [19MR]
Taxation: allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans (see S. 1015), [22MY]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———improve access to health care by expanding health savings accounts (see S. 1031), [23MY]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [20DE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [20NO]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Thailand: anniversary of diplomatic relations (see S. Res. 77), [21MR]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [14NO]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
———support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [17DE]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
Veterans: require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [11MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses (see S. 492), [7MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 492), [11MR]
Vietnam: impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses against nationals of Vietnam or their families (see S. 929), [19JN]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [20NO]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 143), [16MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [20JN]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Budget: rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 233), [17SE]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of HHS: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of victims under adoption assistance and foster care programs (see S. 1823), [13DE]
Foreign aid: require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [10JY]
GAO: require a study and report on the costs of Federal regulations (see S. 536), [12MR]
Iran: oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [16OC]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
Miami Heat (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 186), [25JN]
National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 211), [31JY]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [7NO]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
Taxation: allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition (see S. 297), [13FE]
———allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [5MR]
———consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses (see S. 1090), [4JN]
———constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
U.N.: promote transparency, accountability, and reform (see S. 1313), [17JY]
Bills and resolutions relative to
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony, documents, and representation in Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough (see S. Res. 264), [1OC]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]
RURAL AREAS *related term(s)* **AGRICULTURE; URBAN AREAS**
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA] (see S. 954), [14MY]
———restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits to farmers (see S. 281), [12FE]
Agriculture, rural development, FDA, and related agencies programs: making appropriations (see S. 1244), [27JN]
Alaska: enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes relative to enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, improve quality of life in rural Alaska, and reduce alcohol and drug abuse (see S. 1474), [1AU]
America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership: reauthorize in Iowa (see S. 1151), [12JN]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans (see S. 784), [23AP]
———improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
———improve Federal dairy programs (see S. 605), [19MR] (see S. 670), [9AP]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
———provide for the conduct of activities to detect, and respond in a timely manner to, threats to animal health (see S. 859), [6MY]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———amend the Small, Rural School Achievement Program and the Rural and Low-Income School Program (see S. 1222), [25JN]
———establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [4JN]
———improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools by authorizing school turnaround grants and reward schools that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps (see S. 578), [14MR]
Dept. of HHS: provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care (see S. 726), [15AP]
Dept. of HUD: reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 576), [14MR]
Dept. of the Interior: provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out a program of outreach for veterans (see S. 1558), [27SE]
———specify requirements for updating the Office of Rural Health strategic plan for improving access to, and quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas (see S. 1411), [31JY]
Diseases: reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
EPA: prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [23JY]
FCC: provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 1766), [21NO]
———suspend and revise proposed rule that revised Universal Service fund distribution to rural carriers and encourage investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure (see S. 1858), [18DE]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24JY]
Forests: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP] (see S. 1300), [16JY]

GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
Health: reform medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, and enhance access to affordable prescription drugs (see S. 1860), [19DE]
Health care facilities: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [7FE]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 616), [19MR]
Housing: improve housing for educators, public safety officers, and medical providers, and their households (see S. 386), [26FE]
Housing Act: revise census data and population requirements for areas to be considered rural areas (see S. 766), [18AP]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12JN]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [31JY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [25AP]
———extend the Frontier Extended Stay Clinic demonstration in Alaska (see S. 239), [7FE]
———provide payment for anesthesia services by anesthesiologists in certain rural hospitals in the same manner as for services by anesthesiologist assistants and certified registered nurse anesthetists (see S. 1444), [1AU]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
South Dakota: facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System (see S. 684), [9AP]
Taxation: allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 1255), [27JN]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies (see S. 1346), [23JY]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [12MR]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
Telecommunications: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 1776), [21NO]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
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Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 107), [23JA] (see S. 163), [28JA]
Dept. of Defense: require a study on the use of the Russian RD–180 rocket engine and the cost effectiveness of building the engines in the U.S. (see S. 1679), [12NO]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [11DE]
Olympic Games: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Snowden, Edward: call for Russia to turn over Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities and consider all economic and diplomatic options when pursuing him (see S. Res. 198), [18JY]
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———exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
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Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
———reform and improve the oversight of passenger and baggage screening at domestic commercial airports by private screening companies (see S. 697), [10AP]
Budget: exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
Campus Fire Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 259), [24SE]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 1546), [24SE]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
Correctional institutions: eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety (see S. 657), [22MR]
———improve effectiveness and efficiency of Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction (see S. 1783), [9DE]
Courts: protect State and local witnesses from tampering and retaliation (see S. 901), [8MY]
CPSC: clarify terms of cooperation with foreign government safety agencies to improve safety of imported products (see S. 1887), [20DE]
———require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]
Crime: protect victims of stalking from gun violence (see S. 1290), [11JY]
———reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 1675), [7NO]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: protect against foodborne illnesses and provide enhanced notification of recalled meat, poultry, eggs, and related food products (see S. 1502), [12SE]
Dept. of Defense: afford crime victims in the military the same basic rights as civilians under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1041), [23MY]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [7MY]
———improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [13MR]
———improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [21MY]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive

treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
———reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1752), [20NO]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [15MY]
Dept. of Education: make grants to support fire safety education programs on college campuses (see S. 750), [17AP]
Dept. of HHS: allow use of Child Care and Development Block Grant Program funds to improve child safety and reduce incidence of preventable infant deaths in child care settings (see S. 1494), [11SE]
———authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———ensure access to high-quality child care for homeless children and families under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 834), [25AP]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [14FE]
———improve the quality of infant and toddler care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1065), [23MY]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
———prevent abuse of dextromethorphan by restricting over-the-counter sales and bulk distribution (see S. 644), [21MR]
———promulgate regulations on patient medication information to ensure patients receive consistent and high-quality information about prescription drugs (see S. 752), [17AP]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
———reauthorize poison center national toll-free number, media campaign, and grant program (see S. 1719), [18NO]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
Dept. of Homeland Security: implement standards for short-term custody of individuals held in Bureau of Customs and Border Protection facilities (see S. 1817), [12DE]
———provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
———establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
———establish regional training centers to improve the training of child protection professionals (see S. 1722), [19NO]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
———improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
———provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention (see S. 1307), [16JY]
———strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [24JA]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MR]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [16MY]
———enhance security for facilities and personnel at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts abroad (see S. 1386), [30JY]
Dept. of Transportation: delay implementation of regulation changing the hours-of-service rule for commercial truck drivers pending a GAO assessment of such regulation (see S. 1891), [20DE]
———ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [23SE]
———ensure that on-duty time for certain commercial motor vehicle drivers does not include waiting time at natural gas or oil well sites (see S. 1380), [29JY]
———establish an Emergency Transportation Safety Fund (see S. 911), [9MY]
———establish National Yellow Dot Program to alert emergency personnel to medical conditions, prescriptions, and information to treat individuals in motor vehicle emergency situations (see S. 1831), [16DE]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [1AU]
———improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [23JY]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1692), [13NO]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818), (see S. 853), [25AP]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 1625), [30OC]
———set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [14NO]
———withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———report cases of certain infectious diseases at departmental medical facilities (see S. 875), [7MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite forest management projects relative to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development (see S. 1479), [1AU]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
Drugs: reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 1657), [6NO]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
———award grants to individuals that may be affected by a reported disease cluster (see S. 53), [22JA]
———clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 1781), [9DE]
———investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children (see S. 50), [22JA]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
———strengthen enforcement of background checks relative to the use of explosive materials (see S. 792), [23AP]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
———issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 1495), [11SE]
FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
———improve safety of dietary supplements by requiring manufacturers to register supplement products with the FDA and amending labeling requirements (see S. 1425), [1AU]
———require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [7FE]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [15MY]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
FEMA: allow rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures located in special flood hazard zones that are damaged by fire (see S. 667), [8AP]
———enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]
Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [29JA]
———ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
———ensure that individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and require a background check for every firearm sale (see S. 374), [25FE]
———establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
———limit amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [25AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking (see S. 730), [15AP]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [22JA] (see S. 179), [30JA] (see S. 443), [4MR]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms (see S. 1774), [21NO]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [12JN]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [11MR]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]

Forests: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [12MR]
Law enforcement: protect prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and their families from retaliation or intimidation and create stronger offenses for those who target public officials (see S. 698), [10AP]
Medicare: cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 672), [9AP]
Mining and mineral resources: improve occupational safety law compliance, empower workers to raise concerns, prevent workplace tragedies, and establish rights for workplace accident victims and families (see S. 805), [24AP]
———protect miners from black lung disease (see S. 1416), [31JY]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 487), [7MR]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National Center for Campus Public Safety: establish and operate (see S. 433), [28FE]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Guard: allow Federal reimbursement of States that choose to use National Guard troops to enhance school safety (see S. 145), [24JA]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 247), [19SE]
National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day: designate (see S. Res. 204), [30JY]
National Lineman Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [10AP]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 111), [24AP]
National security: enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 117), [25AP]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 14), [24JA]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
Patents: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 780), [23AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities (see S. 763), [18AP]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Product safety: ban use of bisphenol A in food and beverage containers for children, baby food, and infant formula and regulate its use in other food containers (see S. 1124), [10JN]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Public safety officers: extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers (see S. 876), [7MY]
Roads and highways: amend length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways (see S. 880), [7MY]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
SBA: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 278), [30OC]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [28FE]
———make grants available to local governments to place law enforcement officers in schools (see S. 148), [24JA]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 111), [23JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
Senior citizens: establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and provide quality assurance for home and community-based services (see S. 998), [21MY]
———provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
Ships and vessels: extend exemption from fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line (see S. 1022), [22MY]
Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [16MY]
———reduce sports-related concussions in youth (see S. 1014), [22MY]
Taxation: provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 1421), [1AU]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 506), [7MR]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1163), [13JN]
Telecommunications: require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 1237), [27JN]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [1AU]
Transportation Security Administration: establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee (see S. 1804), [11DE]
———facilitate air passenger screening of severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1403), [31JY]
———prohibit airplane passengers from bringing small knives aboard a passenger aircraft (see S. 1008), [22MY]
———provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1367), [25JY]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Wildlife: prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [29JY]
———prohibit import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species (see S. 1463), [1AU]
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]
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FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
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Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
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Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reauthorization: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 933), [1AU]
Dept. of State Development of a Strategy To Obtain Observer Status for Taiwan at the Triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 113–42), [13JN]
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Embassy Security, Threat Mitigation, and Personnel Protection Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1386), [9DE]
Foreign Prison Conditions Improvement Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 657), [14NO]
HIV Organ Policy Equity Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 330), [21MY]
Pharmaceutical Compounding Quality and Accountability Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 959), [19JN]
Poison Center Network Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1719), [19DE]
Protecting Responsible Gun Sellers Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 374), [12MR]
Reduce Preterm Labor, Delivery, and Risk of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Complications Due to Pregnancy, and Reduce Infant Mortality Caused by Prematurity: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 252), [14FE]

School Safety Enhancements Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 146), [12MR]
Small Airplane Revitalization Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1072) (S. Rept. 113–108), [17SE]
Stop Illegal Trafficking in Firearms Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54), [11MR]
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Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]

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Agriculture: provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [24SE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [19MR]
Armed Forces: protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [22MR]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Budget: replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [22MR]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [18DE]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 359), [4MR]
Credit: empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [27JN]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [15OC]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (see S. 821), [25AP]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [15AP]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [19JN]
Dept. of Education: collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [18MR]
———establish a comprehensive literacy program (see S. 758), [18AP]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [20JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [11AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———provide education for homeless children and youths (see S. 833), [10SE]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [26JN]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [22AP]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [9JY]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Justice: strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [17AP]
Dept. of Labor: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [17JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [8JY]
Dept. of Transportation: set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [11DE]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
———statehood (see S. 132), [19JN]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [10AP]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early learning opportunities for pre-kindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [8AP]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [9SE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]

FDA: ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11SE]
———set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks (see S. 798), [1AU]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [9SE]
FTC: prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [21JN]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 67), [5MR]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [21MY]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [20JN]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 397), [8JY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [28FE]
———reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the U.S. (see S. 600), [3JN]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [19JN]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [9DE]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [15OC]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 117), [23JA]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [10JY]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [11SE]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [25JN]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Military and Veterans Caregiver Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [7MR]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [30SE]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
Older Americans Month: designate (see S. Res. 137), [9MY]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [16MY]
Pharmaceuticals: prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market (see S. 214), [14MR]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [30SE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [20MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [24AP]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [25JY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [20MY]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1476), [11SE]
———expand rehabilitation credit (see S. 1141), [20JN]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions (see S. 410), [28FE]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [24JY]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [18DE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [9JY]
———improve veterans service organizations' access to Federal surplus personal property (see S. 573), [22AP]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [8AP]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Wildlife: prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [29JY]
———prohibit import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species (see S. 1463), [24SE]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [16MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [6MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: improve protections for servicemembers and their families (see S. 1579), [28OC]
Children and youth: provide for youth jobs (see S. 1170), [13JN]
Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 48), [26FE] (see S. Res. 243), [19SE]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency and energy savings in residential buildings (see S. 1200), [20JN]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
Credit: require inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers (see S. 471), [6MR]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]
Dept. of Labor: establish pilot programs to provide employers who employ certain veterans and Armed Forces members wage subsidies and provide career transition services to young veterans (see S. 922), [9MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: assess feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of veterans' benefits, services, and outreach activities (see S. 927), [9MY]
———conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders (see S. 1583), [28OC]
———cover costs associated with the care of veterans at medical foster homes (see S. 1578), [28OC]
———expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services (see S. 1604), [29OC]
———extend work-study program for individuals pursuing rehabilitation, education, or training and expand program to veterans' outreach services provided by congressional offices (see S. 894), [8MY]
———improve benefits and assistance to surviving spouses of veterans (see S. 735), [16AP]
———improve dental health care (see S. 1586), [28OC]
———improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [9MY]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 825), [25AP]
———increase access to complementary and alternative medicine and other approaches to wellness and preventive care (see S. 852), [25AP]

———provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to Armed Forces members, screen veterans for domestic abuse, and report on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse (see S. 1581), [28OC]
———provide replacement automobiles for certain disabled veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 1584), [28OC]
———report on the provision of services to veterans with hearing loss and other auditory system injuries and measures that can be taken to address such injuries (see S. 1582), [28OC]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 944), [14MY]
———update basis for establishing Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program premium rates (see S. 1585), [28OC]
Diseases: de-link research and development incentives from drug prices for new medicines to treat HIV/AIDS and stimulate greater sharing of scientific knowledge (see S. 626), [20MR]
Education: support the community schools model (see S. 844), [25AP]
EPA: impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
Financial institutions: address the concept of ''Too Big To Fail'' through improved regulation and breaking up large banks in order to prevent future Government bailouts (see S. 685), [9AP]
FRS: restrict conflicts of interest on the boards of directors of Federal Reserve banks (see S. 1018), [22MY]
Health: improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
———national policy to provide health care, control costs, and enhance the quality of the health care system (see S. 1782), [9DE]
Missisquoi and Trout Rivers: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1252), [27JN]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [30SE]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers (see S. 858), [6MY]
Pharmaceuticals: provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines and enhance access to new medicines (see S. 627), [20MR]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
Privacy: limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements (see S. 1168), [13JN]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 307), [20NO]
Taxation: apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, prevent U.S. tax avoidance, and eliminate tax loopholes for big oil companies (see S. 250), [7FE]
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: designate (see S. 885), [7MY]
Veterans: appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [30SE]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 851), [25AP]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
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Activities During the 111th Congress: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–1), [7FE]
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Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 851) (S. Rept. 113–107), [17SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Expansion of Definition of Homeless Veteran for Purposes of Benefits: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 287) (S. Rept. 113–110), [23SE]
Expenditures: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 48), [26FE]
———Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 233), [17SE]
———Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. Res. 243), [19SE]
Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 893) (S. Rept. 113–87), [9SE]
Veterans' Educational Transition Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 944) (S. Rept. 113–123), [9DE]
Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]
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Dept. of the Interior: provide with a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of Soledad Canyon, CA, mining contracts (see S. 771), [18AP]
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Bills and resolutions
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Appointments
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Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
American Fighter Aces: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1827), [19DE]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [12OC]
Arctic Ocean: provide for research, monitoring, and observation (see S. 272), [17JN]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [12SE]
———establish a tiered hiring preference for civil service jobs for members of the Reserve components (see S. 1320), [1AU]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [30JY]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [7MY]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [15AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [8JY]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 278), [25FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 1800), [11DE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (see S. Con. Res. 10), [22MR]
———tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [24JY]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [7NO]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [10OC]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [11SE]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [10SE]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [8JY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [6NO]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]

Coral Reef Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 839), [25AP]
Courts: provide for conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships (see S. 1868), [19DE]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [18DE]
———require inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers (see S. 471), [23AP]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [12OC]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve energy programs (see S. 860), [6MY]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [15AP]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [16MY]
———implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [6MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime (see S. 1078), [16JY]
———require Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions in response to protected communications regarding sexual assault (see S. 1092), [4JN]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [20MY]
Dept. of Education: award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [18SE]
———award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [10SE]
———establish a new counseling program (see S. 282), [18SE]
———establish a program to provide professional development activities for educators (see S. 441), [18SE]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 439), [18SE]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [17SE]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [17SE]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [22MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [18SE]
———make Federal student loans more affordable by allowing for adjustable-rate loans, increasing cap on subsidized loans, and refinancing current fixed-rate loans (see S. 909), [17JN]
———make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students (see S. 870), [17DE]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [30SE]
———provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [23MY]
———support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [17SE]
———update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [17SE]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [7MY]
———establish Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [8JY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [10OC]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [9MY]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [19SE]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated follow-up care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [28OC]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [17SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [30OC]
———modify the visa waiver program (see S. 223), [7FE]
Dept. of HUD: reauthorize programs for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians (see S. 640), [21MR]
Dept. of the Interior: provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
Dept. of Transportation: set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [14NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow public access to departmental research (see S. 877), [27JN]
———authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 1740), [19DE]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [30JY]
———expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [16JY]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [20MY]
———modify method of determining whether Filipino veterans are U.S. residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation (see S. 1559), [30OC]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [19JN]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [17SE]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [30SE]
Diseases: provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [30JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [25JY]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18JY]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [17SE]
Elections: ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [19NO] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Firearms: reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [9DE]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [17JN]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [24SE]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
FTC: establish the Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1358), [9OC]
———prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [28OC]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [29OC]
———improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [12OC]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 392), [17SE]

Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [11DE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [27JN]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [27JN]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [9AP]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [11MR]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [22MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [7NO]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [9MY]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [30SE]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [17SE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [25FE]
Merit Systems Protection Board: extend right of appeal to certain Postal Service employees (see S. 686), [1AU]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [3JN]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [20MY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Minority Health Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 145), [16MY]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [12SE]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [23MY]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 1575), [16OC]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [16MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [9DE]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [30OC]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [17DE]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [17DE]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [28FE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [2OC]
———prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [17DE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [26JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
———strengthen nutrition education for elementary and secondary school students to promote healthy eating choices through developmentally appropriate lessons and activities integrated into the school day (see S. 274), [17SE]
Senate Rules: modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 6), [24JA]
———permit Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased (see S. Res. 7), [23JA]
———provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate (see S. Res. 5), [23JA]
———reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [23JA]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8JY]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [15JY]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 1810), [16DE]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [30OC]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [7MY]
———apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [18MR]
———eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, prevent U.S. tax avoidance, and eliminate tax loopholes for big oil companies (see S. 250), [19DE]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [10SE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [12JN]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———provide a credit for costs of certain infertility treatments (see S. 881), [7MY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [19SE]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [19JN]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Transportation: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [17DE]
Tung, Vichai Sae: relief (see S. 1492), [10SE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747, 1797), [17DE] (see S. 1845), [20DE]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [8AP]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [11FE]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [31JA]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [31OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]

Bills and resolutions introduced
Dept. of Commerce: authorize appropriations for the SelectUSA Initiative (see S. 1608), [29OC]
———authorize appropriations to establish public-private partnerships under the International Trade Administration Market Development Cooperator Program (see S. 1748), [20NO]
Dept. of Defense: improve master plans for major military installations (see S. 1749), [20NO]
Dept. of Energy: provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies (see S. 1652), [5NO]
Dept. of HHS: eliminate the prerequisite of direct appropriations relative to collection of health data and modify standards for measuring sexual orientation and gender identity (see S. 989), [20MY]
———provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care (see S. 726), [15AP]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for benefit purposes (see S. 690), [9AP]
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act: consent to certain amendments (see S.J. Res. 12), [21MR]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [23MY]
SBA: provide conformity in Native small business opportunities and promote job creation, manufacturing, and American economic recovery (see S. 1607), [29OC]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [15DE], [17DE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]

SCHIAPPA, DAVID J.
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]

SCHONBERG, STEVE
Bills and resolutions
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in Steve Schonberg v. Mitch McConnell, et al. (see S. Res. 103), [18AP]

SCHOOL ACCESS TO EMERGENCY EPINEPHRINE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1503), [12SE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY MONTH
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 278), [30OC]

SCHOOL SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 146), [12MR]

SCHOOLS *related term(s)* **EDUCATION**
Bills and resolutions
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]
Charter schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 88), [23JA]
Children and youth: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [28FE]
———establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 1546), [24SE]
Commission on Effective Regulation and Assessment Systems for Public Schools: establish (see S. 1010), [22MY]
Crime: reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 756), [17AP]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———amend the Small, Rural School Achievement Program and the Rural and Low-Income School Program (see S. 1222), [25JN]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 1129), [11JN]
———authorize grant program to promote physical education, activity, fitness, and nutrition, and ensure healthy students (see S. 1033), [23MY]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———award grants to States to establish universal prekindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [7MR]
———award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [13FE]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies (see S. 1052), [23MY]
———ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]
———establish a comprehensive literacy program (see S. 758), [18AP]
———establish a new counseling program (see S. 282), [12FE]
———establish a partnership program in foreign languages (see S. 1036), [23MY]
———establish a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities (see S. 439), [4MR]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———establish an alternative accountability model for elementary and secondary schools to measure student progress (see S. 943), [14MY]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———establish national program for arts and technology (see S. 1055), [23MY]
———establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [4JN]
———establish teacher evaluation programs (see S. 1112), [7JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [14FE]
———improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards and develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts (see S. 940), [14MY]
———improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools by authorizing school turnaround grants and reward schools that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps (see S. 578), [14MR]
———improve programs operated by local educational agencies with high numbers of children from low-income families (see S. 1110), [6JN]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 1062), [23MY]
———improve teacher and principal quality (see S. 1063), [23MY]
———integrate engineering education into elementary and secondary instruction and curriculum and support research on engineering education (see S. 1178), [18JN]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students (see S. 870), [7MY]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
———provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development (see S. 1113), [7JN]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
———recruit, prepare, and support principals through capacity-building measures that will improve student academic achievement in high-need schools (see S. 840), [25AP]
———support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]
Dept. of Energy: establish Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [3JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 144), [24JA]
———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based com-

prehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Justice: strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [24JA]
Dept. of Labor: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 103), [23JA]
Discrimination: end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Education: establish a pilot grant program to support career and technical education exploration programs in middle schools and high schools (see S. 1293), [11JY]
———establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]
———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
———promote advanced placement and International Baccalaureate programs (see S. 1082), [23MY]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [14FE]
———support the community schools model (see S. 844), [25AP]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 111), [23JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
Federal aid programs: provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis (see S. 1025), [22MY]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
Food: strengthen nutrition education for elementary and secondary school students to promote healthy eating choices through developmentally appropriate lessons and activities integrated into the school day (see S. 274), [11FE]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
GSA: convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, NM, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation (see S. 898), [8MY]
Health: improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]
———support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 392), [27FE]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Law enforcement officers: make grants available to local governments to place law enforcement officers in schools (see S. 148), [24JA]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Chess Week: designate (see S. Res. 266), [4OC]
National Guard: allow Federal reimbursement of States that choose to use National Guard troops to enhance school safety (see S. 145), [24JA]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 80), [19MR]
National Physical Education and Sport Week: designate (see S. Res. 130), [7MY]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 27), [7FE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [25AP]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 1131), [11JN]
Native Hawaiian Education Act: strengthen (see S. 1107), [6JN]
Religion: express support for prayer at school board meetings (see S. Res. 11), [23JA]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 278), [30OC]
St. Louis, MO: designate as the National Chess Capital (see S. Res. 102), [18AP]
Taxation: allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition (see S. 297), [13FE]
———make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [18SE]
Veterans: clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
Cloture motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
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School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]
School Safety Enhancements Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 146), [12MR]
Strengthening America's Schools Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1094) (S. Rept. 113–113), [11OC]
SCHUMER, CHARLES E. ***(a Senator from New York)***
Appointments
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [19MR]
Appropriations: require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress (see S. 1835), [17DE]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
Buy American Act: ensure that all items for sale in National Park Service or National Archives and Records Administration gift shops are produced in the U.S. (see S. 1384), [29JY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [15JY]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [8OC]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [31JY]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [4FE]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [15MY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [9MY]
Courts: protect State and local witnesses from tampering and retaliation (see S. 901), [8MY]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]
Credit: exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled (see S. 160), [28JA]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
———prohibit and deter theft of metal (see S. 394), [27FE]
———reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (see S. 821), [25AP]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [11JN]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [8JY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [31JY]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [1OC]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [31JY]

———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [6JN]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [26SE]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [12NO]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [25FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JY]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [7NO]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [9SE]
Dept. of Labor: require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [15AP]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a Veterans Conservation Corps (see S. 1262), [24SE]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [6NO]
———report cases of certain infectious diseases at departmental medical facilities (see S. 875), [28OC]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [6NO]
Diseases: improve diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (see S. 908), [21NO]
———reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [25FE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [7NO]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18JY]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [12SE]
———increase Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths (see S. 348), [10JN]
———make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act (see S. 621), [20MR]
Education: improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [21NO]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
———ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Explosives: strengthen enforcement of background checks relative to the use of explosive materials (see S. 792), [6MY]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FDA: encourage use of abuse-deterrent formulations of drugs (see S. Res. 97), [15AP]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [13MY]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
———enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]
———improve the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 996), [22MY]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
———prohibit purchase and possession by nonimmigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms (see S. 1774), [21NO]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [12JN]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [21NO]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [6MY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 397), [27FE]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [13FE]
———reform (see S. 1), [22JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [21MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [16DE]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [4JN]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [29JY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [19SE]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]
Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site: establish (see S. 925), [9MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [21MR]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [31JY]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [14MR]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [18JY]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [1AU]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [28OC]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [31JY]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [1AU]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [8AP]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [18AP]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [16AP]
———reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [1AU]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]

National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 120), [25AP]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [28JA]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [17JN]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [26JN]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 172), [20JN] (see S. Res. 201), [25JY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: notify World Trade Organization if members fail during consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (see S. 355), [14FE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [7JN]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [11SE]
Privacy: prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
Public debt: provide a process for ensuring the U.S. does not default on its obligations by making permanent authority for Congress to disapprove a debt ceiling increase instead of approving it (see S. 1598), [29OC]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [7JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 1725), [19NO]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
Snowden, Edward: call for Russia to turn over Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities and consider all economic and diplomatic options when pursuing him (see S. Res. 198), [18JY]
Social Security: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [8AP]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [6JN]
Taxation: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [15MY]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand rehabilitation credit (see S. 1141), [11JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [9DE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [9DE]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 506), [7MR]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 1816), [12DE]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
———tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
Veterans: reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [19NO]
Water: exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [25JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [22MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Agriculture: support maple syrup production research and education, sustainability of maple syrup resources, promotion of maple products, and access to lands for maple sugaring activities (see S. 879), [7MY]
Alcoholic beverages: modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1531), [19SE]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [19NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass (see S. Con. Res. 16), [16MY]
Committee on Printing (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate): authorize preparation of a revised edition of the Senate Rules as a Senate document (see S. Res. 285), [4NO]
———authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 43), [26FE] (see S. Res. 229), [17SE]
Committee on the Library (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committees of the Senate: authorize printing of rules (see S. Res. 322), [16DE]
———authorize reporting of funding resolutions (see S. Res. 58), [27FE] (see S. Res. 228), [17SE]
———authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 64), [28FE] (see S. Res. 253), [24SE]
Credit: provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death or disability of the student borrower (see S. 1773), [21NO]
Dept. of Justice: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
Disasters: provide assistance for condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster (see S. 1480), [1AU]
Firearms: ensure that individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and require a background check for every firearm sale (see S. 374), [25FE]
Immigration: reform (see S. 744), [16AP]
Medicaid: cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [18JY]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [26FE]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico under part B (see S. 324), [14FE]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [31JY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [25AP]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [14MY]
Motor vehicles: prevent car and truck rental companies from renting vehicles that contain a defect related to vehicle safety (see S. 921), [9MY]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 487), [7MR]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
NOAA: provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1757), [21NO]
Patent and Trademark Office: improve transitional program covered business method patents (see S. 866), [6MY]
Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office, Rochester, NY: designate (see S. 1512), [17SE]
Taxation: establish dairy farm savings accounts (see S. 493), [7MR]
———expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes (see S. 1772), [21NO]
———expand the types of livestock for which bonus depreciation is available (see S. 494), [7MR]
———extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [7MR]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 835), [25AP]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [15AP]
———extend the parity between exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits (see S. 1882), [20DE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
———provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat (see S. 1194), [20JN]
———treat payments by charitable organizations to certain firefighters as exempt payments (see S. 1115), [7JN] (see S. 1689), [13NO]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [23MY]

Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
Tesfamical, Alemseghed M.: relief (see S. 36), [22JA]
Transportation Security Administration: prohibit airplane passengers from bringing small knives aboard a passenger aircraft (see S. 1008), [22MY]
World War II: ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE], [27SE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), motion to proceed, [31OC], [4NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Reports filed
Activities During the 112th Congress: Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–11), [8AP]
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———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 64), [28FE]
———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 64) (S. Rept. 113–41), [13JN]
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———Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate) (S. Res. 229), [17SE]
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Bills and resolutions
Arctic Ocean: provide for research, monitoring, and observation (see S. 272), [11FE] (see S. 1344), [23JY]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [24JN]
Dept. of Education: aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering teachers (see S. 512), [11MR]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 1129), [11JN]
———establish a competitive grant program to foster expansion and replication of excellent public charter schools (see S. 1083), [23MY]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
———integrate engineering education into elementary and secondary instruction and curriculum and support research on engineering education (see S. 1178), [18JN]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
Dept. of Energy: replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: establish single, front-of-package labeling system for all foods required to bear nutrition labeling and eliminate deceptive claims and update existing nutrition labels (see S. 1653), [5NO]
Dept. of Justice: protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
Dept. of Transportation: recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 1625), [30OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide additional assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program to veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) (see S. 514), [11MR]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
Diseases: reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
Education: improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
———increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [12FE]
EPA: impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 1853), [18DE]
Fab Foundation: provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a network of digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools (see S. 1705), [14NO]
FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [8MY]
———require labeling of genetically-engineered fish (see S. 248), [7FE]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [23AP]
Fish and fishing: prevent escapement of genetically altered salmon (see S. 246), [7FE]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
Innovation: support (see S. 1777), [21NO]
International Year of Statistics: designate (see S. Res. 150), [21MY]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
NASA: authorize programs (see S. 1317), [17JY]
———establish, validate, and utilize an official set of data on historical temperature records ensure public access to such records (see S. 106), [23JA]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]
National Technological Innovation Day: designate (see S. Res. 275), [28OC]
Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
NOAA: provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1757), [21NO]
Patents: promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
Pharmaceuticals: provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines and enhance access to new medicines (see S. 627), [20MR]
Research: improve opportunities for the next generation of researchers through initiative within NIH and the National Academy of Sciences (see S. 1552), [26SE]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1329), [18JY]
Science Laureate of the U.S.: establish (see S. 899), [8MY]
Taxation: provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 136), [24JA]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 970), [16MY]
Reports filed
Arctic Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1344) (S. Rept. 113–117), [6NO]
Helium Stewardship Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 783) (S. Rept. 113–83), [29JY]
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]
Science, Depts. of Justice and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1329) (S. Rept. 113–78), [18JY]
U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperation Improvement: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1491), [19DE]

SCOTT, CHRISTOPHER J.
Bills and resolutions
Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building, Tyrone, NY: designate (see S. 233), [7FE]

Reports filed
Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building, Tyrone, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 233), [31JY]

SCOTT, TIM *(a Senator from South Carolina)*
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [19NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Courts: reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [6NO]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [9MY]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [24SE]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [6JN]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [27SE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
EPA: repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
———require congressional approval of any greenhouse gas rules unless the cost of such rules are offset through reductions in spending (see S. 1536), [24SE]
ERISA: require a lifetime income disclosure (see S. 1145), [12JN]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [16DE]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [11SE]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [12NO]
———provide for investigative leave requirements relative to Senior Executive Service employees (see S. 1378), [30JY]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [31OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [11SE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [23SE]
Firearms: prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [31OC]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [24SE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Iran: impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [6JN]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [11MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
IRS: prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [15MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [9MY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [16MY] (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2), [9SE]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prevent certain appointees from receiving salaries and a quorum of the Board from taking agency actions until final resolution of pending lawsuits relative to recess appointments (see S. 188), [30JA]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [13JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [17DE]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [19SE]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1188), [21NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [16JY]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [15MY]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [15MY]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [20DE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [31OC]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [30JA]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [17AP]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [4JN]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [8AP]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]

SCRANTON, PA
Bills and resolutions
Pennsylvania: reauthorize Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area (see S. 1157), [13JN]

SEALASKA CORP.
Bills and resolutions
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: provide for the settlement of certain claims (see S. 14), [26FE] (see S. 340), [14FE]
Faber, Michael G.: relief (see S. 1605), [29OC]
Reports filed
Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization and Jobs Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 340) (S. Rept. 113–98), [10SE]

SECOND CHANCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]

SECRET SERVICE
Bills and resolutions
White House: self-guided tours funding through reductions in Transportation Security Administration funding, [14MR]

SECURE ANNUITIES FOR EMPLOYEES (SAFE) RETIREMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1270), [9JY]

SECURITIES *related term(s)* **INVESTMENTS**
Bills and resolutions
Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities In-

vestor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on JP Morgan Chase & Co., ''whale trades'' and risks and abuses of derivatives (see S. Res. 300), [19NO]
Consumers: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 1725), [19NO]
Crime: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [11FE]
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
———make shareholder registration threshold for savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies (see S. 872), [7MY]
———provide a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt (see S. 1861), [19DE]
———require a quantitative impact study on cumulative effect of the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets (see S. 737), [16AP]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [16AP]
———restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 985), [16MY]
———revise certain regulations governing financial assistance for swaps entities (see S. 474), [6MR]
Financial Stability Oversight Council: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 100), [23JA]
Government regulations: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
———require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Lawyers and attorneys: protect investors by fostering transparency and accountability of attorneys in private securities litigation (see S. 652), [22MR]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]
SEC: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 286), [12FE]
Taxation: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions (see S. 410), [28FE]
———make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [18SE]
———protect transactions in the U.S. from enforcement of certain excise taxes imposed by foreign governments (see S. 1257), [27JN]
———repeal estate and gift taxes (see S. 1402), [31JY]
Transportation: provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
———repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]

SECURITIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
Crime: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
Crime: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Government regulations: enhance civil penalties under Federal securities laws (see S. 286), [12FE]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: promote transparency by making disciplinary proceedings open to the public (see S. 848), [25AP]
Securities: make shareholder registration threshold for savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies (see S. 872), [7MY]
———provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Taxation: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
———technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Crime: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Securities: make shareholder registration threshold for savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies (see S. 872), [7MY]
———provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 1725), [19NO]

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORP.
Bills and resolutions
Budget: clarify that the standard setting body designated pursuant to the Securities Act, Securities Investor Protection Corp., and Public Accounting Oversight Board funding is not subject to the sequester (see S. 1780), [9DE]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 1725), [19NO]

SECURITIES LITIGATION ATTORNEY ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 652), [22MR]

SECURITY CLEARANCE OVERSIGHT AND REFORM ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1276), [10JY]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1276) (S. Rept. 113–111), [24SE]

SEITZ, RICHARD J.
Bills and resolutions
Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Junction City, KS: designate (see S. 1434), [1AU]

SENATE *related term(s)* **COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE; LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT; MEMBERS OF CONGRESS; VOTES IN SENATE**
Appointments
Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, [11MR], [23AP], [25AP]
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations, [13MR]
Gallaudet University Board of Trustees, [30JA]
President's Export Council, [30JA]
Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR], [12MR], [10JN]
Bills and resolutions
Budget: ensure effective control over the congressional budget process (see S. 280), [12FE]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: designate the Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room (see S. Res. 76), [13MR]
———tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Charities: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 307), [20NO]
Committee on Aging (Senate, Special): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 49), [26FE] (see S. Res. 241), [19SE]
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 47), [26FE] (see S. Res. 230), [17SE]
Committee on Armed Services (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 42), [26FE] (see S. Res. 232), [17SE]
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 44), [26FE] (see S. Res. 224), [12SE]
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 51), [26FE] (see S. Res. 244), [19SE]
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 55), [26FE] (see S. Res. 231), [17SE]

Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 45), [26FE] (see S. Res. 236), [17SE]
Committee on Finance (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 59), [27FE] (see S. Res. 249), [19SE]
Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 40), [25FE] (see S. Res. 237), [18SE]
———designate Chairman (see S. Res. 20), [29JA]
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 38), [25FE] (see S. Res. 238), [18SE]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 54), [26FE] (see S. Res. 234), [17SE]
Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (Joint): extend (see S. Con. Res. 2), [3JA]
Committee on Indian Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 52), [26FE] (see S. Res. 239), [18SE]
Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 50), [26FE] (see S. Res. 245), [19SE]
Committee on Printing (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committee on Rules and Administration (Senate): authorize preparation of a revised edition of the Senate Rules as a Senate document (see S. Res. 285), [4NO]
———authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 43), [26FE] (see S. Res. 229), [17SE]
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 39), [25FE] (see S. Res. 235), [17SE]
Committee on the Budget (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 53), [26FE] (see S. Res. 250), [19SE]
Committee on the Judiciary (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 46), [26FE] (see S. Res. 92), [8AP] (see S. Res. 223), [12SE]
Committee on the Library (Joint): election of members (see S. Res. 88), [21MR]
Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 48), [26FE] (see S. Res. 233), [17SE] (see S. Res. 243), [19SE]
Committee To Reduce Government Waste (Senate): establish (see S. 253), [7FE] (see S. Res. 30), [12FE]
Committees of the Senate: authorize printing of rules (see S. Res. 322), [16DE]
———authorize reporting of funding resolutions (see S. Res. 58), [27FE] (see S. Res. 228), [17SE]
———authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 64), [28FE] (see S. Res. 253), [24SE]
———majority party appointments (see S. Res. 17), [24JA] (see S. Res. 29), [12FE] (see S. Res. 179), [20JN] (see S. Res. 196), [16JY] (see S. Res. 283), [31OC]
———minority party appointments (see S. Res. 18), [24JA] (see S. Res. 180), [20JN]
Congress: adjournment (see S. Con. Res. 3), [3JA] (see S. Con. Res. 11), [22MR] (see S. Con. Res. 17), [23MY] (see S. Con. Res. 19), [27JN] (see S. Con. Res. 22), [1AU] (see S. Con. Res. 24), [16OC] (see S. Con. Res. 28), [21NO] (see S. Con. Res. 30), [20DE]
———counting of electoral votes for President and Vice President (see S. Con. Res. 1), [3JA]
———end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power and direct GAO to issue a report detailing the extent of such delegation in order to phase it out (see S. 1663), [7NO]
———notify the President that a quorum has assembled (see S. Res. 1), [3JA]
———preserve constitutional authority and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation (see S. 1665), [7NO]
———require each bill enacted be limited to only one subject (see S. 1664), [7NO]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Daily meeting: fixing the hour (see S. Res. 3), [3JA]
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: designate (see S. 1847), [17DE]
Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program: establish (see S. 1458), [1AU]
Dove, Laura C.: election as Sec. for the Minority of the Senate (see S. Res. 216), [1AU]
Elections: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Federal employees: eliminate pay adjustments for persons holding senior positions in the Federal Government and prevent pay adjustments for Members of Congress in any year with a budget deficit (see S. 30), [22JA]
FRS: require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [22JA]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
House of Representatives: notify that a quorum of the Senate is present (see S. Res. 2), [3JA]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: authorize the Architect of the Capitol to transfer the catafalque from the Capitol Visitor Center to the Senate Chamber for use during memorial services (see S. Con. Res. 18), [4JN]
———hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
———tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Legislation: provide sufficient time for legislation to be read (see S. Res. 28), [11FE]
Legislative branch of the Government: making appropriations (see S. 1283), [11JY]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2, 3), [23JA]
———eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 65), [23JA]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
———require salaries be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (see S. 436), [4MR]
National Security Agency: express that President Obama should issue a statement regarding National Security Agency spying on Pope Francis (see S. Res. 281), [31OC]
NLRB: prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
Office of the Inspector General: establish (see S. 808), [24AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 1629), [31OC]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 64), [23JA]
Public debt: establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt ceiling (see S. 57), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [23JA]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Senate Legal Counsel: authorize legal representation in R. Wayne Patterson v. U.S. Senate, et. al (see S. Res. 185), [24JN]
———authorize legal representation in Steve Schonberg v. Mitch McConnell, et al. (see S. Res. 103), [18AP]
———authorize legal representation in U.S. v. Renzi, et al. (see S. Res. 114), [24AP]
———authorize legal representation in Wade v. Miller, et al. (see S. Res. 220), [9SE]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough (see S. Res. 264), [1OC]
———authorize testimony, documents, and representation in U.S. v. Allen (see S. Res. 298), [18NO]
———authorize testimony and representation in the Matter of the Proposed Discipline of Laura Block Lower (see S. Res. 195), [15JY]
———authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al. (see S. Res. 124), [25AP]
Senate Rules: improve debate and consideration of legislative matters (see S. Res. 16), [24JA]
———improve debate and consideration of legislative matters and nominations (see S. Res. 15), [24JA]
———modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 6), [3JA]
———permit Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased (see S. Res. 7), [3JA]
———prevent creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs (see S. Res. 110), [24AP]
———provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate (see S. Res. 5), [3JA]
———reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [3JA]
Taxation: prohibit consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill (see S. 1620), [30OC]
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King, Senator, [22MR], [27SE], [7OC], [11OC], [14NO]
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Social Security Advisory Board, [24JA]
Bills and resolutions
Crime: increase penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting senior citizens (see S. 1185), [19JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———develop a national model disclosure form to assist consumers in purchasing long-term care insurance (see S. 1473), [1AU]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
———integrate mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and provide grants for geriatric mental health treatment outreach teams (see S. 1119), [7JN]
———provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
———remove Social Security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to beneficiaries (see S. 612), [19MR]
Dept. of HUD: assist in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program (see S. 469), [6MR]
Dept. of Justice: establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
Dept. of Transportation: establish National Yellow Dot Program to alert emergency personnel to medical conditions, prescriptions, and information to treat individuals in motor vehicle emergency situations (see S. 1831), [16DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]
Diseases: improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 608), [19MR]
———issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [4JN]
———strengthen care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, declare goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's is a national priority, and increase research funding (see S. Res. 303), [20NO]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
Domestic policy: provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
———provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
ERISA: require a lifetime income disclosure (see S. 1145), [12JN]
FTC: establish the Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1358), [24JY]
Health: establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and provide quality assurance for home and community-based services (see S. 998), [21MY]
———expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [6MY]
———improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
———national policy to provide health care, control costs, and enhance the quality of the health care system (see S. 1782), [9DE]
———provide higher-quality, lower-cost health care to seniors (see S. 1469), [1AU]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR]
———repeal health-care related provisions (see S. 1851), [18DE]
IRS: prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Medicaid: require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 1655), [6NO]
Medicare: adjust part B and D premiums for high-income beneficiaries (see S. 1198), [20JN]
———adjust wage index determination for certain hospitals near State borders to ensure they are treated in the same manner as nearby facilities in other States (see S. 1791), [10DE]

———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [26FE]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1365), [25JY]
———authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77), (see S. 117), [23JA]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico under part B (see S. 324), [14FE]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12JN]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [14MR]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [14MR]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 672), [9AP]
———delay implementation of round 2 of the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Acquisition Program for competitive acquisition areas in Tennessee (see S. 1265), [27JN]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 408), [28FE]
———encourage use of dispensing techniques that foster efficiency and reduce wasteful dispensing of outpatient prescription drugs in long-term care facilities (see S. 1493), [10SE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [20MR]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [18JY]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [7FE]
———establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health (see S. 1228), [26JN]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [31JY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [25AP]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
———include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the ''Medicare and You Handbook'' and coordinate programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1184), [19JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [11JN]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump (see S. 914), [9MY]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1220), [25JN]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1439), [1AU]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [14MY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [30JA]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [23MY]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [14FE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [23MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [30SE]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Older Americans Month: designate (see S. Res. 137), [9MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR] (see S. 1851), [18DE]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE] (see S. 1316), [17JY]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]
Social Security: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 90), [23JA]
———establish a procedure to safeguard trust funds (see S. 110), [23JA]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [13FE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [14MR]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [5MR]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 1485), [1AU]
———rename the section of the Internal Revenue Code known as the spousal individual retirement account as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA (see S. 1221), [25JN]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 171), [13JN]
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Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]

SERVE AMERICA ACT
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Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]

SERVICEMEMBERS' CHOICE IN TRANSITION ACT
Bills and resolutions
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SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses relative to mortgages (see S. 1593), [28OC]
———extend interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service (see S. 1399), [30JY]
———improve protections for servicemembers and their families (see S. 1579), [28OC]

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Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [9MY]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [21MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 869), [7MY]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 1541), [26SE]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [12MR]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [6MY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniver-

sary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [4FE]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [24JN]
———reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [10AP]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [25FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 458), [15AP]
———improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 762), [15MY]
———modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [14MY]
Dept. of HHS: prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [29JY]
Dept. of Justice: increase authorization for Children's Advocacy Centers (see S. 1799), [11DE]
———prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
———provide effective criminal prosecutions and increase penalties for tax return identity thefts (see S. 149), [24JA]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [27SE]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [16AP]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [15AP]
Diseases: reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [15AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [13NO]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [15AP]
EPA: provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 1853), [18DE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [16DE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
———strengthen employee cost savings suggestion programs (see S. 643), [13MY]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [17JY]
———set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks (see S. 798), [24AP]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [25FE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [15JY] (see S. 1204), [24SE]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities, cosponsorship withdrawn (see S. 1204), [29JY]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Immigration: prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 300), [13FE]
Iran: impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [27JN]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [7MY]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [7MY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [30SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [26JN]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]
NLRB: prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [9MY]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [6MR]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———improve the patient navigator program (see S. 1666), [10DE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [9SE]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1154), [20JN] (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [18JY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [6NO]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [25FE]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [30JA]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Strategic Defense Initiative: anniversary (see S. Res. 82), [20MR]
Taxation: clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 91), [7FE]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [24JN]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [19MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [6MY]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [30JY]
University of Alabama: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 19), [28JA]
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [19MR]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [20MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [11DE]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 85), [20MR]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: reevaluate recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer in consultation with appropriate specialists (see S. Res. 251), [23SE]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [17DE]
Budget: setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023 (S. Con. Res. 8), [21MR]
Transcripts
National Prayer Breakfast, [10AP]
SEWAGE DISPOSAL *related term(s)* **REFUSE DISPOSAL**
Bills and resolutions
EPA: establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
Water pollution: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EVIDENCE REPORTING (SAFER) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 80), [23JA]
SEXUAL HARASSMENT
Bills and resolutions
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Dept. of Defense: afford crime victims in the military the same basic rights as civilians under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1041), [23MY]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [7MY]
———improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [13MR]
———improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [21MY]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
———reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1752), [20NO]
———require Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions in response to protected communications regarding sexual assault (see S. 1092), [4JN]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [15MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to Armed Forces members, screen veterans for domestic abuse, and report on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse (see S. 1581), [28OC]
SHAHEEN, JEANNE ***(a Senator from New Hampshire)***
Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [24JA]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Afghanistan: support credible, inclusive, and transparent Presidential and provincial elections (see S. Res. 151), [11JN]
AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [18SE]
Appropriations: establish a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 625), [20MR]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 171), [31JA]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [6JN]
———modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial (see S. 538), [9MY]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [10AP]
Bangladesh: condemn political violence, provide for free and fair elections, and support dialogue between political factions, judicial independence, human rights protections, and Grameen Bank independence (see S. Res. 318), [18DE]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [1AU]
Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [13MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [16DE]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [9MY]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [25JN]
Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [21JN]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [18DE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
———repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program for catfish (see S. 632), [21MR]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [9MY]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
Dept. of Education: establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [25JY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [12DE]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [27JN]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [12JN]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———rename the Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking as the Bureau To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and provide for an Assistant Sec., to head such Bureau (see S. 1249), [27JN]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]

———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [23JY]
———expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [21MY]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [23JY]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [23SE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [8MY]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
Education: improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [16MY]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
———ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [10JN]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [25JN]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FCC: provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 1766), [12DE]
FDA: ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
———require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [31JY]
Federal agencies and departments: modify appointment of Inspectors General (see S. 1366), [25JY]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [29OC]
Firearms: prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [13MR]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [23JY]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [13MY]
Foreign trade: create U.S. jobs by increasing exports to Africa (see S. 718), [7NO]
Georgia (country): support sovereignty, independence, and NATO membership, enhance defense cooperation, and congratulate on elections and democratic reforms (see S. Res. 317), [11DE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [1AU]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [9JY]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [20DE]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [11MR]
———authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
Insurance: permit individuals to renew certain health insurance offered in the individual or small group markets and provide that such individuals would not be subject to the individual mandate penalty (see S. 1699), [13NO]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [10SE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [19MR]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [31OC]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [26FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [26FE]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [20MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [8OC]
Medicare: authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 117), [23JA]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [16JY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [31JY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [15JY]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [1AU]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [29JY]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [8OC]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [10DE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [31JY]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [11SE]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of non-essential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 417), [28FE]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [25AP]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
New Hampshire: anniversary of the loss of the State symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain (see S. Res. 127), [25AP]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [14NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation: authorize establishment of a commemorative work in the District of Columbia (see S. 230), [13MR]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [18SE]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [9DE]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [20MY]
Privacy: prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [24JN]
SBA: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [12FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [8MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [6MY]
Tariff: footwear (see S. 1633), [19DE]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [17DE]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [27JN]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1624), [30OC]

———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [4JN]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [30SE]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [17AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [12DE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [15MY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [10OC]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 1533), [19SE]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [25JN]
———support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [23JY]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), (see S. 47), [22JA]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [10SE]
World AIDS Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 314), [18DE]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [16MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [10DE]
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [14FE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [18AP]
———promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
Courts: prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 38), [22JA]
Dept. of Defense: improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [21MY]
Dept. of Education: establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
Dept. of Labor: authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1227), [26JN]
Dept. of State: extend Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs (see S. 990), [20MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: study feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional pre-prepared tax return (see S. 722), [15AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: ensure veterans have access to services in at least one departmental full-service hospital or comparable contract services in their State (see S. 49), [22JA]
———support university law school programs designed to provide legal assistance to veterans (see S. 1042), [23MY]
Diseases: foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [12MR]
———provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [8MY]
Federal agencies and departments: reform the Federal classification system, declassify information that merits declassification, and enhance the National Declassification Center (see S. 1464), [1AU]
———report on responses to Inspector General recommendations on cost-saving measures or reimbursement for poor contractor performance, cost overruns, or other reasons (see S. 664), [22MR]
Federal employees: prohibit use of Federal funds for official portraits of Members of Congress or heads of executive or legislative branch agencies or offices (see S. 1820), [12DE]
Immigration: extend period when Iraqis employed by the U.S. in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and temporarily increase fee or surcharge for processing certain nonimmigrant visas (see S. 1566), [30SE]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Legislative branch of the Government: making appropriations (see S. 1283), [11JY]
Medicare: recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [14MY]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy: establish (see S. 1021), [22MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: extend open enrollment period for health care plans and protect individuals from penalties during the enrollment extension (see S. 1693), [13NO]
Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, Nashua, NH: designate (see S. 540), [12MR]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 1179), [18JN]
Southern New Hampshire University: tribute to men's soccer team (see S. Res. 326), [20DE]
Thresher (U.S.S.): anniversary of sinking (see S. Res. 94), [9AP]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
Reports filed
Legislative Branch of the Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1283) (S. Rept. 113–70), [11JY]
SHELBY, RICHARD C. ***(a Senator from Alabama)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [8MY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [19SE]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [18MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [11AP]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [4NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [19SE]
———repeal (see S. 177), [19SE]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
States: prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]
Taxation: repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [14MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 869), [7MY]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 6), [29JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robert-

son, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]
Financial institutions: require a quantitative impact study on cumulative effect of the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements for determining risk-weighted assets (see S. 737), [16AP]
Government regulations: require enhanced economic analysis and justification for proposed Federal banking, housing, securities, and commodity regulations (see S. 450), [5MR]
Taxation: repeal Internal Revenue Code and replace with a flat tax (see S. 173), [29JA]
University of Alabama: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 19), [28JA]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: technical corrections (see S. 451), [5MR]

SHERMAN, TX
Bills and resolutions
Paul Brown U.S. Courthouse: designate (see S. 1594), [29OC]

SHIPPING INDUSTRY *related term(s)* **CARGO TRANSPORTATION; SHIPS AND VESSELS**
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Bills and resolutions
Africa: condemn acts of piracy and other maritime crime in the Gulf of Guinea, support U.S. assistance in combating such crimes, and commend international agencies that have enhanced maritime security (see S. Res. 288), [6NO]
Arctic regions: expedite development of Arctic deepwater ports (see S. 428), [28FE]
Corps of Engineers: modify the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf of Mexico to Baton Rouge, LA, navigation project (see S. 574), [14MR]
———provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [14MR]
Iuka, MS: approve transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties (see S. 212), [4FE]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]
Cloture motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]
Motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [25AP]
Reports filed
Condemn Acts of Piracy and Maritime Crime in Gulf of Guinea, Support U.S. Assistance in Combating Such Crimes, and Commend International Agencies That Enhanced Maritime Security: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 288), [18DE]
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]
Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]

SHIPS AND VESSELS *related term(s)* **MERCHANT MARINE INDUSTRY**
Bills and resolutions
Africa: condemn acts of piracy and other maritime crime in the Gulf of Guinea, support U.S. assistance in combating such crimes, and commend international agencies that have enhanced maritime security (see S. Res. 288), [6NO]
Arctic regions: expedite development of Arctic deepwater ports (see S. 428), [28FE]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [24JN]
Coral Reef Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 839), [25AP]
Corps of Engineers: prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [24JY]
———develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
Dept. of the Interior: study suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, NY, as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 1389), [30JY]
Dept. of Transportation: improve cruise passenger security and safety (see S. 1340), [23JY]
EPA: establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
Erie, PA: recognize for its critical role in the development and construction of the fleet of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry during the War of 1812 (see S. Res. 155), [23MY]
Fire prevention: extend exemption from fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line (see S. 1022), [22MY]
Fish and fishing: allow fishermen who hold capital construction fund accounts to make a penalty-free withdrawal from such accounts without requiring reinvestment in the fishing industry (see S. 551), [13MR]
———establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day: designate (see S. Res. 204), [30JY]
Navy: encourage to commission the U.S.S. *Somerset* (LPD–25) in Philadelphia, PA (see S. Res. 63), [28FE]
———provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients (see S. 12), [26FE] (see S. 1683), [12NO]
NOAA: limit maritime liens on fishing licenses (see S. 542), [13MR]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [23MY]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
San Francisco, CA: tribute to Oracle Team USA for winning the America's Cup sailing competition (see S. Res. 286), [5NO]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Taxation: impose an ad valorem excise tax on certain passenger cruise voyages (see S. 1450), [1AU]
———provide that income attributable to certain passenger cruises beginning or ending in the U.S. be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. (see S. 1449), [1AU]
Thresher (U.S.S.): anniversary of sinking (see S. Res. 94), [9AP]
Transportation: provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
War of 1812: anniversary of Battle of Lake Erie (see S. Res. 153), [23MY]
Reports filed
Condemn Acts of Piracy and Maritime Crime in Gulf of Guinea, Support U.S. Assistance in Combating Such Crimes, and Commend International Agencies That Enhanced Maritime Security: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 288), [18DE]
International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 269) (S. Rept. 113–127), [17DE]
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]
Transfer of Naval Vessels to Certain Foreign Recipients: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1683), [14NO]

SHOE INDUSTRY
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: ensure footwear for enlisted members upon initial entry complies with domestic source requirements (see S. 1051), [23MY]
Medicare: modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [18JY]
Tariff: footwear (see S. 1633), [31OC]

SILVER CITY, SD
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
Reports filed
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]

SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 121), [25AP]

SILVICULTURE REGULATORY CONSISTENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 971), [16MY]

SINGH, MANMOHAN (PRIME MINISTER, INDIA)
Bills and resolutions
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]

SKAGIT COUNTY, WA
Bills and resolutions
Illabot Creek: designate segment as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 383), [26FE]
Reports filed
Illabot Creek Segment Designation as a Component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 383) (S. Rept. 113–30), [22AP]

SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 23) (S. Rept. 113–14), [22AP]

SLOAT, DONALD P.
Cloture motions
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Motions
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [19DE]

SLOVAK REPUBLIC
Messages
Social Security Agreement With the Slovak Republic: President Obama, [17SE]

SMALL AIRPLANE REVITALIZATION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1072) (S. Rept. 113–108), [17SE]

SMALL BREWER REINVESTMENT AND EXPANDING WORKFORCE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 917), [9MY]

SMALL BUSINESS *related term(s)* **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits to farmers (see S. 281), [12FE]
Alcoholic beverages: exempt aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs (see S. 1457), [1AU]
Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 1427), [1AU]
Contracts: ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 98), [23JA]
———establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
———increase contracting goals for service-disabled veteran-owned small business and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 259), [7FE]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 99), [23JA]
Dept. of Agriculture: establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition and reduce energy consumption (see S. 678), [9AP]
Dept. of Commerce and the Workforce: establish (see S. 1836), [17DE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 430), [28FE]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Executive departments: require transparency in meeting Federal goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
Fab Foundation: provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a network of digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools (see S. 1705), [14NO]
Federal agencies and departments: permit agencies to count certain contracts toward certain small business contracting goals (see S. 1190), [19JN]
———reform regulatory process to ensure freedom of small businesses to compete and create jobs (see S. 1730), [19NO]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24JY]
———expand eligibility to the Federal Home Loan Bank System to privately-insured credit unions to facilitate more loan opportunities (see S. 1806), [12DE]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Fish and fishing: permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs (see S. 221), [4FE]
Foreign trade: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 1179), [18JN]
GAO: require a study and report on the costs of Federal regulations (see S. 536), [12MR]
Government regulations: suspend fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations (see S. 97), [23JA]
Health: lower health premiums and increase choice for small business (see S. 24), [22JA]
———provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Immigration: establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [30JA]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
———make enrollment in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program available when fewer than 2 qualified health plans are offered through the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) (see S. 1327), [18JY]
———permit individuals to renew certain health insurance offered in the individual or small group markets and provide that such individuals would not be subject to the individual mandate penalty (see S. 1699), [13NO]
———require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [18AP]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [6MR]
Minimum wage: increase, and extend increased expensing limitations for depreciable business assets and treatment of certain property as section 179 property (see S. 1737), [19NO]
———increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Patents: promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow coverage of church plans (see S. 1164), [13JN]
———clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 1723), [19NO]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1330), [18JY] (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE] (see S. 1671), [7NO]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 701), [10AP] (see S. 1188), [19JN]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: prohibit from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or the use of different auditors on a rotating basis (see S. 1526), [19SE]
Regulatory Improvement Commission: establish (see S. 1390), [30JY]
SBA: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
———clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [28FE]
———enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program (see S. 511), [11MR]
———enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program and provide for a small business early-stage investment program (see S. 1285), [11JY]
———establish a grant program to empower encore entrepreneurs (see S. 1454), [1AU]
———expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 206), [31JA]
———extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [12FE]
———increase Government-wide small business contracting level and the contracting goal for businesses owned by veterans, women, and economically disadvantaged individuals (see S. 196), [31JA]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 550), [13MR]
———increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 936), [14MY]
———make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 537), [12MR]
———provide conformity in Native small business opportunities and promote job creation, manufacturing, and American economic recovery (see S. 1607), [29OC]
———require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
SSA: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 1810), [12DE]
Taxation: allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans (see S. 1015), [22MY]
———allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard (see S. 1591), [28OC]
———apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations (see S. 479), [6MR]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———extend certain expiring tax provisions relative to small businesses (see S. 1498), [12SE]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies (see S. 1346), [23JY]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 1658), [6NO]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1855), [18DE]
———modify the small employer health insurance credit (see S. 1325), [18JY]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses (see S. 1342), [23JY]
———provide a credit for employer-provided job training (see S. 1409), [31JY]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1260), [27JN]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses (see S. 725), [15AP]
———provide an income tax credit for increased payroll (see S. 115), [23JA]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]
———provide tax incentives for small businesses (see S. 1085), [3JN]

———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal estate and gift taxes (see S. 1402), [31JY]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Veterans: clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Reports filed
Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 289) (S. Rept. 113–89), [10SE]
Communicating Lender Activity Reports From the SBA (CLEAR SBA) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 537) (S. Rept. 113–91), [10SE]
Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1302), [30OC]
Expanding Access to Capital for Entrepreneurial Leaders (EXCEL) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 511) (S. Rept. 113–90), [10SE]
Small Business Disaster Reform Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 415) (S. Rept. 113–84), [31JY]

SMALL BUSINESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Federal agencies and departments: permit agencies to count certain contracts toward certain small business contracting goals (see S. 1190), [19JN]
SBA: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
———clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [28FE]
———provide conformity in Native small business opportunities and promote job creation, manufacturing, and American economic recovery (see S. 1607), [29OC]
Taxation: expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
Reports filed
Small Business Disaster Reform Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 415) (S. Rept. 113–84), [31JY]

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Bills and resolutions
Community development: expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by defense base realignment and closure (see S. 206), [31JA]
Contracts: increase contracting goals for service-disabled veteran-owned small business and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 259), [7FE]
———increase Government-wide small business contracting level and the contracting goal for businesses owned by veterans, women, and economically disadvantaged individuals (see S. 196), [31JA]
Dept. of Commerce and the Workforce: establish (see S. 1836), [17DE]
Disasters: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
———clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [28FE]
Federal aid programs: establish a grant program to empower encore entrepreneurs (see S. 1454), [1AU]
———increase oversight of small business assistance programs (see S. 936), [14MY]
Financial institutions: make information relative to lenders making covered loans publicly available (see S. 537), [12MR]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Government regulations: increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 550), [13MR]
———require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
Investments: enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program and provide for a small business early-stage investment program (see S. 1285), [11JY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Native Americans: provide conformity in Native small business opportunities and promote job creation, manufacturing, and American economic recovery (see S. 1607), [29OC]
Real estate: extend availability of low-interest mortgage refinancing under the local development business loan program (see S. 289), [12FE]
Small business: improve coordination of export promotion programs and facilitate export opportunities (see S. 1179), [18JN]
Small Business Investment Company Program: enhance (see S. 511), [11MR]
Taxation: allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans (see S. 1015), [22MY]
Reports filed
Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development (CREED) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 289) (S. Rept. 113–89), [10SE]
Communicating Lender Activity Reports From the SBA (CLEAR SBA) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 537) (S. Rept. 113–91), [10SE]
Expanding Access to Capital for Entrepreneurial Leaders (EXCEL) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 511) (S. Rept. 113–90), [10SE]
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]
Small Business Disaster Reform Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 415) (S. Rept. 113–84), [31JY]

SMALL BUSINESS DISASTER REFORM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 415), [28FE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 415) (S. Rept. 113–84), [31JY]

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1285), [11JY]

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
SBA: enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program (see S. 511), [11MR]
———enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program and provide for a small business early-stage investment program (see S. 1285), [11JY]
———increase limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (see S. 550), [13MR]
Reports filed
Expanding Access to Capital for Entrepreneurial Leaders (EXCEL) Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Senate) (S. 511) (S. Rept. 113–90), [10SE]

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]

SMALL BUSINESS TAX CREDITS IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1325), [18JY]

SMALL BUSINESS TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 725), [15AP]

SMARTER SENTENCING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1410), [31JY]

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
Bills and resolutions
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Fahey, John: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 28), [11DE]
Lavizzo-Mourey, Risa: appoint as citizen regent of Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents (see S.J. Res. 29), [11DE]
Smithsonian American Latino Museum: establish (see S. 568), [14MR]

SNOWDEN, EDWARD
Bills and resolutions
Russia: call for Russia to turn over Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities and consider all economic and diplomatic options when pursuing him (see S. Res. 198), [18JY]

SOCIAL SECURITY *related term(s)* **PUBLIC WELFARE PROGRAMS**
Appointments
Social Security Advisory Board, [24JA]
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
Benefits: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 90), [23JA]
———improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [13FE]
———strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [14MR]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [22MY]
Children and youth: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN] (see S. 1870, 1878), [19DE]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (House): authorize release of records on review of disability claims adjudications made in the SSA Huntington, WV, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (see S. Res. 315), [10DE]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
Dept. of HHS: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of victims under adoption assistance and foster care programs (see S. 1823), [13DE]
———develop a national model disclosure form to assist consumers in purchasing long-term care insurance (see S. 1473), [1AU]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [28FE]
———include court-appointed guardianship and oversight activities under elder justice programs (see S. 975), [16MY]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 1758), [21NO]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]

———prohibit replacement of existing coding system for disease and diagnosis classifications in implementing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards (see S. 972), [16MY]
———remove Social Security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to beneficiaries (see S. 612), [19MR]
Dept. of Justice: provide effective criminal prosecutions and increase penalties for tax return identity thefts (see S. 149), [24JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
Disabled: revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [15AP]
Diseases: improve coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under Medicare and private health insurance (see S. 608), [19MR]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
———provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
Families and domestic relations: enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services (see S. 1527), [19SE]
———establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1203), [20JN]
———improve enforcement, collection, and administration of child support payments (see S. 508), [7MR]
Federal aid programs: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
———prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 1099), [6JN]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
———improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
———national policy to provide health care, control costs, and enhance the quality of the health care system (see S. 1782), [9DE]
———prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR]
———repeal health-care related provisions (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Income: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]
IRS: prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [17AP]
———cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
———extend rules regarding supplemental needs trusts for beneficiaries to trusts established by such beneficiaries (see S. 1672), [7NO]
———repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
———require a certain medical loss ratio percentage for Medicaid managed care plans (see S. 1787), [10DE]
———require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 1655), [6NO]
Medicare: adjust part B and D premiums for high-income beneficiaries (see S. 1198), [20JN]
———adjust wage index determination for certain hospitals near State borders to ensure they are treated in the same manner as nearby facilities in other States (see S. 1791), [10DE]
———allow certain critical access and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy available physician requirements for emergency medical conditions (see S. 328), [14FE]
———allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
———allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [26FE]
———apply exceptions process fairly for tiered formulary drugs in prescription drug plans (see S. 1365), [25JY]
———authorize the Dept. of HHS to negotiate lower covered part D prescription drug prices for beneficiaries (see S. 77), (see S. 117), [23JA]
———change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico under part B (see S. 324), [14FE]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12JN]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [14MR]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [14MR]
———cover supplies associated with insulin injection, home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices, and disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program (see S. 672), [9AP]
———delay implementation of round 2 of the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Acquisition Program for competitive acquisition areas in Tennessee (see S. 1265), [27JN]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 408), [28FE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [14MR]
———encourage use of dispensing techniques that foster efficiency and reduce wasteful dispensing of outpatient prescription drugs in long-term care facilities (see S. 1493), [10SE]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [20MR]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [18JY]
———establish a payment option to freely contract, without penalty, for fee-for-service items and services, while allowing beneficiaries to use their benefits (see S. 236), [7FE]
———establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health (see S. 1228), [26JN]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [18MR]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [31JY]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [25AP]
———extend the Frontier Extended Stay Clinic demonstration in Alaska (see S. 239), [7FE]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [13FE]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [13MR]
———include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the ''Medicare and You Handbook'' and coordinate programs to prevent and treat obesity (see S. 1184), [19JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [11JN]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [18JY]
———permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump (see S. 914), [9MY]
———preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers (see S. 1220), [25JN]
———provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1439), [1AU]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [14MY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [30JA]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
———provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services (see S. 1064), [23MY]
———provide payment for anesthesia services by anesthesiologists in certain rural hospitals in the same manner as for services by anesthesiologist assistants and certified registered nurse anesthetists (see S. 1444), [1AU]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [14MY]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [14FE]
———repeal sustainable growth rate payment system for physicians and improve beneficiary access (see S. 1871), [19DE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [23MY]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
———delay implementation schedule of the reductions of disproportionate share hospital payments (see S. 1555), [26SE]
National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize (see S. 1562), [30SE]
———reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers (see S. 858), [6MY]
———allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR] (see S. 1851), [18DE]

———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE] (see S. 1316), [17JY]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA] (see S. 81), [23JA]
———prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 92), [23JA]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
———require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 873), [7MY]
Senior citizens: provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
———provide higher-quality, lower-cost health care to seniors (see S. 1469), [1AU]
Social Security Disability Insurance: provide for a phased-in payment of benefits during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness (see S. 1311), [17JY]
Taxation: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [5MR]
———regulate payroll tax deposit agents (see S. 900), [8MY]
Treaties and agreements: provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements (see S. 767), [18AP]
Trust funds: establish a procedure to safeguard (see S. 110), [23JA]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
Messages
Social Security Agreement With Switzerland: President Obama, [9DE]
Social Security Agreement With the Slovak Republic: President Obama, [17SE]
Reports filed
Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 975), [19DE]
Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate Payment System for Physicians Repeal and Beneficiary Access Improvement: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1871), [19DE]
Supporting At-Risk Children Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
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Social Security Advisory Board, [24JA]
Bills and resolutions
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (House): authorize release of records on review of disability claims adjudications made in the SSA Huntington, WV, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (see S. Res. 315), [10DE]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Employment: establish a trust fund to provide for paid family and medical leave benefits for certain individuals (see S. 1810), [12DE]
Federal agencies and departments: improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [24JY]
Social Security: strengthen by reforming the benefit formula and the calculation of cost-of-living adjustments and improving the long-term condition of the trust fund (see S. 567), [14MR]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]

SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD
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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 612), [19MR]

SOCIAL WORK REINVESTMENT COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Establish (see S. 997), [21MY]

SOLAR ENERGY *related term(s)* **POWER RESOURCES**
Bills and resolutions
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard and a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers (see S. 1627), [31OC]
———promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Taxation: provide that solar energy property need not be located on the property to which it is generating electricity to qualify for residential energy efficient property credit (see S. 1225), [26JN]

SOLOMON ISLANDS
Bills and resolutions
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]

SOMALIA
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: promote security, stability, and good governance through coordinated interagency strategy that supports consolidation of recent security and political gains (see S. 1745), [20NO]

SOMERSET COUNTY, PA
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2011: President Obama, [10SE]

***SOMERSET* (U.S.S.) (LPD–25)**
Bills and resolutions
Navy: encourage to commission the U.S.S. *Somerset* (LPD–25) in Philadelphia, PA (see S. Res. 63), [28FE]

SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING
Bills and resolutions
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]

SOUTH AFRICA, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]

SOUTH AMERICA
Bills and resolutions
OAS: support revitalization and reform (see S. 793), [24AP]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Narcotics Traffickers in Colombia: President Obama, [16OC]
Motions
OAS: support revitalization and reform (S. 793), [24SE]
Reports filed
OAS Revitalization and Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 793) (S. Rept. 113–43), [13JN]

SOUTH CAROLINA
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]

SOUTH DAKOTA
Bills and resolutions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site: modify boundaries (see S. 459), [5MR]
Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System: facilitate completion (see S. 684), [9AP]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Reports filed
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 459) (S. Rept. 113–32), [22AP]
Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System Completion Facilitation: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 684) (S. Rept. 113–74), [15JY]

SOUTH UTAH VALLEY ELECTRIC CONVEYANCE ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 25) (S. Rept. 113–15), [22AP]

SOUTHEAST ALASKA NATIVE LAND ENTITLEMENT FINALIZATION AND JOBS PROTECTION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 340) (S. Rept. 113–98), [10SE]

SOUTHEAST ASIA
Bills and resolutions
Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
———suspend military assistance until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the parliamentary elections and election reforms are implemented (see S. Res. 271), [16OC]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 200), [31JA]
Oceans: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Thailand: anniversary of diplomatic relations (see S. Res. 77), [18MR]
Vietnam: promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [5NO]
Vietnamese Conflict: anniversary of withdrawal of U.S. combat troops (see S. Res. 280), [31OC]
Reports filed
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to men's soccer team (see S. Res. 326), [20DE]

SPACE POLICY *related term(s)* **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**
Bills and resolutions
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Dept. of Defense: require a study on the use of the Russian RD–180 rocket engine and the cost effectiveness of building the engines in the U.S. (see S. 1679), [12NO]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
NASA: authorize programs (see S. 1317), [17JY]
Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA: designate (see S. 1636), [31OC]
Strategic Defense Initiative: anniversary (see S. Res. 82), [20MR]

SPECIAL DAYS AND HOLIDAYS
Bills and resolutions
American College of Surgeons Days: designate (see S. Res. 217), [1AU]
American Diabetes Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 316), [10DE]
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Arbor Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 14), [25AP]
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 129), [6MY]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Campus Fire Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 259), [24SE]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 122), [25AP]
Collector Car Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 176), [19JN]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 273), [16OC]
Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 125), [25AP]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Gold Star Wives Day: designate (see S. Res. 67), [5MR]
Growth Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 242), [19SE]
Hinduism: recognize the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 277), [30OC]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
International Year of Statistics: designate (see S. Res. 150), [21MY]
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]
Memorial Day: encourage nationwide moment of remembrance with the playing of ''Taps'' (see S. Res. 291), [12NO]
———encourage nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1648), [5NO]
Military and Veterans Caregiver Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [7MR]
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 83), [20MR]
National Adopt a Library Day: designate (see S. Res. 113), [24AP]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Aphasia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 168), [12JN]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day: designate (see S. Res. 87), [21MR] (see S. Res. 93), [8AP]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Case Management Week: designate (see S. Res. 214), [1AU]
National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 89), [21MR]
National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 272), [16OC]
National Charter Schools Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 138), [9MY]
National Chess Week: designate (see S. Res. 266), [4OC]
National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 173), [18JN]
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 41), [25FE]
National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 85), [20MR]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 120), [25AP]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Day on Writing: designate (see S. Res. 295), [14NO]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [31JY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 248), [19SE]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 247), [19SE]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 261), [26SE]
National Holoprosencephaly Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 152), [22MY]
National Infant Mortality Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 258), [24SE]
National Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 148), [16MY]
National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day: designate (see S. Res. 204), [30JY]
National Lineman Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 95), [10AP]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 80), [19MR]
National Minority Health Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 145), [16MY]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Moth Week: designate (see S. Res. 70), [7MR]
National MPS Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: observance (see S. Res. 162), [4JN]
National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 310), [21NO]
National Physical Education and Sport Week: designate (see S. Res. 130), [7MY]
National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 172), [17JN] (see S. Res. 201), [25JY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 91), [22MR]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 149), [20MY]
National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 106), [23AP]
National Runaway Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 308), [20NO]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 111), [24AP]
National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 222), [11SE]
National School Counseling Week: designate (see S. Res. 27), [7FE]
National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 117), [25AP]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care: designate (see S. Res. 21), [30JA]
National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 211), [31JY]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 14), [24JA]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [25AP]
National Technological Innovation Day: designate (see S. Res. 275), [28OC]
National Toy Week: designate (see S. Res. 325), [20DE]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [30JY]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 104), [22AP]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Naturopathic Medicine Week: designate (see S. Res. 135), [9MY] (see S. Res. 221), [10SE]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Older Americans Month: designate (see S. Res. 137), [9MY]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 118), [25AP]
Peace Officers Memorial Day: observance (see S. Res. 140), [14MY]
Professional Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 57), [26FE]
Read Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 61), [27FE]
Red Ribbon Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 279), [31OC]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 278), [30OC]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 307), [20NO]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 121), [25AP]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 79), [18MR]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [28FE]
World AIDS Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 314), [10DE]
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 171), [13JN]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World Press Freedom Day: observance (see S. Res. 143), [16MY]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]

Wreaths Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 320), [13DE]
Reports filed
Support Goals and Ideals of World AIDS Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 314), [18DE]
World Press Freedom Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 143), [22MY]
SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST FAIRNESS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1672), [7NO]
SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORT AND EMPOWERMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Reauthorize (see S. 475), [6MR]
SPECIALTY CROPS COMPETITIVENESS ACT
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Dept. of Agriculture: include farmed shellfish as specialty crops (see S. 754), [17AP]
SPEER, JAMES
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Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [18DE]
SPOKANE, WA
Bills and resolutions
Gonzaga University: anniversary (see S. Res. 25), [31JA]
SPORTING KANSAS CITY (SOCCER TEAM)
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 327), [20DE]
SPORTS
Bills and resolutions
Antitrust policy: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts and require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball (see S. 1721), [18NO]
Armed Forces: educate potential military recruits on healthy body weight and facilitate and encourage exercise by opening military base sports and exercise facilities to youth (see S. 976), [16MY]
Baltimore Ravens (football team): tribute (see S. Res. 35), [14FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Chicago Blackhawks (hockey team): tribute (see S. Res. 187), [26JN]
Children and youth: establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 1546), [24SE]
Dept. of Education: authorize grant program to promote physical education, activity, fitness, and nutrition, and ensure healthy students (see S. 1033), [23MY]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
Dept. of HHS: publish physical activity guidelines (see S. 531), [12MR]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in Wyoming (see S. 130), [24JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [10AP]
Endangered species: allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species (see S. 847), [25AP]
EPA: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [17SE]
FCC: allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide subscribers a la carte video programming, penalize broadcasters for downgrading services, and eliminate sports blackout rule (see S. 912), [9MY]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
Health: support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 392), [27FE]
Horseracing: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [16MY]
Johnson, John A. (Jack): pardon posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 5), [5MR]
Loyola University Chicago: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
Miami Heat (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 186), [25JN]
Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [14NO]
Mississippi State University: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
National Physical Education and Sport Week: designate (see S. Res. 130), [7MY]
Nicklaus, Jack: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1040), [23MY]
North Dakota State University: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 32), [13FE]
Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]
———discourage ambush marketing by entities that adversely effect the ability of Team USA to attract sponsorships (see S. Res. 289), [7NO]
Owens, Jesse: tribute (see S. Res. 226), [12SE]
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park: adjust boundaries to include Hinchliffe Stadium (see S. 1189), [19JN]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [31JA] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public lands: direct land management agencies to report on public access and egress to public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation and use Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to secure such access (see S. 1554), [26SE]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [29JA]
Russia: call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to oppose Russia's discriminatory law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons (see S. Res. 311), [21NO]
Safety: reduce sports-related concussions in youth (see S. 1014), [22MY]
San Francisco, CA: tribute to Oracle Team USA for winning the America's Cup sailing competition (see S. Res. 286), [5NO]
Southern New Hampshire University: tribute to men's soccer team (see S. Res. 326), [20DE]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [6MR]
Sporting Kansas City (soccer team): tribute (see S. Res. 327), [20DE]
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge, St. Louis, MO: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]
Taxation: exclude major professional sports leagues from qualifying as tax-exempt organizations (see S. 1524), [18SE]
University of Alabama: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 19), [28JA]
University of Louisville: tribute to men's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
———tribute to women's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
University of Minnesota: tribute to women's hockey team (see S. Res. 123), [25AP]
Wildlife: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [18JY] (see S. 1660), [6NO]
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Powell Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 130) (S. Rept. 113–18), [22AP]
SPORTS BROADCASTING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts and require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball (see S. 1721), [18NO]
SPORTSMEN'S AND PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION TRADITIONS (SPORT) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1660), [6NO]
ST. LOUIS, MO
Bills and resolutions
National Chess Capital: designate (see S. Res. 102), [18AP]
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (BASEBALL TEAM)
Bills and resolutions
Stan Musial Memorial Bridge, St. Louis, MO: designate (see S. 166), [28JA]
STABENOW, DEBBIE ***(a Senator from Michigan)***
Appointments
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Conferee: H.R. 2642, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, [1AU], [1OC]
———S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [24JA]
———provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens (see S. 820), [25AP]
———reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 1541), [26SE]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [11MR]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [16AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Business and industry: promote industry growth and competitiveness and improve worker training, retention, and advancement (see S. 1226), [5NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 314), [9SE]

———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [28JA]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Credit: improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 1577), [28OC]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Commerce: enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to carry out coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets (see S. 429), [30SE]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [10JN]
———establish an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education (see S. 456), [5MR]
———establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [10JN]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [15MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [11AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
Dept. of Energy: establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements (see S. 717), [18JN]
———promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
———provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvements (see S. 265), [7FE]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [12OC]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [9DE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [21MR]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [6MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [7JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [18JY]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [17JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [17SE]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [11JN]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for pre-kindergarten children (see S. 1697), [12DE]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [16MY]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [21MY]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [30SE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Great Lakes: protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [16DE]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [11MR]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [26FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care (see S. 1318), [14NO]
Medicare: count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [9SE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [10AP]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [10SE]
———exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals (see S. 806), [24AP]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [23SE]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [28OC]
———modify coverage requirements for diabetic shoes (see S. 1318), [14NO]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [10DE]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [29OC]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [18SE]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act: reauthorize (see S. 231), [5NO]
National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: reauthorize and update grants to address problems of individuals who experience trauma and violence related stress (see S. 380), [21MR]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [29JA]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [25JN]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [29JY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [18NO]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [6MY]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 457), [5MR]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25JY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [28OC]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [20MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [9MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: designate certain lands and inland water as wilderness (see S. 23), [22JA]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [13JN]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [23MY]
Social Work Reinvestment Commission: establish (see S. 997), [21MY]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [7MY]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade

adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———expand rehabilitation credit (see S. 1141), [11JN]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 835), [25AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [25AP]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [23AP]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [24AP]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [12SE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [8AP]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [18MR]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [20MY]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747), [20NO] (see S. 1845), [18DE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [18MR]
Veterinarians: allow transport and dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location (see S. 1171), [17JN]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [24JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [26JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 954), [14MY]
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 47), [26FE] (see S. Res. 230), [17SE]
Dept. of Energy: provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 488), [7MR]
Dept. of HHS: reform and modernize the Office of Refugee Resettlement (see S. 883), [7MY] (see S. 1850), [18DE]
Dept. of Labor: prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future by improving existing education, workforce, and support programs for high school dropouts (see S. 1117), [7JN]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
Medicare: increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [11AP]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 247), [19SE]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
Native Americans: reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians (see S. 1603), [29OC]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 118), [25AP]
Professional Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]
Social Security: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
Taxation: establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 1795), [10DE]
———permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 688), [9AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
———provide a credit for production of renewable chemicals (see S. 1267), [27JN]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [14FE]
———raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1287), [11JY]
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———making continuing (H.R. 933), [13MR], [18MR], [20MR]
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Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
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Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954), [14MY]
———Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Senate) (S. 954) (S. Rept. 113–88), [9SE]
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Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: support maple syrup production research and education, sustainability of maple syrup resources, promotion of maple products, and access to lands for maple sugaring activities (see S. 879), [7MY]
Alaska: enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes relative to enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, improve quality of life in rural Alaska, and reduce alcohol and drug abuse (see S. 1474), [1AU]
Arizona: facilitate efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land (see S. 339), [14FE]
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [14FE]
Bridges: increase percentage of funds set aside for off-system bridges (see S. 1504), [12SE]
Budget: exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]
Children and youth: establish and implement concussion management guidelines for school-aged children (see S. 1516), [18SE]
———improve outcomes for youth at risk for sex trafficking (see S. 1518), [18SE]

———promote minimum State requirements for prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports (see S. 1546), [24SE]
———revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [18JN]
———constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
———require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Corps of Engineers: establish program to evaluate cost-effectiveness and efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for civil works flood control and navigation construction projects (see S. 66), [23JA]
Courts: appoint additional Federal circuit and district judges (see S. 1385), [30JY]
CPSC: require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet certain safety standards and encourage States to require installation of such detectors in homes (see S. 1793), [10DE]
Credit: empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [26JN]
Crime: ensure prisoners do not profit from their violent acts through the sale of ''murderabilia'' by restricting mailing and delivery privileges of prisoners for commercial purposes (see S. 1549), [24SE]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [22JA] (see S. 369), [14FE]
———stop exploitation through human trafficking (see S. 1733), [19NO]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [31OC]
———improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 458), [5MR]
———improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 762), [18AP]
———include California as a separate Federal milk marketing order upon the petition and approval of California dairy producers (see S. 663), [22MR]
———land exchange with Sabine River Authority, TX (see S. 1484), [1AU]
Dept. of Defense: close and consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and facilities and relocate overseas missions to U.S. installations prior to any domestic base realignment and closure (see S. Res. 132), [8MY]
———provide certain information to State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of Armed Forces members from military service to civilian life (see S. 1684), [12NO]
Dept. of Education: allow State teacher and personnel training and recruitment funds to be used to train school personnel how to recognize child sexual abuse (see S. 756), [17AP]
———allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 1129), [11JN]
———authorize grant program to promote physical education, activity, fitness, and nutrition, and ensure healthy students (see S. 1033), [23MY]
———award grants to educational agencies and schools to utilize technology to improve student achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———award grants to States to establish universal pre-kindergarten programs and programs to support infants and toddlers (see S. 502), [7MR]
———award grants to States to establish voluntary prekindergarten programs to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten (see S. 322), [13FE]
———create and expand innovative teacher and principal preparation programs known as teacher and principal preparation academies (see S. 1052), [23MY]
———ensure children are ready for college or a career by providing more State and local control over student, school, and teacher evaluations and achievements (see S. 1101), [6JN]
———ensure decisions to award grants or other assistance to States or local agencies are not contingent upon adoption of specific educational curricula (see S. 1890), [20DE]
———establish, enhance, and increase access to early childhood parent education and family engagement programs (see S. 1674), [7NO]
———establish a comprehensive literacy program (see S. 758), [18AP]
———establish a new counseling program (see S. 282), [12FE]
———establish a Pay It Forward model for funding postsecondary education that requires students to pay a percentage of their income back into the fund upon graduation (see S. 1884), [20DE]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———establish an alternative accountability model for elementary and secondary schools to measure student progress (see S. 943), [14MY]
———establish Federal-State partnership to increase higher education funding and need-based student financial aid (see S. 1874), [19DE]
———help States develop and improve qualifications and training of early childhood educator workforce (see S. 1673), [7NO]
———improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards and develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts (see S. 940), [14MY]
———improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools by authorizing school turnaround grants and reward schools that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps (see S. 578), [14MR]
———improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs (see S. 1062), [23MY]
———integrate engineering education into elementary and secondary instruction and curriculum and support research on engineering education (see S. 1178), [18JN]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———modify the High School Graduation Initiative (School Dropout Prevention Program) (see S. 1109), [6JN]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
———provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
———recruit, prepare, and support principals through capacity-building measures that will improve student academic achievement in high-need schools (see S. 840), [25AP]
———support teacher and school professional training on awareness of student mental health conditions (see S. 648), [21MR]
Dept. of Energy: establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]
———establish Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [3JN]
———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
———reauthorize weatherization and State energy programs (see S. 1213), [20JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of victims under adoption assistance and foster care programs (see S. 1823), [13DE]
———provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [7FE]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
———reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 1086), [3JN]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [20MR]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of Justice: classify human trafficking as a violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program (see S. 413), [28FE]
———establish a national Silver Alert communications network to assist regional and local search efforts for missing senior citizens (see S. 1814), [12DE]
———improve administration of grants to States under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and ensure that all criminal defendants receive adequate representation (see S. 597), [18MR]
———make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local prosecutors to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs (see S. 1418), [1AU]
———prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
———provide incentives to States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite

voting at polls and simplify voter registration (see S. 85), [23JA]
———report on State law penalties for certain child abusers and expand the predicate for increased penalties for domestic assaults against children (see S. 1778), [9DE]
———strengthen the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Secure Our Schools grant program (see S. 146), [24JA]
Dept. of Labor: require State workforce agencies and employers to certify the active recruitment of Americans for job placement prior to hiring H–2B nonimmigrant workers (see S. 891), [8MY]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]
———convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
———establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
———grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
———prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: allow reliance on State examinations for certain financial institutions in order to assist immigrant communities in making remittances to their countries of origin (see S. 1840), [17DE]
———authorize States to use assistance provided under the Hardest Hit Fund program to demolish blighted structures (see S. 1122), [10JN]
———establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by or on behalf of State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in financial recovery from earthquakes and related events (see S. 1813), [12DE]
———prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]
———reimburse States that use State funds to operate national parks during the Government shutdown (see S. 1572), [15OC]
Dept. of Transportation: establish an Emergency Transportation Safety Fund (see S. 911), [9MY]
———reauthorize Projects of National and Regional Significance program to fund high-cost surface transportation projects (see S. 823), [25AP]
———reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 1553), [26SE]
———set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [14NO]
———withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: assess feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of veterans' benefits, services, and outreach activities (see S. 927), [9MY]
———carry out a program of outreach for veterans (see S. 1558), [27SE]
———ensure veterans have access to services in at least one departmental full-service hospital or comparable contract services in their State (see S. 49), [22JA]
———include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects (see S. 1540), [24SE]
———report cases of certain infectious diseases at departmental medical facilities (see S. 875), [7MY]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 944), [14MY]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
———prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold longstanding State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
———provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 93), [23JA]
Discrimination: eliminate discrimination in State criminal and civil laws for those living with HIV/AIDS (see S. 1790), [10DE]
District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 132), [24JA]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]
———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
———increase access to adult education to provide for economic growth (see S. 1400), [30JY]
———promote innovative education practices, help States and local educational agencies ensure high-quality English proficiency instruction, and provide college and career knowledge to English learners (see S. 1043), [23MY]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18AP]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [14FE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures by corporations or labor organizations intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [28JA]
———constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
———ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Employment: streamline Federal job training system, steer training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide State access to National Directory of New Hires (see S. 804), [24AP]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 1731), [19NO]
EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
———provide adequate data, modeling, and support in the development of a State implementation plan under the Clean Air Act (see S. 319), [13FE]
———provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
Families and domestic relations: establish national and State putative father registries and make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood (see S. 1203), [20JN]
———increase effectiveness of State child support enforcement programs (see S. 1763), [21NO]
———increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1870, 1877), [19DE]
———prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
———reauthorize and restructure adoption incentives payments (see S. 1870, 1876), [19DE]
———remove barriers to the adoption of children in foster care through reauthorization and improvement of the adoption incentives program (see S. 1511), [17SE]
———strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [11JY]
FCC: provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 1766), [21NO]
———suspend and revise proposed rule that revised Universal Service fund distribution to rural carriers and encourage investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure (see S. 1858), [18DE]
Federal-State relations: prohibit Federal bailout of any State (see S. Res. 215), [1AU]
———prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 101), [23JA]
FEMA: award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire (see S. 1396), [30JY]
———delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [6JN]
———delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
———enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 905), [8MY] (see S. 924), [9MY]
———establish pilot program to provide for wildfire mitigation grants (see S. 1428), [1AU]
Financial literacy: provide grants to promote (see S. 829), [25AP] (see S. 1532), [19SE]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
———establish minimum standards for States that allow carrying of concealed firearms (see S. 147), [24JA]
———facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
Firefighters: provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity (see S. 1628), [31OC]
First State National Historical Park: establish (see S. 347), [14FE]
Fish and fishing: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 747), [17AP]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
Government regulations: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act: consent to certain amendments (see S.J. Res. 12), [21MR]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
———improve access to oral health care for vulnerable populations (see S. 1522), [18SE]
———provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Health care professionals: provide incentives to foreign-born physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities (see S. 616), [19MR]
Hurricanes: provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 803), [24AP]

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 1095), [4JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Medicaid: apply the primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services (see S. 755), [17AP]
———encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
———repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [15MY]
———require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 1655), [6NO]
Medicare: adjust wage index determination for certain hospitals near State borders to ensure they are treated in the same manner as nearby facilities in other States (see S. 1791), [10DE]
———allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Mining and mineral resources: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]
———facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
Monuments and memorials: prohibit further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress (see S. 472), [6MR]
National Guard: allow Federal reimbursement of States that choose to use National Guard troops to enhance school safety (see S. 145), [24JA]
———establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
New Hampshire: anniversary of the loss of the State symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain (see S. Res. 127), [25AP]
NOAA: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers (see S. 858), [6MY]
———allow States to opt out of certain provisions (see S. 1711), [14NO]
———ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———provide that certain requirements do not apply if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating by a certain date (see S. 1154), [12JN] (see S. 1272), [10JY]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [28OC]
Pipelines: authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities (see S. 763), [18AP]
———establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore and the Federal Government (see S. 630), [20MR] (see S. 1273), [10JY]
———expand biofuels market by requiring a certain percentage of new auto sales be flex fuel vehicles, increase number of blender pumps, and authorize renewable fuel pipeline loan guarantees (see S. 1563), [30SE]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
———recognize States' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (see S. 1743), [20NO]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
———require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 873), [7MY]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act: reauthorize (see S. 659), [22MR]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Rhode Island: add to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see S. 713), [11AP]
Roads and highways: protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform (see S. 1146), [12JN]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 88), [23JA]
———make grants available to local governments to place law enforcement officers in schools (see S. 148), [24JA]
———require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [13NO]
Senior citizens: establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and provide quality assurance for home and community-based services (see S. 998), [21MY]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN] (see S. 1870, 1878), [19DE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
———repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 1795), [10DE]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 41), [22JA] (see S. 127), [24JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
———provide for reporting and disclosure by State and local public employee retirement pension plans (see S. 779), [23AP]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
———repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
Telecommunications: require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 1816), [12DE]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [14NO]
———provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
———provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
Utah: convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (see S. 1732), [19NO]
Veterans: require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses (see S. 492), [7MR]
Voting: ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote (see S. 58), [22JA]
———permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]
———require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 532), [12MR]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 970), [16MY]
West Virginia: anniversary of statehood (see S. Res. 181), [21JN]
Workforce Investment Act: integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards (see S. 882), [7MY]
Cloture motions
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]

Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Motions
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [18AP]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
Reports filed
Clarify That Uncertified States and Indian Tribes Have Authority To Use Certain Payments for Noncoal Reclamation Projects and Acid Mine Remediation Programs: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 222) (S. Rept. 113–20), [22AP]
First State National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 347) (S. Rept. 113–27), [22AP]
Good Neighbor Forestry Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 327) (S. Rept. 113–97), [10SE]
Hawaiian Homes Commission Act Amendments Consent: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S.J. Res. 12) (S. Rept. 113–76), [15JY]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 659) (S. Rept. 113–73), [15JY]
School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2094), [30OC]
School Safety Enhancements Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 146), [12MR]
Supporting At-Risk Children Act: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]
Veterans' Educational Transition Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 944) (S. Rept. 113–123), [9DE]

STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO ACT
Bills and resolutions
Federal agencies and departments: create an expedited procedure to enact GAO recommendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication (see S. 1231), [26JN]

STEM SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS IN EDUCATION AND MENTORING (STEM) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1129), [11JN]

STEVENS, THADDEUS *(a former Representative from Pennsylvania)*
Bills and resolutions relative to
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: designate (see S. 885), [7MY]
Reports filed
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 885), [31JY]

STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTING REAUTHORIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1300), [16JY]

STOP ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54), [11MR]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54) (S. Rept. 113–9), [8AP]

STOP TAX HAVEN ABUSE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1533), [19SE]

STOP THE SALE OF MURDERABILIA ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1549), [24SE]

STOP TRADING ON CONGRESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE (STOCK) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Political ethics: modify requirements regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms (see S. 716), [11AP]

STORAGE TECHNOLOGY FOR RENEWABLE AND GREEN ENERGY (STORAGE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1030), [23MY]

STRATEGIC MATERIALS *related term(s)* **GOLD; NATIONAL SECURITY**
Bills and resolutions
Federal Helium Reserve: complete privatization in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting taxpayer interests (see S. 1513), [17SE]
———improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [23AP]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 167), [29JA]
Reports filed
Helium Stewardship Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 783) (S. Rept. 113–83), [29JY]

STREAMLINING CLAIMS PROCESSING FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 2747), [30OC]

STREAMLINING THE SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SSNAP) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 762), [18AP]

STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 3), [22JA]

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1094) (S. Rept. 113–113), [11OC]

STRONG START FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1697), [13NO]

STUDENT LOAN AFFORDABILITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 953), [14MY]
Cloture motions
Enact (S. 953): motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]

STUDENT LOAN BORROWER BILL OF RIGHTS
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1803), [11DE]

STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1088), [4JN]

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Bills and resolutions
Lewis, Representative: commemorate anniversary of chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (see S. Res. 170), [13JN]

STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 915), [9MY]

SUDAN, REPUBLIC OF THE
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Sudan: President Obama, [30OC]

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY
Bills and resolutions
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]

SULLIVAN, LEON
Bills and resolutions
Postal Service: issue commemorative postage stamp (see S. Con. Res. 23), [1AU]

SUMMIT COUNTY, CO
Bills and resolutions
Forest Service: convey Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, CO (see S. 1305), [16JY]

SUNSHINE IN THE COURTROOM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 405), [28FE]

SUPPORT EARNED RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS (SERVE) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1736), [19NO]

SUPPORTING AT-RISK CHILDREN ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1870), [19DE]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Finance (Senate) (S. 1870), [19DE]

SUPREME COURT *related term(s)* **COURTS**
Bills and resolutions
Congress: constitutional amendment to require application of laws equally to all U.S. citizens (see S.J. Res. 25), [11OC]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to exclude from rights given to natural persons, prohibit corporate spending on elections, and affirm power of Congress and States to regulate corporations and elections (see S. 525), [12MR] (see S.J. Res. 11), [13MR]
Courts: provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch (see S. 575), [14MR]
———provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, MD, which Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth (see S. 103), [23JA]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: hold memorial observances in the Senate Chamber and invite Members of the House, family of the deceased, the President, and other high-ranking officials to such observances (see S. Res. 160), [4JN]
NLRB: prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [25AP]
Political ethics: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [1AU]
Television: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 1207), [20JN]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]

SURFACE MINING CONTROL AND RECLAMATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
Mining and mineral resources: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]
———protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
Reports filed
Clarify That Uncertified States and Indian Tribes Have Authority To Use Certain Payments for Noncoal Reclamation Projects and Acid Mine Remediation Programs: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 222) (S. Rept. 113–20), [22AP]

SURPLUS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
Bills and resolutions
GSA: repeal requirement to sell Plum Island, NY, and allow for the transfer to another Federal agency or

entity to protect environmental and recreational benefits (see S. 1303), [16JY]
Motor vehicles: reduce number of non-essential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 417), [28FE]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
Ships and vessels: provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients (see S. 12), [26FE] (see S. 1683), [12NO]
Veterans: improve veterans service organizations' access to Federal surplus personal property (see S. 573), [14MR]
Reports filed
Federal Real Property Asset Management Reform Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 1398) (S. Rept. 113–122), [19NO]
Formerly Owned Resources for Veterans To Express Thanks for Service (FOR VETS) Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1171), [31JY]
Transfer of Naval Vessels to Certain Foreign Recipients: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1683), [14NO]

SURVIVOR BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 735), [16AP]

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 329), [14FE]

SWITZERLAND
Messages
Social Security Agreement With Switzerland: President Obama, [9DE]

SYNTHETIC FUELS
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Defense: authorize long-term contracts for procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels (see S. 389), [26FE]

SYRIA, ARAB REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign aid: provide humanitarian and other assistance and support a transition to democracy (see S. 617), [19MR]
Foreign policy: call for Syria to become a signatory to, and comply with, the Chemical Weapons Convention and if such actions do not occur by a certain date, all elements of national power will be considered by the U.S. (see S.J. Res. 22), [10SE]
———impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
———provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 856), [6MY] (see S. 960), [15MY]
———restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]
Human rights: condemn violence, use of chemical weapons, and human rights violations and call for Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity (see S. Res. 219), [9SE]
Iran: impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
Middle East: ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S–300 air defense system (see S. Con. Res. 27), [21NO]
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National Emergency Relative to Syria: President Obama, [7MY]
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Armed Forces: authorize use against Syria in response to use of chemical weapons (S.J. Res. 21), [9SE], [10SE]
Reports filed
Armed Forces Use Against Syria in Response to Use of Chemical Weapons: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S.J. Res. 21), [6SE]
Syria Transition Support Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 960) (S. Rept. 113–79), [24JY]

SYRIA STABILIZATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 856), [6MY]

SYRIA TRANSITION SUPPORT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 960), [15MY]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 960) (S. Rept. 113–79), [24JY]

TAIWAN
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MR]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Reports filed
Dept. of State Development of a Strategy To Obtain Observer Status for Taiwan at the Triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 113–42), [13JN]
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 79), [18MR]

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK FOUNDATION
Bills and resolutions
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 79), [18MR]

TALBOT COUNTY, MD
Bills and resolutions
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
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Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]

TALKEETNA, AK
Bills and resolutions
Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station: designate (see S. 157), [28JA]
Reports filed
Denali National Park Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 157) (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]

TALLYING OF THE ACTUAL LIABILITIES (TOTAL) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1830), [16DE]

TAN, SHIRLEY CONSTANTINO
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 595), [18MR]

TAOS COUNTY, NM
Bills and resolutions
Columbine-Hondo Wilderness: establish (see S. 776), [22AP]

TAPE, GUY P.
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Relief (see S. 593), [18MR]

TARIFF *related term(s)* **FOREIGN TRADE**
Bills and resolutions
Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 1412), [31JY]
Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA): extend preferential tariff treatment for certain textile goods imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1136), [11JN]
Footwear (see S. 1633), [31OC]
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]
———include the cost of paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods in the calculation of normal value of a product (see S. 1801), [11DE]
———increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [7MR]
Generalized System of Preferences: extend (see S. 1331), [18JY]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Nepal: authorize preferential treatment for certain imports (see S. 431), [28FE]
Travel and tourism: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 1839), [17DE]
Trousers, breeches, or shorts imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1883), [20DE]
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Generalized System of Preferences Beneficiary Developing Country Suspension for Bangladesh: President Obama, [27JN]

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Foreign trade: include the cost of paying adequate wages and maintaining sustainable production methods in the calculation of normal value of a product (see S. 1801), [11DE]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [7MR]

TAX EXTENDERS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1859), [19DE]

TAX TRANSPARENCY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1620), [30OC]

TAXATION
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: prohibit Federal funding of abortions (see S. 142), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
Agriculture: establish dairy farm savings accounts (see S. 493), [7MR]
———expand the types of livestock for which bonus depreciation is available (see S. 494), [7MR]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
Alcoholic beverages: exempt aging process of distilled spirits from the production period for purposes of capitalization of interest costs (see S. 1457), [1AU]
———modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider (see S. 1531), [19SE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———reduce tax on beer (see S. 958), [15MY]
American Opportunity Tax Credit: extend and modify (see S. 835), [25AP]
Armed Forces: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of a member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard (see S. 1591), [28OC]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]

Bankruptcy: clarify rule allowing discharge as a nonpriority claim of governmental claims arising from disposition of farm assets (see S. 1427), [1AU]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 1), [22JA] (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE] (see S.J. Res. 20), [11JY]
———limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 388), [26FE]
———reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes (see S. 268), [11FE]
———replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
Business and industry: adjust limits on expensing of certain depreciable business assets (see S. 1298), [16JY]
———allow manufacturing businesses to establish tax-free manufacturing reinvestment accounts to assist them in providing for new equipment and facilities and workforce training (see S. 1651), [5NO]
———apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations (see S. 479), [6MR]
———deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 1654), [5NO]
———develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the U.S. and encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries (see S. 1615), [30OC]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [16AP]
———end deferral of foreign source income of U.S. companies, close certain foreign tax credit loopholes, prevent U.S. tax avoidance, and eliminate tax loopholes for big oil companies (see S. 250), [7FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1476), [1AU]
———increase exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance (see S. 1713), [14NO]
———make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations (see S. 1855), [18DE]
———provide an income tax credit for increased payroll (see S. 115), [23JA]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 1533), [19SE]
Cargo transportation: establish a Maritime Goods Movement User Fee and provide grants for international maritime cargo improvements (see S. 1509), [17SE]
Charities: treat payments by charitable organizations to certain firefighters as exempt payments (see S. 1115), [7JN] (see S. 1689), [13NO]
Chemicals: provide a credit for production of renewable chemicals (see S. 1267), [27JN]
Children and youth: clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 91), [23JA]
———increase child care credit and credit for establishing workplace child care and provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities (see S. 56), [22JA]
Colleges and universities: provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [22MR]
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate): authorize release of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations records on offshore profit shifting and the U.S. Tax Code (see S. Res. 62), [27FE]
Community development: permanently extend the new markets tax credit (see S. 1133), [11JN]
Congress: prohibit consideration of any bill by Congress unless a statement on tax transparency is provided in the bill (see S. 1620), [30OC]
Conservation of energy: provide a tax incentive for installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property (see S. 775), [22AP]
Conservation of natural resources: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1160), [13JN]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [12MR]
Constitutional amendments: limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
Construction industries: protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans (see S. 838), [25AP]
Corporations: reduce maximum rate on income (see S. 151), [24JA]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]
Crime: prevent identity theft and tax fraud (see S. 676), [9AP]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [14MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
Dept. of Energy: establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to States and units of local government to carry out clean energy and carbon reduction measures (see S. 570), [14MR]
———provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
Dept. of Justice: provide effective criminal prosecutions and increase penalties for tax return identity thefts (see S. 149), [24JA]
Dept. of the Treasury: notify taxpayers each time the taxpayers' information is accessed by the IRS (see S. 1489), [10SE]
———prohibit a bailout of a State, city, or municipality and designate economic freedom zones (see S. 1852), [18DE]
———prohibit from enforcing health care reform (see S. 983), [16MY] (see S. 1315), [17JY]
———study feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional pre-prepared tax return (see S. 722), [15AP]
Disabled: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 1694), [13NO]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [13FE]
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 93), [23JA]
Diseases: require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to cover oral cancer drugs on terms no less favorable than for cancer medications administered by a health care provider (see S. 1879), [19DE]
Drugs: include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines (see S. 391), [27FE]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
———prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
———provide a comprehensive deficit reduction plan through dollar for dollar debt ceiling increase and entitlement program reform (see S. 11), [26FE]
———provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
Education: allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition (see S. 297), [13FE]
———consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses (see S. 1090), [4JN]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 86), [23JA]
———improve and expand education savings accounts (see S. 1515), [18SE]
———provide a credit for early childhood education professional school personnel, expand deduction for expenses to early childhood education teachers, and modify credit for dependent care services (see S. 438), [4MR]
———provide deduction for itemizers and non-itemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 87), [23JA]
Elections: require disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity (see S. 791), [23AP]
Electric power: provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
Electronic commerce: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
Employment: establish a Federal tax credit approximation matching program for State new jobs training tax credits (see S. 1795), [10DE]
———exclude from income amounts received from certain unlawful discrimination claims and allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards from such claims (see S. 1224), [26JN]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———provide a credit for employer-provided job training (see S. 1409), [31JY]
———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs back and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [14FE]
EPA: prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [18JY]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
———provide a credit for costs of certain infertility treatments (see S. 881), [7MY]
———provide for a refundable adoption tax credit (see S. 1056), [23MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal estate and gift taxes (see S. 1402), [31JY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Federal employees: make persons having seriously delinquent tax debts ineligible for Federal employment (see S. 1045), [23MY]
Federal-State relations: make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes (see S. 41), [22JA] (see S. 127), [24JA]
Fire prevention: treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1163), [13JN]
Food: permanently extend and expand deduction for charitable contributions of food inventory (see S. 1395), [30JY]
———provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat (see S. 1194), [20JN]
Government regulations: provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corpora-

tions, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [28FE]
———regulate payroll tax deposit agents (see S. 900), [8MY]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Health: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 490), [7MR]
———disapprove rule relative to taxable medical devices (see S.J. Res. 8), [27FE]
———expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
———improve access to health care by expanding health savings accounts (see S. 103), [23MY]
———improve health of individuals and reduce health care costs by reorienting health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion (see S. 39), [22JA]
———increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements (see S. 966), [15MY]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [6MY]
———provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage (see S. 1851), [18DE]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR]
———repeal health-care related provisions (see S. 1851), [18DE]
Health care professionals: provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act: make permanent certain tax provisions relative to timber (see S. 1544), [24SE]
Historic buildings and sites: provide a refundable credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures (see S. 1421), [1AU]
Housing: make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
Immigration: impose a fine on international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the U.S. (see S. 1176), [18JN]
———reform (see S. 744), [16AP]
Income: raise limitation on the election to accelerate the alternative minimum tax credit in lieu of bonus depreciation (see S. 1287), [11JY]
Individual retirement accounts: expand tax-free distributions for charitable purposes (see S. 1772), [21NO]
———rename the section of the Internal Revenue Code known as the spousal individual retirement account as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA (see S. 1221), [25JN]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [19NO]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [15AP]
———increase alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies (see S. 1346), [23JY]
———permit individuals to renew certain health insurance offered in the individual or small group markets and provide that such individuals would not be subject to the individual mandate penalty (see S. 1699), [13NO]
———prevent avoidance of tax by insurance companies through reinsurance with non-taxed affiliates (see S. 991), [20MY]
———require health insurance issuers and group health plans to disclose information regarding how certain taxes and fees impact the amount of premiums (see S. 764), [18AP]
Internal Revenue Code: extend certain expiring provisions (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———reduce number of tax brackets, provide child and personal tax credits, allow new charitable and mortgage interest deductions, repeal certain taxes, and eliminate State and local deductions (see S. 1616), [30OC]
———repeal and replace with a flat tax (see S. 173), [29JA]
Investments: impose a tax on certain trading transactions (see S. 410), [28FE]
———modify rules relative to loans made from a qualified employer retirement plan (see S. 606), [19MR]
IRS: condemn targeting of Tea Party groups and call for an investigation (see S. Res. 159), [4JN]
———issue regulations to allow enrolled agents to use or display their credentials when advertising their services or representing clients (see S. 1134), [11JN]
———make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [9AP]
———permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [14NO]
———prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
———prohibit application of disproportionate scrutiny to applicants for tax-exempt status based on ideology (see S. 937), [14MY]
———prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
Mayflower, AR: exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the pipeline oil spill (see S. 1350), [24JY]
Medicaid: require approval of waivers relative to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities (see S. 1655), [6NO]
Minimum wage: increase, and extend increased expensing limitations for depreciable business assets and treatment of certain property as section 179 property (see S. 1737), [19NO]
Mining and mineral resources: protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
Money: treat gold and silver coins used as legal tender in the same manner as U.S. currency (see S. 768), [18AP]
Mortgages: permanently extend the private mortgage insurance tax deduction (see S. 688), [9AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [19JN]
Motor vehicles: expand technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (see S. 906), [8MY]
———provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]
Music and dance: make permanent rule providing 5-year amortization of expenses incurred in creating or acquiring music or music copyrights (see S. 1326), [18JY]
National objectives: eliminate wasteful tax loopholes (see S. 8), [22JA]
Native Americans: allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food (see S. 910), [8MY]
———permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation (see S. 1834), [17DE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow coverage of church plans (see S. 1164), [13JN]
———delay implementation (see S. 1490), [10SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1330), [18JY] (see S. 1488), [9SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [9SE] (see S. 1671), [7NO]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 27), [31OC]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
———limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———modify definition of full-time employee relative to employer health insurance mandate (see S. 701), [10AP] (see S. 1188), [19JN]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide that the individual mandate shall not be construed as a tax (see S. 560), [14MR]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA] (see S. 499), [7MR] (see S. 1851), [18DE]
———repeal amendments which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements (see S. 1647), [5NO]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
Pensions: clarify tax treatment of church pension plans (see S. 952), [14MY]
———provide for reporting and disclosure by State and local public employee retirement pension plans (see S. 779), [23AP]
———reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [16JY]
———reform public and private pension plans and preserve access to professional investment advice (see S. 1270), [9JY]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
Petroleum: disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil (see S. 599), [18MR]
Philippines: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan (see S. 1821), [12DE]
Political campaigns: prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions (see S. 118), [23JA]
Poverty: facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 1368), [25JY]
Power resources: eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production (see S. 1762), [21NO]
———eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production and extend certain renewable energy tax incentives (see S. 329), [14FE]
———eliminate taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties (see S. 1833), [17DE]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]

———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [23MY]
———provide for equalization of the excise tax on liquefied natural gas and per energy equivalent of diesel (see S. 1103), [6JN]
Public debt: provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
Public safety officers: extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [7MR]
Public welfare programs: clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [17SE]
Railroads: extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [28FE]
Real estate: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand rehabilitation credit (see S. 1141), [11JN]
———provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1260), [27JN]
Renewable energy: extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [24AP]
———make biomass fuel property and heating appliances eligible for the residential and commercial renewable energy investment tax credits (see S. 1007), [22MY]
Research: provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 136), [24JA]
Revenues: repeal income tax, abolish the IRS, and institute a national retail sales tax (see S. 122), [23JA]
Schools: make permanent qualified school construction bonds and zone academy bonds, treat zone academy bonds as specified tax credit bonds, and modify private business contribution requirement for zone academy bonds (see S. 1523), [18SE]
Securities: protect transactions in the U.S. from enforcement of certain excise taxes imposed by foreign governments (see S. 1257), [27JN]
Senior citizens: allow seniors with Social Security and pension income to file income tax form 1040SR without regard to amount of interest or taxable income (see S. 448), [5MR]
———provide a credit for eldercare expenses (see S. 1485), [1AU]
Ships and vessels: impose an ad valorem excise tax on certain passenger cruise voyages (see S. 1450), [1AU]
———provide that income attributable to certain passenger cruises beginning or ending in the U.S. be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. (see S. 1449), [1AU]
Small business: extend certain expiring tax provisions (see S. 1498), [12SE]
———make permanent certain tax provisions (see S. 1658), [6NO]
———modify the small employer health insurance credit (see S. 1325), [18JY]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets (see S. 1342), [23JY]
———provide a taxpayer bill of rights (see S. 725), [15AP]
———provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes (see S. 193), [31JA]
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Social Security: improve old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, provide cash relief for years when annual cost-of-living increases do not take effect, and provide benefit protection (see S. 308), [13FE]
Solar energy: provide that solar energy property need not be located on the property to which it is generating electricity to qualify for residential energy efficient property credit (see S. 1225), [26JN]
Sports: exclude major professional sports leagues from qualifying as tax-exempt organizations (see S. 1524), [18SE]
Telephones: repeal excise tax on telephone use and other communications services (see S. 213), [4FE]
———restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Tobacco products: provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 194), [31JA]
———reform and enforce taxation (see S. 826), [25AP]
Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [14NO]
———extend the parity between exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits (see S. 1882), [20DE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
Veterans: allow a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 1255), [27JN]
———allow credits for the purchase of franchises (see S. 1015), [22MY]
———allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
———extend the work opportunity credit for employers of recently discharged veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1624), [30OC]
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achievement, college and career readiness, teacher skills, and the education system (see S. 1087), [4JN]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———establish Innovation Inspiration school grant program (see S. 1067), [23MY]
———establish national program for arts and technology (see S. 1055), [23MY]
———increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
———integrate engineering education into elementary and secondary instruction and curriculum and support research on engineering education (see S. 1178), [18JN]
———invest in innovation for education (see S. 283), [12FE]
———provide grants to State educational agencies and institutions of higher education to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education (see S. 1407), [31JY]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
Dept. of Energy: establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program (see S. 1501), [12SE]
———improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
———modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
———promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 488), [7MR]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S. (see S. 683), [9AP]
Dept. of Justice: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
———protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [25AP]
———provide Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program funds for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System (see S. 80), [23JA]
———provide incentives to States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at polls and simplify voter registration (see S. 85), [23JA]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
———withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics (see S. 522), [11MR]
———provide additional assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program to veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) (see S. 514), [11MR]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [12JN]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
Education: establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers (see S. 1370), [25JY]
———improve and provide all students with the opportunity to succeed (see S. 3), [22JA]
———improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects (see S. 854), [25AP]
———increase participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 288), [12FE]
FAA: provide guidance and limitations relative to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into U.S. airspace in order to inform the public and protect individual privacy (see S. 1639), [4NO]
Fab Foundation: provide a Federal charter for the National Fab Lab Network, a network of digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools (see S. 1705), [14NO]
FCC: direct wireless providers to permit the unlocking of mobile devices (see S. 481), [6MR]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 350), [14FE]
———eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management (see S. 1843), [17DE]
Fish and fishing: prevent escapement of genetically altered salmon (see S. 246), [7FE]
FTC: prescribe regulations on the collection and use of information obtained by tracking the Internet activity of an individual (see S. 418), [28FE]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE] (see S. 1685), [12NO]
———make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [21MR]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
Information technology: promote public awareness of cybersecurity (see S. 1638), [31OC]
———secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
———specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
Iran: ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [21NO]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [16OC]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Medicaid: encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
Medicare: allow certain hospitals in Puerto Rico to qualify for incentives for adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (see S. 636), [21MR]
———ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [20MR]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [18MR]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [14MY]
NASA: authorize programs (see S. 1317), [17JY]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 247), [19SE]
National Science and Technology Council: direct the Committee on Technology to develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan (see S. 1709), [14NO]
National Technological Innovation Day: designate (see S. Res. 275), [28OC]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: establish position of Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator (see S. 660), [22MR]
Patent and Trademark Office: allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable (see S. 712), [11AP]
———improve transitional program covered business method patents (see S. 866), [6MY]
Patents: combat cyber espionage of intellectual property of U.S. persons (see S. 1111), [6JN]
———promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Pharmaceuticals: provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines and enhance access to new medicines (see S. 627), [20MR]
Power resources: promote domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies (see S. 656), [22MR]
———reduce energy waste, strengthen system resiliency, increase industrial competitiveness, and allow certain entities to implement systems that recover and use waste heat and renewable energy (see S. 1205), [20JN]
Privacy: extend protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to electronic communications information and require specific court-issued warrants to obtain such information (see S. 1037), [23MY]
———improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]
———limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements (see S. 1168), [13JN]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]
Science: support innovation (see S. 1777), [21NO]
Strategic Defense Initiative: anniversary (see S. Res. 82), [20MR]
Taxation: disapprove rule relative to taxable medical devices (see S.J. Res. 8), [27FE]
———expand technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (see S. 906), [8MY]
———make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 1658), [6NO]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 136), [24JA]
———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [23MY]

———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
Telecommunications: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 1776), [21NO]
Telephones: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 467), [5MR] (see S. 517), [11MR]
———improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
———restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Transportation Security Administration: implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs (see S. 1893), [20DE]
Treaties and agreements: seek inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements (see S. 1788), [10DE]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [23JA]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 970), [16MY]
Reports filed
Electronic Communications Privacy Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607), [25AP]
Improve Privacy of Electronic Communications: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 113–34), [16MY]
Improve Telephone Service in Rural Areas and Express That No Entity May Unreasonably Discriminate Against Telephone Users in Those Areas: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Res. 157) (S. Rept. 113–130), [19DE]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
Protect Crime Victims' Rights and Reauthorize Certain DNA-Related Grant Programs: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 822), [7NO]
U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperation Improvement: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 1491), [19DE]

TELECOMMUNICATIONS *related term(s)* **PUBLIC BROADCASTING**
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: expand and enhance authorities on protected communications (see S. 1081), [23MY]
Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [14NO]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1196), [20JN]
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies (see S. 1613), [30OC]
Dept. of Education: reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
Electronics: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [23MY]
FCC: allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide subscribers a la carte video programming, penalize broadcasters for downgrading services, and eliminate sports blackout rule (see S. 912), [9MY]
———authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions (see S. 245), [7FE]
———consolidate reporting obligations to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (see S. 1379), [29JY]
———increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace (see S. 1680), [12NO]
———prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 874), [7MY]
———provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 1766), [21NO]
———provide that certain uses of a patent or copyright in compliance with an order for emergency communications services shall be construed as use or manufacture for the U.S. (see S. 1478), [1AU]
———suspend and revise proposed rule that revised Universal Service fund distribution to rural carriers and encourage investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure (see S. 1858), [18DE]
FTC: establish the Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1358), [24JY]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
Information technology: specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Law enforcement: require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [6MR]
Medicare: allow certain critical access and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy available physician requirements for emergency medical conditions (see S. 328), [14FE]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———extend protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to electronic communications information and require specific court-issued warrants to obtain such information (see S. 1037), [23MY]
———improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
Spectrum: encourage licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 1776), [21NO]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 31), [22JA] (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
———repeal excise tax on telephone use and other communications services (see S. 213), [4FE]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
———prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills (see S. 1144), [12JN]
———restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Television: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1789), [10DE]
Reports filed
Electronic Communications Privacy Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607), [25AP]
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
Improve Privacy of Electronic Communications: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 113–34), [16MY]
Improve Telephone Service in Rural Areas and Express That No Entity May Unreasonably Discriminate Against Telephone Users in Those Areas: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Res. 157) (S. Rept. 113–130), [19DE]

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
Bills and resolutions
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]

TELEPHONES
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: expand and enhance authorities on protected communications (see S. 1081), [23MY]
Consumers: prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills (see S. 1144), [12JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize a national toll-free hotline and website to provide child care consumer education information to help parents access child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 390), [27FE]
Dept. of Labor: list employers that relocate call centers overseas, make such companies ineligible for Federal grants and loans, and require call center employees to disclose their physical location (see S. 1565), [30SE]
Dept. of Transportation: prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
FCC: direct wireless providers to permit the unlocking of mobile devices (see S. 481), [6MR]
———prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 874), [7MY]
———provide for equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States (see S. 1766), [21NO]
———suspend and revise proposed rule that revised Universal Service fund distribution to rural carriers and encourage investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure (see S. 1858), [18DE]
Federal employees: establish certain procedures for allowing the recording of in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals (see S. 1377), [25JY]
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
Information technology: specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
National 9-1-1 Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 108), [23AP]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———extend protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to electronic communications information and require specific court-issued warrants to obtain such information (see S. 1037), [23MY]
———improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [19MR]
———limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements (see S. 1168), [13JN]
———prohibit any U.S. agency, including the National Security Agency, from searching telephone records

of U.S. citizens without a warrant based on probable cause (see S. 1121), [7JN]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
Rural areas: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
Taxation: repeal excise tax on telephone use and other communications services (see S. 213), [4FE]
———restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 467), [5MR] (see S. 517), [11MR]
Telecommunications: encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available to rural and smaller carriers to expand wireless coverage (see S. 1776), [21NO]
———make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [23MY]
———require carriers to provide call location information to law enforcement during emergencies (see S. 721), [15AP]
Reports filed
Electronic Communications Privacy Improvement: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607), [25AP]
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
Improve Privacy of Electronic Communications: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 607) (S. Rept. 113–34), [16MY]
Improve Telephone Service in Rural Areas and Express That No Entity May Unreasonably Discriminate Against Telephone Users in Those Areas: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. Res. 157) (S. Rept. 113–130), [19DE]

TELEVISION *related term(s)* **NEWS MEDIA; PUBLIC BROADCASTING; TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
Bills and resolutions
Courts: provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings (see S. 405), [28FE]
Dept. of Defense: provide for proper reimbursement for assistance provided to nongovernmental entertainment-oriented media producers (see S. 1669), [7NO]
Disabled: improve accessibility of entertainment programming provided by air carriers on passenger flights by making captioning and video description available for visually-displayed entertainment programming (see S. 556), [13MR]
FCC: allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide subscribers a la carte video programming, penalize broadcasters for downgrading services, and eliminate sports blackout rule (see S. 912), [9MY]
———increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace (see S. 1680), [12NO]
FTC: establish the Office for the Prevention of Fraud Targeting Seniors (see S. 1358), [24JY]
Government regulations: establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels and preserve support for such channels (see S. 1789), [10DE]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
National Academy of Sciences: study impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children (see S. 134), [24JA]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [16MY]
Sports: decrease the frequency of sports blackouts and require the application of the antitrust laws to Major League Baseball (see S. 1721), [18NO]
Supreme Court: permit televising of proceedings (see S. 1207), [20JN]
Reports filed
Free Flow of Information Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 987) (S. Rept. 113–118), [6NO]
National Blue Alert Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 357), [19SE]
Violent Content Research Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 134) (S. Rept. 113–126), [17DE]

TELEVISION CONSUMER FREEDOM ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 912), [9MY]

TENNESSEE
Bills and resolutions
Appalachian Regional Commission: add Hickman, Perry, and Wayne Counties, TN, to the Appalachian region (see S. 1646), [5NO]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
Medicare: delay implementation of round 2 of the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Acquisition Program for competitive acquisition areas in Tennessee (see S. 1265), [27JN]
National parks and recreation areas: modify boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi and establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (see S. 1785), [10DE]

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
Bills and resolutions
Iuka, MS: approve transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties (see S. 212), [4FE]

TERRITORIES (U.S.)
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: increase mileage reimbursement rate for members during permanent change of station and authorize transport of vehicles of members stationed on nonforeign areas outside the continental U.S. (see S. 613), [19MR]
Dept. of the Interior: conduct certain special resource studies relative to establishment of Pacific Island parks (see S. 618), [20MR]
Federal-State relations: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 1237), [27JN]
Medicare: change rules relative to enrollment of residents of Puerto Rico under part B (see S. 324), [14FE]
Northern Mariana Islands: convey certain submerged lands (see S. 256), [7FE]
Taxation: extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
Reports filed
Northern Mariana Islands Submerged Lands Conveyance: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 256) (S. Rept. 113–55), [27JN]

TERRORISM *related term(s)* **CRIME**
Bills and resolutions
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: exempt 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs from sequestration (see S. 377), [25FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Corporations: require disclosure of beneficial owners of newly incorporated entities to prevent exploitation for criminal gain and assist law enforcement with terrorism and money laundering prevention (see S. 1465), [1AU]
Courts: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide stronger penalties for violations of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (see S. 814), [25AP]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of State: offer rewards for information regarding the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya (see S. 1661), [7NO]
———require report on designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization (see S. 198), [31JA]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Egypt: reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
EPA: prohibit release of sensitive data relative to livestock producers (see S. 1343), [23JY]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 1495), [11SE]
Firearms: prohibit purchase and possession by nonimmigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
Immigration: reaffirm U.S. commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution (see S. 645), [21MR]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Iran: impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
Kenya: condemn terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, express condolences to families and friends of victims, commend first responders and rescuers, and reaffirm support for Government and people (see S. Res. 268), [11OC]
Little Rock, AR: treat Armed Forces members killed or wounded in attack at recruiting station in same manner as members killed or wounded in a combat zone (see S. 1433), [1AU]
Middle East: ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S–300 air defense system (see S. Con. Res. 27), [21NO]
National security: enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
OPM: enhance background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of Federal employees or contractors (see S. 1618), [30OC]
Parlak, Ibrahim: relief (see S. 75), [23JA]
POW: provide for the disposition of certain persons detained in the U.S. pursuant to authorization for use of military force (see S. 1147), [12JN]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]

———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Syria: provide humanitarian and other assistance, support a transition to democracy, impose sanctions on arms and oil sales, and allow for conditional removal of sanctions (see S. 856), [6MY] (see S. 960), [15MY]
———restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Messages
National Emergency Relative to Côte D'Ivoire: President Obama, [4FE]
National Emergency Relative to Iran: President Obama, [12MR], [3JN]
National Emergency Relative to Libya: President Obama, [13FE]
National Emergency Relative to Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism: President Obama, [18SE]
National Emergency Relative to Syria: President Obama, [7MY]
National Emergency Relative to Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. of September 11, 2011: President Obama, [10SE]
National Emergency Relative to the Stabilization of Iraq: President Obama, [20MY]
National Emergency Relative to the Western Balkans: President Obama, [17JN]
Reports filed
Condemn Terrorist Attack at Mall in Kenya, Express Condolences to Families and Friends of Victims, Commend First Responders and Rescuers, and Reaffirm Support for Government and People: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 268), [31OC]
Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (H.R. 2217) (S. Rept. 113–77), [18JY]
Egypt Assistance Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1857), [18DE]
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Syria Transition Support Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 960) (S. Rept. 113–79), [24JY]

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Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 36), [22JA]

TESTER, JON *(a Senator from Montana)*
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (see S. 10), [22JA]
Antitrust policy: provide expanded coverage and eliminate certain exemptions relative to railroads (see S. 638), [21MR]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [22JA]
Armed Forces: enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses relative to mortgages (see S. 1593), [28OC]
———exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1880), [20DE]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [7MY]
———provide for enhanced reimbursement of National Guard and Reserve members for certain travel expenses (see S. 378), [25FE]
Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [13MR]
BLM: withdraw and reserve certain lands for exclusive military use as part of the Limestone Hills Training Area in Montana (see S. 1169), [13JN]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [16JY]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 20), [11JY]
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 434), [4MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [24JA]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [11AP]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [22MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [4NO]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [5MR]
Contracts: limit taxpayer-funded salaries of Government contractors (see S. 1192), [25JN]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Credit: clarify Federal law relative to reporting positive and negative consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies by public utility or telecommunications companies (see S. 1613), [17DE]
———provide secondary mortgage reform by establishing the Federal Mortgage Insurance Corp., abolishing the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and phasing out housing Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 1217), [25JN]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [4FE]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 273), [16OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: authorize long-term contracts for procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels (see S. 389), [26FE]
———close and consolidate excess overseas infrastructure and facilities and relocate overseas missions to U.S. installations prior to any domestic base realignment and closure (see S. Res. 132), [8MY]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [9MY]
———improve the Transition Assistance Program (see S. 889), [7MY]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [20JN]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
Dept. of Energy: provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1218), [30JY]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care (see S. 466), [20MY]
———authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [21NO]
———authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [24JA]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [12SE]
———provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs (see S. 1445), [11SE]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [6MR]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [13MY]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [25FE]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [31JA]
Dept. of HUD: reform laws relative to small public housing agencies (see S. 576), [14MR]
Dept. of Justice: require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [15AP]
Dept. of the Interior: establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
———increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and

make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [12FE]
———expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [25JY]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
———improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [22MY]
———increase access to complementary and alternative medicine and other approaches to wellness and preventive care (see S. 852), [18JN]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [8JY]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts (see S. 932), [29OC]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [11AP]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [24SE]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [17SE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [18NO]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures by corporations or labor organizations intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 5), [28JA]
———constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
Executive departments: require transparency in meeting Federal goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
Family and Medical Leave Act: anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [24AP]
Federal agencies and departments: improve detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals (see S. 1360), [29JY]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [29JY]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
FEMA: enhance existing programs providing disaster mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes (see S. 924), [29OC]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [24JY]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [17JN]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [6MR]
———require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [23JY]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
Forests: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 1300), [24SE]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [25JY]
FTC: prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [12NO]
Government: prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns (see S. 55), [3OC]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Housing Act: revise census data and population requirements for areas to be considered rural areas (see S. 766), [18AP]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [17DE]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [23AP]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12JN]
———cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [20MY]
———extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [26SE]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [12MR]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [9MY]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [22AP]
———recognize certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services (see S. 945), [20MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [10DE]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [15JY]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [7FE]
Merit Systems Protection Board: extend right of appeal to certain Postal Service employees (see S. 686), [23JY]
Montana: withdraw Federal land on North Fork watershed located in the vicinity of Flathead National Forest from location, entry, and patent under mining laws (see S. 255), [7FE]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Asbestos Awareness Week: designate (see S. Res. 66), [28FE]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Day of the American Cowboy: designate (see S. Res. 191), [27JN]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [18JY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 91), [22MR]
National security: require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [4JN]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 262), [26SE]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [23MY]
Native Americans: deem certain claims presented to an Indian Health Service contracting officer pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act as timely presented (see S. 385), [26FE]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [21MY]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [17DE]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [6MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [31OC]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [10AP]
Privacy: reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]

———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
Public buildings: expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (see S. 1382), [29JY] (see S. 1398), [30JY]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [16MY]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [7MR]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [15AP]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [13MR]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Taxation: allow credit for amounts paid by a spouse of an Armed Forces member for a new State license or certification required due to permanent change in duty station of such member to another State (see S. 759), [18AP]
———allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 490), [18MR]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [8MY]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [20MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [9SE]
———extend the work opportunity credit for employers of recently discharged veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [10DE]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [9AP]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [20JN]
———provide exclusion for assistance provided to certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness program participants (see S. 553), [13MR]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [28FE]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———reduce tax on beer (see S. 958), [17DE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [23JY]
———support and strengthen tax incentives for retirement savings (see S. Con. Res. 12), [10AP]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [15JY]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Veterans: appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [30SE]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [25FE]
———improve coordination of Federal veteran job training services (see S. 140), [24JA]
———increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [23JA]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [30JA]
———require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election (see S. 532), [12MR]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [19JN]
Water: exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [12DE]
Women: ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [6MR]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [20MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: allow members to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with orders for mobilization for war or national emergency (see S. 634), [21MR]
———extend duration of Physical Disability Board of Review and expand authority of Board to review the separation of members on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability (see S. 628), [20MR]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [7FE]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [6MR]
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection: reform the Border Patrol agent pay schedule (see S. 1691), [13NO]
Collector Car Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 176), [19JN]
Consumers: require disclosure of terms of rental-purchase agreements (see S. 1208), [20JN]
Corporations: constitutional amendment to clarify authority of Congress and the States to limit corporate spending in elections (see S.J. Res. 18), [18JN]
Dept. of Energy: promote mapping and development of U.S. geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells (see S. 362), [14FE]
Dept. of HHS: provide for participation in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program of certain specialists needed to respond to environmental public health emergencies (see S. 426), [28FE]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [19MR]
Dept. of the Interior: settle water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community (see S. 1394), [30JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize transport of individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 455), [5MR]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———improve Health Professionals Education Assistance Program (see S. 845), [25AP]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [21MR]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [12JN]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 1573), [16OC]
Diseases: reduce disparities and improve access to diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer for underserved populations and men with a family history of prostate cancer (see S. 516), [11MR]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [4FE]
Federal agencies and departments: improve security clearance process by improving OPM oversight, terminating investigators who falsify reports, and establishing security clearance position guidelines (see S. 1276), [10JY]
———strengthen accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting integrity of background investigations and update guidelines for security clearances (see S. 1744), [20NO]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
———clarify certain due process rights of employees serving in sensitive positions (see S. 1809), [12DE]
Forest Service: revise the Recreation Residence Program by implementing a procedure for determining cabin user fees (see S. 1341), [23JY]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]
Montana: sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System (see S. 37), [22JA]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
Native Americans: extend Federal recognition to Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians (see S. 161), [28JA]
Nikanorov, Deniss: relief (see S. 671), [9AP]
Public Online Information Advisory Committee: establish (see S. 549), [13MR]
Public Service Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 99), [16AP]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Transportation Security Administration: establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee (see S. 1804), [11DE]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [14FE]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]

Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [15DE], [17DE]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]

TEXAS
Bills and resolutions
BLM: provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: land exchange with Sabine River Authority, TX (see S. 1484), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 800), [24AP]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]

TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND FABRICS
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Homeland Security and the Treasury: provide authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relative to textile or apparel articles (see S. 1412), [31JY]
Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA): extend preferential tariff treatment for certain textile goods imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1136), [11JN]
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]

THAILAND, KINGDOM OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: anniversary of diplomatic relations (see S. Res. 77), [18MR]
Tung, Vichai Sae: relief (see S. 1492), [10SE]

THANKSGIVING DAY
Bills and resolutions
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]

THATCHER, MARGARET
Bills and resolutions
Tribute (see S. Res. 98), [16AP]

THREE KIDS MINE REMEDIATION AND RECLAMATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 343), [14FE]

***THRESHER* (U.S.S.)**
Bills and resolutions
Sinking: anniversary (see S. Res. 94), [9AP]

THUNE, JOHN *(a Senator from South Dakota)*
Appointments
Committee to escort the President, [12FE]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [30JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [30JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [3JN]
Armed Forces: require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [13MR]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———modify discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and freeze pay for Members of Congress when there is a Federal deficit (see S. 263), [7FE]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [11JN]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Computers: provide for a public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development, education, public awareness, and preparedness (see S. 1353), [24JY]
Congress: prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [7FE]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [10DE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [30JA] (see S. 369), [4MR]
Dept. of Agriculture: improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 458), [5MR]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [3JN]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [18NO]
Dept. of Education: provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [28FE]
———reauthorize Impact Aid Program (see S. 1108), [6JN]
Dept. of HHS: award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 13), [26FE]
———increase access to Medicare data (see S. 1758), [21NO]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [24SE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [27JN]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [20JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [10JN]
ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [10JY]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
Financial institutions: enhance ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and increase individual savings (see S. 1349), [30OC]
———improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [27JN]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [18JN]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [8MY]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [7FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [9SE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [10JY]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [31JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [4FE]

Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [16DE]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [13FE]
Insurance: exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (see S. 1735), [21NO]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [19MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [14MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [8JY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Los Angeles, CA: condemn shooting at Los Angeles International Airport and offer condolences to victims (see S. Res. 324), [19DE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [14MY]
———clarify policy relative to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services (see S. 1143), [12JN]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [17JN]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site: modify boundaries (see S. 459), [5MR]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Ag Day: anniversary (see S. Res. 81), [19MR]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [8MY]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Health Information Technology Week: designate (see S. Res. 247), [19SE]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
National Physical Education and Sport Week: designate (see S. Res. 130), [7MY]
National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 111), [24AP]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [18JY]
Native Americans: clarify rights of Indians and tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act (see S. 1477), [1AU]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
———prohibit actions requiring quorum until quorum has been confirmed, constitutionality of certain appointments decided, or adjournment of current congressional session (see S. 850), [16MY]
———reform criteria for determining employee units appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining (see S. 1166), [27JN]
Olympic Games: discourage ambush marketing by entities that adversely effect the ability of Team USA to attract sponsorships (see S. Res. 289), [10DE]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [29OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [24JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [4FE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
———require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges (see S. 1590), [29OC]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [28OC]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [27JN]
Privacy: require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice in the case of a breach of security involving such information (see S. 1193), [20JN]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [12JN] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [24JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [14FE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [1AU]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [22AP]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 167), [29JA]
Taxation: clarify treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes (see S. 1507), [24SE]
———constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [6JN]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [16AP]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [23SE]
———limit authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (see S. 1645), [5NO]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [29JA]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———provide for reporting and disclosure by State and local public employee retirement pension plans (see S. 779), [23AP]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 517), [15AP]
Telephones: improve service in rural areas and express that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (see S. Res. 157), [23MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [24JY]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [22MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Agriculture: provide for crop production on native sod (see S. 801), [24AP]
Budget: ensure effective control over the congressional budget process (see S. 280), [12FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: convey cemeteries located on National Forest System land in the Black Hills National Forest to local South Dakota communities maintaining such cemeteries (see S. 447), [5MR]
———improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (see S. 762), [18AP]
Dept. of HHS: provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [15MY]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [1AU]
Economy: provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports (see S. 1351), [24JY]
EPA: exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [17SE]
Federal agencies and departments: require procurement from the private sector the goods and services necessary for operations and management of certain Government agencies (see S. 523), [12MR]

Forests: promote rehabilitation and restoration of Federal land impacted by catastrophic events and redirect certain funding to mechanical forest treatment and salvage operations due to such events (see S. 661), [22MR]
Medicare: allow certain critical access and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy available physician requirements for emergency medical conditions (see S. 328), [14FE]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [18MR]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: limit availability of tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing to individuals receiving health coverage under certain labor union plans (see S. 1487), [9SE]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 278), [30OC]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [7MR]
Taxation: provide for taxpayers making donations with their income tax returns to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt (see S. 720), [15AP]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
Treaties and agreements: seek inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements (see S. 1788), [10DE]
Vietnamese Conflict: anniversary of withdrawal of U.S. combat troops (see S. Res. 280), [31OC]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]

THURGOOD MARSHALL'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 103), [23JA]

TIMOR-LESTE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]

TITLE X ABORTION PROVIDER PROHIBITION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 135), [24JA]

TO AID GIFTED AND HIGH-ABILITY LEARNERS BY EMPOWERING THE NATION'S TEACHERS (TALENT) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 512), [11MR]

TOBACCO PRODUCTS
Bills and resolutions
Government regulations: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Taxation: provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products (see S. 194), [31JA]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 826), [25AP]

TOBACCO TAX EQUITY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 194), [31JA]

TOOMEY, PATRICK J. ***(a Senator from Pennsylvania)***
Appointments
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [12NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Agriculture: reform sugar price support program (see S. 345), [14FE]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [23JA]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 1541), [27SE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [11JY]
———require that the Purple Heart occupy a position of precedence above the new Distinguished Warfare Medal (see S. 470), [18MR]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (see S. 16), [27FE] (see S. 799), [24AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil War—U.S.: anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg (see S. Res. 192), [27JN]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Credit: improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 1577), [28OC]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [19DE]
———require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [28OC]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [23AP]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19DE]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [23MY]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [19DE]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [19JN]
Dept. of Transportation: extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [12NO]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP] (see S. 818), (see S. 853), [25AP]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [14NO]
EPA: eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel (see S. 1807), [12DE]
———repeal renewable fuel standard program (see S. 1195), [20JN]
ERISA: modify definition of fiduciary to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans (see S. 273), [28OC]
FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 1495), [18NO]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
Financial institutions: provide a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt (see S. 1861), [19DE]
———provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
———revise certain regulations governing financial assistance for swaps entities (see S. 474), [6MR]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [25JY]
———provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
Gettysburg National Military Park: revise boundaries to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, PA, and limit means of acquiring such property (see S. 782), [23AP]
Government regulations: ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators (see S. 947), [14MY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [12SE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [25JN]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
Israel: recognize Jerusalem as capital and support relocation of U.S. Embassy (see S. 604), [23MY]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2), [23JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [11SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19JN]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]

Peace Officers Memorial Day: observance (see S. Res. 140), [14MY]
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) to raise money for the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Four Diamonds Fund (see S. Res. 68), [6MR]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Public debt: require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [23JA]
Public welfare programs: disapprove rule relative to waivers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program work requirements (see S.J. Res. 9), [4MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Taxation: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [9JY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [27JN]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [26JN]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]
Vietnam Veterans Day: establish (see S. 409), [30JY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
———repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [16MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [20MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: leave no member unaccounted for in the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan (see S. Res. 109), [24AP]
Congress: prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA: designate (see S. 229), [7FE]
Dept. of Defense: provide certain information to State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of Armed Forces members from military service to civilian life (see S. 1684), [12NO]
———require a study on the use of the Russian RD–180 rocket engine and the cost effectiveness of building the engines in the U.S. (see S. 1679), [12NO]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: conduct study relative to claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans (see S. 1755), [21NO]
Egypt: prohibit use of funds for U.S. participation in joint military exercises if Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (see S. 984), [16MY]
GAO: assess Army study on the combat vehicle industrial base (see S. 1727), [19NO]
Health: limit establishment of standards or duties of care owed by health care providers to patients in medical malpractice or medical product liability actions or claims (see S. 1769), [21NO]
Memorial Day: encourage nationwide moment of remembrance with the playing of ''Taps'' (see S. Res. 291), [12NO]
Middle East: ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S–300 air defense system (see S. Con. Res. 27), [21NO]
Navy: encourage to commission the U.S.S. *Somerset* (LPD–25) in Philadelphia, PA (see S. Res. 63), [28FE]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [11JN]
Privacy: require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice in the case of a breach of security involving such information (see S. 1193), [20JN]
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board: prohibit from requiring public companies to use specific auditors or the use of different auditors on a rotating basis (see S. 1526), [19SE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
Schools: require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [29OC]
Securities: make shareholder registration threshold for savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies (see S. 872), [7MY]
Taxation: make permanent certain small business tax provisions (see S. 1658), [6NO]
War of 1812: anniversary of Battle of Lake Erie (see S. Res. 153), [23MY]
Water: exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [25JY]
TOPSAIL, NC
Bills and resolutions
Coastal zones: revise boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06 (see S. 533), [12MR]
TORNADO FAMILY SAFETY ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1440), [1AU]
TORNADOES *related term(s)* **DISASTERS**
Bills and resolutions
SBA: allow use of physical damage disaster loans for the construction of tornado safe rooms (see S. 1440), [1AU]
TOTO, LOU N.R.
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 593), [18MR]
TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
———exempt components used in manufacture of hunting and recreational shooting ammunition and fishing tackle from regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (see S. 1505), [17SE]
Reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
TOYS
Bills and resolutions
National Toy Week: designate (see S. Res. 325), [20DE]
Senate: permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 307), [20NO]
TRADE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund: establish (see S. 220), [4FE]
Dept. of Labor: extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (see S. 1357), [24JY]
———require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [5MR]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: establish position of Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator (see S. 660), [22MR]
Tariff: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 1839), [17DE]
TRADEMARK ACT
Bills and resolutions
Trademarks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 1816), [12DE]
TRADEMARKS
Bills and resolutions
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [21MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
Marks: provide for registration of marks consisting of a flag, coat of arms, or other insignia of the U.S., or any State or local government (see S. 1816), [12DE]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: establish position of Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator (see S. 660), [22MR]
TRAILS
Bills and resolutions
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route: reauthorize (see S. 797), [24AP]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: reauthorize (see S. 1339), [23JY]
Pike National Historic Trail: provide for a study (see S. 524), [12MR]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Rachel Carson Nature Trail: designate (see S. 704), [11AP]
Taxation: allow a credit for qualified conservation contributions which include national scenic trails (see S. 1160), [13JN]
Western States Trail: study for potential designation as a national historic trail (see S. 60), [22JA]
Reports filed
Public Lands Service Corps Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 360) (S. Rept. 113–101), [10SE]
TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LTD.
Bills and resolutions
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
TRANSNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 706), [11AP]
TRANSPORTATION *related term(s)* **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; MOTOR VEHICLES; ROADS AND HIGHWAYS**
Bills and resolutions
Alaska: establish Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridor (see S. 181), [30JA]
Amtrak: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1710), [14NO]
Animals: prohibit transportation of horses in vehicles containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another (see S. 1459), [1AU]

Armed Forces: increase mileage reimbursement rate for members during permanent change of station and authorize transport of vehicles of members stationed on nonforeign areas outside the continental U.S. (see S. 613), [19MR]
———provide for enhanced reimbursement of National Guard and Reserve members for certain travel expenses (see S. 378), [25FE]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
———reform and improve the oversight of passenger and baggage screening at domestic commercial airports by private screening companies (see S. 697), [10AP]
BLM: provide for land conveyances in Nevada for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument and other Federal, State, and local projects (see S. 974), [16MY]
Bridges: increase percentage of funds set aside for off-system bridges (see S. 1504), [12SE]
Corps of Engineers: modify the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf of Mexico to Baton Rouge, LA, navigation project (see S. 574), [14MR]
Dept. of Defense: authorize long-term contracts for procurement of certain liquid transportation fuels (see S. 389), [26FE]
Dept. of Energy: promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
———provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 488), [7MR]
Dept. of HHS: provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure (see S. 1812), [12DE]
Dept. of HUD: transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities (see S. 437), [4MR]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [14MR]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [23SE]
———ensure that on-duty time for certain commercial motor vehicle drivers does not include waiting time at natural gas or oil well sites (see S. 1380), [29JY]
———establish an Emergency Transportation Safety Fund (see S. 911), [9MY]
———establish National Yellow Dot Program to alert emergency personnel to medical conditions, prescriptions, and information to treat individuals in motor vehicle emergency situations (see S. 1831), [16DE]
———extend the positive train control system implementation deadline (see S. 1462), [1AU]
———modify final rule relative to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations (see S. 1692), [13NO]
———obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]
———prohibit certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights (see S. 1811), [12DE]
———reauthorize Projects of National and Regional Significance program to fund high-cost surface transportation projects (see S. 823), [25AP]
———reauthorize the State Infrastructure Bank program (see S. 1553), [26SE]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 1625), [30OC]
———set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [14NO]
———withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize transport of individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 455), [5MR]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1243), [27JN]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
———extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 1097), [6JN]
Foreign trade: allow public-private partnerships to fund additional staffing and alternative financing for infrastructure improvements at land border ports of entry (see S. 178), [30JA]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Investments: provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
Iuka, MS: approve transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties (see S. 212), [4FE]
Lincoln Highway: anniversary of first transcontinental highway (see S. Res. 188), [26JN]
Local government: limit executive compensation at public transit agencies that receive Federal funds (see S. 1496), [11SE]
Medicare: extend certain ambulance add-on payments (see S. 1405), [31JY]
Motor vehicles: exempt certain class A driver's license holders in the agriculture industry from requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement when operating certain service vehicles (see S. 485), [7MR]
———provide regulatory parity for alternative fuel vehicles (see S. 1355), [24JY]
———provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under maximum hours of service regulations (see S. 487), [7MR]
———reduce number of non-essential new vehicles purchased and leased by the Government (see S. 417), [28FE]
National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day: designate (see S. Res. 204), [30JY]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
OMB: oversee reforms to improve efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process for major capital projects (see S. 1397), [30JY]
Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, Nashua, NH: designate (see S. 540), [12MR]
Ports: provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
Roads and highways: amend length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways (see S. 880), [7MY]
———clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 1854), [18DE]
———ensure currently-operating trucks can continue to use the future Interstate 41 in Wisconsin (see S. 1299), [16JY]
———waive certain vehicle weight limitations on any segment of U.S. Route 78 in Mississippi that is designated as part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1289), [11JY]
Senior citizens: provide for a Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights (see S. 1734), [19NO]
States: empower with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [14NO]
Taxation: allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 1255), [27JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [28FE]
———extend certain expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (see S. 1859), [19DE]
———extend publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels (see S. 795), [24AP]
———extend the parity between exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits (see S. 1882), [20DE]
———impose an ad valorem excise tax on certain passenger cruise voyages (see S. 1450), [1AU]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [7JN]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
Transportation Security Administration: establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee (see S. 1804), [11DE]
———facilitate air passenger screening of severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1403), [31JY]
———implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs (see S. 1893), [20DE]
———provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1367), [25JY]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [14FE]
Cloture motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Motions
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [18JY], [23JY], [25JY], [31JY]
Reports filed
Dept. of State Development of a Strategy To Obtain Observer Status for Taiwan at the Triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 579) (S. Rept. 113–42), [13JN]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1243) (S. Rept. 113–45), [27JN]
Small Airplane Revitalization Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1072) (S. Rept. 113–108), [17SE]

TRANSPORTATION EMPOWERMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1702), [14NO]

TRAVEL AND TOURISM
Bills and resolutions
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: authorize agreements with States and subdivisions providing for continued operation of public lands during a Government shutdown (see S. 1750), [20NO]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
EPA: establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
Federal agencies and departments: prohibit policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event (see S. 1097), [6JN]
———provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government-sponsored conferences (see S. 1347), [23JY]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: reauthorize (see S. 1339), [23JY]
Tariff: make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 1839), [17DE]
Taxation: impose an ad valorem excise tax on certain passenger cruise voyages (see S. 1450), [1AU]
———provide that income attributable to certain passenger cruises beginning or ending in the U.S. be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. (see S. 1449), [1AU]

TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS
Appointments
Congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations, [13MR]
Bills and resolutions
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 107), [23JA] (see S. 163), [28JA]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
Dept. of State: require report on water sharing with Mexico (see S. 1125), [10JN]
Dept. of the Interior: implement Agreement Between the U.S. and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 812), [25AP]
Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA): extend preferential tariff treatment for certain textile goods imported from Nicaragua (see S. 1136), [11JN]
Egypt: prohibit use of funds for U.S. participation in joint military exercises if Egypt abrogates, terminates, or withdraws from the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (see S. 984), [16MY]
———reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]
Information technology: seek inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements (see S. 1788), [10DE]
Iran: ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [21NO]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 89), [23JA]
Native Americans: ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (see S. 1818), [12DE]
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: notify World Trade Organization if members fail during consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (see S. 355), [14FE]
Palau: approve an agreement between the U.S. and Palau (see S. 1268), [27JN]
Social Security: provide for congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements (see S. 767), [18AP]
Syria: call for Syria to become a signatory to, and comply with, the Chemical Weapons Convention and if such actions do not occur by a certain date, all elements of national power will be considered by the U.S. (see S.J. Res. 22), [10SE]
U.N.: promote transparency, accountability, and reform (see S. 1313), [17JY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
———support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]
Messages
Agreement Between NATO Members for Cooperation Regarding Atomic Information: President Obama, [18SE]
Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: President Obama, [22AP]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: President Obama, [22AP]
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean: President Obama, [22AP]
Social Security Agreement With Switzerland: President Obama, [9DE]
Social Security Agreement With the Slovak Republic: President Obama, [17SE]
Reports filed
Call for Release of Yulia Tymoshenko, Urge European Union To Include Release as Criterion for Signing Certain Agreements, and Encourage Strong Relationship With Europe by Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 165), [25JN]
Egypt Assistance Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1857), [18DE]
Support Sovereignty and Closer Relations With Europe, Condemn Violence Against Peaceful Protesters, and Urge a Peaceful Solution to Political and Economic Crisis in Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 319), [18DE]

TRETO GARZA FAR SOUTH TEXAS VETERANS INPATIENT CARE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 800), [24AP]

TRUCKING INDUSTRY *related term(s)* **CARGO TRANSPORTATION**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Energy: provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies (see S. 488), [7MR]
Dept. of Transportation: delay implementation of regulation changing the hours-of-service rule for commercial truck drivers pending a GAO assessment of such regulation (see S. 1891), [20DE]
———ensure that on-duty time for certain commercial motor vehicle drivers does not include waiting time at natural gas or oil well sites (see S. 1380), [29JY]
———recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers (see S. 1625), [30OC]
Drive Safer Sunday: designate (see S. Res. 302), [20NO]
Roads and highways: clarify regulation of the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate Highway System in Idaho (see S. 1854), [18DE]
———ensure currently-operating trucks can continue to use the future Interstate 41 in Wisconsin (see S. 1299), [16JY]
———waive certain vehicle weight limitations on any segment of U.S. Route 78 in Mississippi that is designated as part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1289), [11JY]

TRUTH IN LENDING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Colleges and universities: require private educational lenders to obtain certain certifications from institutions of higher education (see S. 113), [23JA]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
———empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [26JN]
———establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 673), [9AP]
———improve definitions of points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (see S. 949), [14MY] (see S. 1577), [28OC]
———modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [16DE]
———prohibit distribution of checks or other negotiable instruments as part of a creditor solicitation to extend credit and limit consumer liability in conjunction with such solicitations (see S. 187), [30JA]
———provide for the discharge of student loan obligations upon the death or disability of the student borrower (see S. 1773), [21NO]
Education: require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]

TUBMAN, HARRIET
Bills and resolutions
History: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
Tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
Reports filed
Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]

T'UF SHUR BIEN PRESERVATION TRUST AREA ACT
Bills and resolutions
Amend (see S. 611), [19MR]

TUNG, VICHAI SAE
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 1492), [10SE]

TURKEY, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Parlak, Ibrahim: relief (see S. 75), [23JA]

TUSCALOOSA, AL
Bills and resolutions
University of Alabama: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 19), [28JA]

TUVALU
Bills and resolutions
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]

21ST CENTURY GLASS-STEAGALL ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1282), [11JY]

TYMOSHENKO, YULIA
Bills and resolutions
Ukraine: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
Reports filed
Call for Release of Yulia Tymoshenko, Urge European Union To Include Release as Criterion for Signing Certain Agreements, and Encourage Strong Relationship With Europe by Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 165), [25JN]

TYRONE, NY
Bills and resolutions
Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building: designate (see S. 233), [7FE]

Reports filed
Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building, Tyrone, NY: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 233), [31JY]

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY
Appointments
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U.S. CHESS FEDERATION
Bills and resolutions
National Chess Week: designate (see S. Res. 266), [4OC]

U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY
Appointments
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U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Bills and resolutions
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Bills and resolutions
Agriculture: protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]
Birds: exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts (see S. 1650), [5NO]
Dept. of the Interior: increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Fish and fishing: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: reauthorize (see S. 969), [16MY]
Public lands: suspend collection of entrance fees at national parks and wildlife refuges (see S. 1742), [20NO]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Topsail, NC: revise boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06 (see S. 533), [12MR]
Wildlife: establish improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent introduction and establishment in the U.S. of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites (see S. 1153), [12JN]
Reports filed
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 368) (S. Rept. 113–61), [27JN]

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Bills and resolutions
Hazardous substances: establish a national mercury monitoring program (see S. 1528), [19SE]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
Power resources: facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]

U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL
Appointments
Members, [7FE]

U.S. HOUSING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Veterans: exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]

U.S. INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONALS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY
Appointments
Board of Visitors, [18DE]
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen who are appointed as Navy Reserve midshipmen continue to receive pay during a Government shutdown (see S. 1568), [7OC]

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY
Appointments
Board of Visitors, [18DE]

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY
Appointments
Board of Visitors, [18DE]

U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [10AP]
Olympic Games: disapprove International Olympic Committee proposal to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games, urge its reinstatement, and commend U.S. Olympic Committee support of wrestling (see S. Res. 37), [14FE]

U.S. PARALYMPICS, INC.
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [10AP]

U.S. PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE
Bills and resolutions
Diseases: reevaluate recommendations against prostate-specific antigen-based screening for prostate cancer in consultation with appropriate specialists (see S. Res. 251), [23SE]

U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION
Bills and resolutions
Drugs: establish penalties for causing environmental damage while cultivating marijuana or other controlled substances on Federal lands or trespassing on private property (see S. 1889), [20DE]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [31JY]

U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION
Appointments
Members, [16DE], [19DE]

U.S.-CHINA INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP
Appointments
Members, [21MR]

UDALL, MARK ***(a Senator from Colorado)***
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [9SE]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [20MR]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Colorado: withdraw unleased public minerals in the Thompson Divide area from future oil and gas development while preserving existing private property rights for current leaseholders (see S. 651), [31OC]
Congress: prohibit earmarks (see S. 126), [24JA]
Credit: require Federal mortgage agencies to consider energy costs in the underwriting process, reduce home energy consumption, and facilitate creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs (see S. 1106), [18JN]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [26FE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [23MY]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [23MY]
Dept. of Education: establish Office of Rural Education Policy (see S. 1096), [11JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [11JY]
Dept. of HHS: authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs (see S. 153), [13FE]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [11JN]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [12JN]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [9DE]
Dept. of the Treasury: reimburse States that use State funds to operate national parks during the Government shutdown (see S. 1572), [16OC]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 818), (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [14MY]
Disasters: provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters (see S. 243), [7FE]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those

impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [11SE]
Education: provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [18AP]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [21NO]
Federal agencies and departments: allow interagency transfers of funds to provide more flexibility for the agency to comply with a sequestration order (see S. 465), [5MR]
Federal employees: allow conversion of temporary seasonal wildland firefighters and other seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to permanent seasonal positions (see S. 1120), [7JN]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [28FE]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
Forests: authorize the Depts. of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into agreements authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services (see S. 327), [14FE]
———provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 849), [25AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 392), [11MR]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [15AP]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [22AP]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU]
Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [17AP]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Mining and mineral resources: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]
———promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
Money: improve circulation of $1 coins in order to phase out production of $1 bills (see S. 1105), [6JN]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [17AP]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [1AU]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [11SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Parkinson's Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 118), [25AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals who attempted to, or who are enrolled in, qualified health plans offered through an exchange have continuity of coverage (see S. 1886), [20DE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [16DE]
———extend open enrollment period for health care plans and protect individuals from penalties during the enrollment extension (see S. 1693), [13NO]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [11JN]
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation: authorize establishment of a commemorative work in the District of Columbia (see S. 230), [7FE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [11DE]
Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [9DE]
Pike National Historic Trail: provide for a study (see S. 524), [12MR]
Privacy: improve privacy of electronic communications (see S. 607), [11JY]
———prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1595), [29OC]
———promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
San Juan National Forest: designate certain Hermosa Creek watershed lands as wilderness (see S. 841), [25AP]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [25JY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: prevent creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs (see S. Res. 110), [24AP]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [18NO]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions (see S. 118), [23JA]
Telecommunications: make it illegal to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile electronic device (see S. 1070), [23MY]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [24JN]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [23JA] (see S. 47), [22JA]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 171), [29JA] (see S. 1541), [24SE]
———educate potential military recruits on healthy body weight and facilitate and encourage exercise by opening military base sports and exercise facilities to youth (see S. 976), [16MY]
Aviation: prohibit use of unmanned aircraft systems by private persons to conduct surveillance of other private persons (see S. 1057), [23MY]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 20), [11JY]
Chaffee County, CO: designate certain Federal land as a national monument and as wilderness (see S. 1794), [10DE]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 122), [25AP]
Committee To Reduce Government Waste (Senate): establish (see S. 253), [7FE] (see S. Res. 30), [12FE]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies (see S. 1261), [27JN]
Dept. of Education: establish an alternative accountability model for elementary and secondary schools to measure student progress (see S. 943), [14MY]
———provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development (see S. 1113), [7JN]
Dept. of Energy: establish Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance to promote the energy retrofitting of schools (see S. 1084), [3JN]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Dept. of the Interior: designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, CO, as wilderness (see S. 341), [14FE]
———improve support facilities for national historic sites operated by the National Park Service (see S. 1071), [23MY]
———provide for conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (see S. 816), [25AP]
Dept. of Transportation: obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]
Federal agencies and departments: allow interagency transfers of funds to provide more flexibility for the agency to comply with a sequestration order (see S. 1017), [22MY]
FEMA: award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire (see S. 1396), [30JY]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]

Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
Forest Service: convey Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, CO (see S. 1305), [16JY]
Immigration: establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [30JA]
Insurance: permit individuals to renew certain health insurance offered in the individual or small group markets and provide that such individuals would not be subject to the individual mandate penalty (see S. 1699), [13NO]
Mining and mineral resources: facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
National Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 148), [16MY]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Dept. of Veterans Affairs Clinic, Colorado Springs, CO: designate (see S. 1606), [29OC]
POW: provide for the disposition of certain persons detained in the U.S. pursuant to authorization for use of military force (see S. 1147), [12JN]
Privacy: require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
Sangre de Cristo National Historic Pak: establish (see S. 503), [7MR]
Taxation: provide that solar energy property need not be located on the property to which it is generating electricity to qualify for residential energy efficient property credit (see S. 1225), [26JN]
———reduce tax on beer (see S. 958), [15MY]
Cloture motions
Agriculture: reauthorize certain programs (S. 954), [4JN], [6JN]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]

UDALL, TOM ***(a Senator from New Mexico)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [4JA]
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [24JA]
U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, [18DE]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Agriculture: make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [8AP]
Armed Forces: appropriate funds necessary to ensure that members and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay for active service during a Government shutdown (see S. 171), [29JA] (see S. 1541), [24SE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
BLM: provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [7MR]
Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 86), [21MR]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: revise and extend programs to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies (see S. 116), [23JA]
Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 122), [25AP]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [18NO]
Congressional Budget Act: amend relative to the scoring of preventive health savings (see S. 1422), [1AU]
Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [29JA]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [13MY]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16JY]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [20MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [12JN]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing a 2-fiscal-year budget authority (see S. 1570), [10OC]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [23SE]
———reauthorize Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Payment Program (see S. 1759), [21NO]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [13MR]
Dept. of Justice: protect crime victims' rights and reauthorize certain DNA-related grant programs (see S. 822), [19SE]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
Dept. of Labor: strengthen quality control measures for lung disease claims and establish Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (see S. 1423), [1AU]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to States all right, title, and interest in, and to a percentage of, the mineral royalties and other amounts required to be paid relative to public land and deposits in the State (see S. 951), [14MY]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Dept. of Transportation: withhold highway funds from States that do not have in effect laws requiring the use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving (see S. 979), [16MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [20MR]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
———make local funds available during any portion of the fiscal year at the rate of operations provided under the local budget act if the regular appropriation bill has not yet become law (see S. 1571), [12OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [30JY]
Education: improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [19DE]
———promote advanced placement and International Baccalaureate programs (see S. 1082), [6JN]
———provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy and help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher education opportunities for Native Americans (see S. 765), [19JN]
———reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [16JY]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
FAA: ensure advancement of safety of small airplanes and continued development of the general aviation industry (see S. 1072), [23MY]
———extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [21NO]
FDA: ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [20MR]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [8JY]
———set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks (see S. 798), [1AU]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
Forests: provide for the conduct of stewardship contracting projects (see S. 1300), [7OC]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Haiti: recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [14FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [16OC]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU]

Iran: support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [18AP]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [17SE]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
Medicare: allow certain critical access and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy available physician requirements for emergency medical conditions (see S. 328), [14FE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [9DE]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [7MY]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [17AP]
Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act: reauthorize (see S. 231), [7FE]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [1AU]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: designate (see S. Res. 293), [13NO]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: reauthorize (see S. 1352), [24JY]
News media: maintain free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by persons connected with the news media (see S. 987), [21MY]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
OAS: support revitalization and reform (see S. 793), [24AP]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: correct inconsistencies in definitions relative to Native Americans (see S. 1575), [16OC]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1642), [19NO]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [19DE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [29OC]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [25AP]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [8JY]
Renewable energy: promote development of renewable energy on public lands (see S. 279), [11FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [18JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Science: establish a position of Science Laureate of the U.S. (see S. 899), [8MY]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: modify extended debate rules (see S. Res. 6), [24JA]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Smithsonian Institution: establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum (see S. 568), [14MR]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [13JN]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [18JN]
———extend the work opportunity tax credit for veterans (see S. 1624), [30OC]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 1368), [25JY]
———make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [8AP]
———permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses (see S. 1342), [23JY]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [6NO]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [19DE]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [3JN]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [19DE]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
Venezuela: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
Veterans: reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [23JA]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [13NO]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Bureau of Reclamation: transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District in New Mexico (see S. 284), [12FE]
Carson National Forest: adjust boundary (see S. 312), [13FE]
Columbine-Hondo Wilderness: establish (see S. 776), [22AP]
Contracts: increase contracting goals for service-disabled veteran-owned small business and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 259), [7FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: modernize conservation programs, protect long term investments, increase small and midsize farmer's access to programs, and prioritize modern-day conservation needs (see S. 923), [9MY]
Dept. of Education: assist in coordination among science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) efforts in States and strengthen capacity of schools to prepare students in such fields (see S. 1129), [11JN]
———improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards and develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts (see S. 940), [14MY]
———make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students (see S. 870), [7MY]
Dept. of HHS: expand and intensify programs on translational research and related activities relative to cavernous angioma (see S. 1223), [26JN]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, NM (see S. 609), [19MR]
———provide technical or financial assistance to Hispanic-serving institutions for the establishment of historic preservation training and degree programs (see S. 1838), [17DE]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Drugs: reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse (see S. 1657), [6NO]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
EPA: establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
Federal agencies and departments: eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management (see S. 1843), [17DE]
Financial services and general Government: making appropriations (see S. 1371), [25JY]
GSA: convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, NM, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation (see S. 898), [8MY]
Health: support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary and secondary school students by enhancing physical and health education (see S. 392), [27FE]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: limit penalties to a State that does not meet its maintenance of effort level of funding to a one-time penalty (see S. 1095), [4JN]
Mining and mineral resources: clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs (see S. 222), [4FE]

National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 91), [22MR]
Native Americans: improve education (see S. 1131), [11JN]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements (see S. 1447), [1AU]
Public Lands Corps Act: provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, restore natural, cultural, historic, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources, and train new land managers (see S. 360), [14FE]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1595), [29OC]
Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area: establish in New Mexico (see S. 241), [7FE]
SBA: increase Government-wide small business contracting level and the contracting goal for businesses owned by veterans, women, and economically disadvantaged individuals (see S. 196), [31JA]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [3JA]
Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [16MY]
———reduce sports-related concussions in youth (see S. 1014), [22MY]
Syria: restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]
Taxation: provide a standard deduction for business use of a home (see S. 1260), [27JN]
T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act: amend (see S. 611), [19MR]
Valles Caldera National Preserve: designate as a unit of the National Park System (see S. 285), [12FE]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [15DE], [17DE]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), [30JY], [1AU]
———making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Medal of Honor: award to Bennie G. Adkins, Donald P. Sloat, and certain other veterans who were previously recommended (H.R. 3304), [15DE], [18DE]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
Reports filed
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1371) (S. Rept. 113–80), [25JY]

UKRAINE
Bills and resolutions
Europe: call for release of Yulia Tymoshenko, urge the European Union to include such release as a criterion for signing certain agreements, and encourage a strong relationship with Europe (see S. Res. 165), [10JN]
Foreign policy: support sovereignty and closer relations with Europe, condemn violence against peaceful protesters, and urge a peaceful solution to current political and economic crisis (see S. Res. 319), [12DE]
Reports filed
Call for Release of Yulia Tymoshenko, Urge European Union To Include Release as Criterion for Signing Certain Agreements, and Encourage Strong Relationship With Europe by Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 165), [25JN]
Support Sovereignty and Closer Relations With Europe, Condemn Violence Against Peaceful Protesters, and Urge a Peaceful Solution to Political and Economic Crisis in Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 319), [18DE]

UNDERSTANDING THE TRUE COST OF COLLEGE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1156), [13JN]

UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Firearms: reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [12JN]

UNEMPLOYMENT *related term(s)* **EMPLOYMENT**
Bills and resolutions
Benefits: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747), [20NO] (see S. 1797), [10DE] (see S. 1845), [17DE]
Business and industry: ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [12NO]
Children and youth: provide for youth jobs (see S. 1170), [13JN]
Commission on Native Children: establish (see S. 1622), [30OC]
Dept. of Defense: improve the Transition Assistance Program (see S. 889), [7MY]
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and related agencies: making appropriations (see S. 1284), [11JY]
Economy: provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and work-based training for unemployed adults and youth (see S. 1383), [29JY]
Employment: streamline Federal job training system, steer training dollars toward skills needed by industry, establish Pay for Performance pilot program, and provide State access to National Directory of New Hires (see S. 804), [24AP]
Federal aid programs: prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance (see S. 1099), [6JN]
Hurricanes: provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 803), [24AP]
Taxation: expand and permanently extend health care tax credit available to laid-off employees receiving trade adjustment assistance and retirees receiving Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., payments (see S. 1446), [1AU]
Cloture motions
Benefits: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
Reports filed
Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1284) (S. Rept. 113–71), [11JY]

UNICOI COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]

UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT
Bills and resolutions
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [19NO]

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
Appointments
British-American Interparliamentary Group, [21MR]
Bills and resolutions
Thatcher, Margaret: tribute (see S. Res. 98), [16AP]

UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA
Bills and resolutions
Mining and mineral resources: protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]

UNITED NATIONS
Bills and resolutions
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Bosnia and Herzegovina: designate Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans to evaluate successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords implementation (see S. Res. 131), [8MY]
Cambodia: condition foreign assistance on the holding of credible and competitive parliamentary elections with the inclusion of all political parties (see S. Res. 163), [7JN]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [16MY]
Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 1372), [25JY]
Haiti: recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
International relations: promote transparency, accountability, and reform (see S. 1313), [17JY]
Iran: condition meeting between President Obama and Hassan Rouhani on Iran's affirming Israel's right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 252), [24SE]
———ensure compliance with international agreements to abandon pursuit of nuclear weapons by protecting existing sanctions (see S. 1765), [21NO]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
Israel: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 95), [23JA]
Syria: condemn violence, use of chemical weapons, and human rights violations and call for Bashar al-Assad and others to be tried by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity (see S. Res. 219), [9SE]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. contributions: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 978), [16MY] (see S. 988), [20MY]
World AIDS Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 314), [10DE]
Reports filed
Call for End to Ongoing Conflict and Support International Efforts Toward Long-Term Peace, Stability, and Observance of Human Rights in Democratic Republic of the Congo: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 144), [25JN]
Dept. of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1372) (S. Rept. 113–81), [25JY]
Recognize Anniversary of Earthquake in Haiti, Honor Victims and Responders, and Reaffirm Support and Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 12), [14FE]
Support Goals and Ideals of World AIDS Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 314), [18DE]

UNITING AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 296), [13FE]

UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY FULFILLING RIGHTS AND ENDING EAVESDROPPING, DRAGNET-COLLECTION, AND ONLINE MONITORING (USA FREEDOM) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1599), [29OC]

UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE TOOLS REQUIRED TO INTERCEPT AND OBSTRUCT TERRORISM (USA PATRIOT) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU] (see S. 1621), [30OC]
Privacy: consolidate congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1631), [31OC]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain

forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]
———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
Reports filed
FISA Improvements Act: Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631), [31OC]
———Committee on Intelligence (Senate, Select) (S. 1631) (S. Rept. 113–119), [12NO]
UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION CO.
Bills and resolutions
GAO: report to Congress on the effectiveness of FCC universal service reforms (see S. 774), [22AP]
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to football team (see S. Res. 19), [28JA]
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to men's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
———tribute to women's basketball team (see S. Res. 100), [16AP]
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
Bills and resolutions
Sports: tribute to women's hockey team (see S. Res. 123), [25AP]
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH
Bills and resolutions
National Student Employment Week: observance (see S. Res. 96), [11AP]
UNIVERSITY PARK, PA
Bills and resolutions
Pennsylvania State University: tribute to IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) to raise money for the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Four Diamonds Fund (see S. Res. 68), [6MR]
UNLOCKING CONSUMER CHOICE AND WIRELESS COMPETITION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 517), [11MR]
URBAN AREAS *related term(s)* **RURAL AREAS**
Bills and resolutions
Dept. of Labor: provide grants for an Urban Jobs Program (see S. 655), [22MR]
Disasters: provide assistance for condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster (see S. 1480), [1AU]
FAA: issue regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas of Los Angeles County, CA (see S. 208), [4FE]
Medicare: extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [25AP]
UTAH
Bills and resolutions
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Dept. of Justice: improve compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program for workers involved in uranium mining (see S. 773), [18AP]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal features of the electric system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District (see S. 25), [22JA]
———convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 510), [7MR]
———facilitate development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project (see S. 26), [22JA]
Forest Service: convey certain parcels of land to Fruit Heights, UT (see S. 509), [7MR]
Native Americans: clarify authority under legislation defining the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation (see S. 27), [22JA]
Provo River Project Transfer Act: clarify certain property descriptions (see S. 211), [4FE]
Public lands: convey certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams to support training and readiness of the Utah National Guard (see S. 1732), [19NO]
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest: convey a small parcel of land to Brigham Young University (see S. 28), [22JA]
Western States Trail: study for potential designation as a national historic trail (see S. 60), [22JA]
Reports filed
Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 26) (S. Rept. 113–16), [22AP]
Hill Creek Cultural Preservation and Energy Development Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 27) (S. Rept. 113–49), [27JN]
Provo River Project Transfer Act Clarification of Certain Property Descriptions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 211) (S. Rept. 113–52), [27JN]
South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 25) (S. Rept. 113–15), [22AP]
Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 28) (S. Rept. 113–92), [10SE]
UTILITY ENERGY SERVICE CONTRACTS IMPROVEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1652), [5NO]
VALERA LOPEZ, JOSEPHINA
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 71), [23JA]
VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE MANAGEMENT ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 285) (S. Rept. 113–96), [10SE]
VANG, CAROLINE
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 76), [23JA]
VANG, GUY
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 76), [23JA]
VANG, MELANIE
Bills and resolutions
Relief (see S. 76), [23JA]
VANUATU, REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign trade: extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries in Asia and the South Pacific (see S. 432), [28FE]
VENEZUELA, BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF
Bills and resolutions
Foreign policy: support free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy and condemn violence and intimidation of country's political opposition (see S. Res. 213), [1AU]
Reports filed
Support Free and Peaceful Exercise of Representative Democracy in Venezuela and Condemn Violence and Intimidation of Country's Political Opposition: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 213), [30SE]
VERMONT
Bills and resolutions
Missisquoi and Trout Rivers: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1252), [27JN]
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: designate (see S. 885), [7MY]
Reports filed
Thaddeus Stevens Post Office, Danville, VT: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (S. 885), [31JY]
VETERANS
Appointments
Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, [21MY], [11JN]
Bills and resolutions
Appropriations: appropriate funds necessary for benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown (see S. 1564), [30SE]
Armed Forces: add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans benefits that recognize new State definitions of spouse (see S. 373), [14FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
———exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1872, 1880), [19DE]
———prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service (see S. 1281), [11JY]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1856; S. Res. 323), [18DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
Benefits: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 893), [8MY]
C.W. Bill Young Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Bay Pines, FL: designate (see S. 1576), [28OC]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers (see S. Con. Res. 25), [13NO]
Coast Guard: improve quality of life for members and families through expanded child care availability, increased educational opportunities, and eased transition to post-service life (see S. 1760), [21NO]
———making continuing appropriations for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members (see S.J. Res. 24), [10OC]
Colleges and universities: require college courses that are approved for purposes of Dept. of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 257), [7FE]
Contracts: clarify that individuals who attended a military preparatory school but never joined the Armed Forces may not claim veteran status for purposes of contracting preferences and benefits (see S. 1736), [19NO]
———increase contracting goals for service-disabled veteran-owned small business and qualified HUBZone small businesses (see S. 259), [7FE]
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA: designate (see S. 229), [7FE]
Crime: establish criminal offense for fraudulent claims about receipt of military decorations or medals (see S. 210), [4FE]
Day of the Deployed: designate (see S. Res. 273), [16OC]
Dept. of Agriculture: expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans (see S. 784), [23AP]
———expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers (see S. 837), [25AP]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [12SE]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [7MY]
———establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 868), [7MY]
———implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other

mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [25AP]
———improve the Transition Assistance Program (see S. 889), [7MY]
———provide certain information to State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of Armed Forces members from military service to civilian life (see S. 1684), [12NO]
Dept. of HHS: facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans (see S. 1060), [23MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [24JY]
Dept. of HUD: establish a pilot program to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans (see S. 1387), [30JY]
Dept. of Justice: provide the Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs authority to establish a prescription drug take-back program for Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1089), [4JN]
Dept. of Labor: establish pilot programs to provide employers who employ certain veterans and Armed Forces members wage subsidies and provide career transition services to young veterans (see S. 922), [9MY]
Dept. of the Interior: establish a Veterans Conservation Corps (see S. 1262), [27JN]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: allow public access to departmental research (see S. 877), [7MY]
———allow use of educational assistance funds to defray training costs associated with purchasing certain franchise enterprises (see S. 938), [14MY]
———assess feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of veterans' benefits, services, and outreach activities (see S. 927), [9MY]
———authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE] (see S. 1740), [20NO]
———authorize transport of individuals to and from health facilities in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care (see S. 455), [5MR]
———carry out a program of outreach for veterans (see S. 1558), [27SE]
———clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders (see S. 1583), [28OC]
———conduct study relative to claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans (see S. 1755), [21NO]
———consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]
———cover costs associated with the care of veterans at medical foster homes (see S. 1578), [28OC]
———deduct amounts for repayment from the last months of educational assistance entitlement in cases of overpayments under Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (see S. 930), [13MY]
———deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for benefit purposes (see S. 690), [9AP]
———designate certain medical facilities as health professional shortage areas (see S. 1061), [23MY]
———ensure an up-to-date policy on reporting of cases of infectious diseases and require an independent assessment of Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers (see S. 1589), [28OC]
———ensure South Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care Center in Harlingen, TX, includes a full-service inpatient health care facility (see S. 800), [24AP]
———ensure veterans have access to services in at least one departmental full-service hospital or comparable contract services in their State (see S. 49), [22JA]
———establish a continuing medical education program for medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of conditions common to veterans and their families (see S. 1863), [19DE]
———establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 1602), [29OC]
———establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown to track possible exposure to toxins (see S. 1892), [20DE]
———establish pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms for contracts with community-based outpatient health clinics (see S. 1662), [7NO]
———expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services (see S. 1604), [29OC]
———expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans unable to receive care in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such treatment (see S. 1588), [28OC]
———expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits (see S. 287), [12FE]
———expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [23MY]
———extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship (see S. 515), [11MR]
———extend Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education (see S. 1643), [4NO]
———extend work-study program for individuals pursuing rehabilitation, education, or training and expand program to veterans' outreach services provided by congressional offices (see S. 894), [8MY]
———furnish case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam and certain Korean war veterans born with spina bifida or certain birth defects (see S. 832), [25AP]
———implement mental health care and rehabilitation program for veterans with service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or related substance use disorder (see S. 819), [25AP]
———improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs (see S. 1216), [25JN]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
———improve authority to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations (see S. 1751), [20NO]
———improve benefits and assistance to surviving spouses of veterans (see S. 735), [16AP]
———improve dental health care (see S. 1586), [28OC]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———improve Health Professionals Education Assistance Program (see S. 845), [25AP]
———improve processing of claims for compensation (see S. 928), [9MY]
———improve programs and services for homeless veterans (see S. 825), [25AP]
———include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects (see S. 1540), [24SE]
———increase access to complementary and alternative medicine and other approaches to wellness and preventive care (see S. 852), [25AP]
———inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 200), [31JA]
———issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans (see S. 778), [23AP]
———make certain clarifications and improvements in academic and vocational counseling programs (see S. 1682), [12NO]
———modify authorities relative to collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 1556), [27SE]
———modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
———modify method of determining whether Filipino veterans are U.S. residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation (see S. 1559), [27SE]
———prohibit medical exam requests of veterans who have submitted sufficient evidence provided by non-departmental medical professionals and improve efficiency of disability claims processing (see S. 935), [13MY]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [20JN]
———provide additional assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program to veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) (see S. 514), [11MR]
———provide certain disabled veterans beneficiary travel program coverage for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation (see S. 633), [21MR]
———provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to Armed Forces members, screen veterans for domestic abuse, and report on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse (see S. 1581), [28OC]
———provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program who are pursuing education programs (see S. 262), [7FE]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts (see S. 932), [13MY]
———provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts and include mental health professionals in training programs (see S. 1155), [12JN]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
———provide for payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran (see S. 1573), [16OC]
———provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and assistance to U.S. Paralympics, Inc. (see S. 695), [10AP]
———provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved (see S. 1148), [12JN]
———provide replacement automobiles for certain disabled veterans and Armed Forces members (see S. 1584), [28OC]
———provide veterans, when they electronically file claims for benefits, with notice that relevant services may be available to them from veterans service organizations (see S. 1295), [15JY]
———reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 543), [13MR]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [16AP]
———repeal time limitations on eligibility for use of All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program benefits and improve veterans education outreach (see S. 863), [6MY]
———report cases of certain infectious diseases at departmental medical facilities (see S. 875), [7MY]
———report on the provision of services to veterans with hearing loss and other auditory system injuries and measures that can be taken to address such injuries (see S. 1582), [28OC]
———require college courses that are approved for purposes of educational assistance programs to

charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate (see S. 944), [14MY]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [9AP]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
———require recipients of per diem payments for provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided (see S. 1580), [28OC]
———review the dialysis pilot program and submit a report to Congress before expanding such program (see S. 1547), [24SE]
———specify requirements for updating the Office of Rural Health strategic plan for improving access to, and quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas (see S. 1411), [31JY]
———support university law school programs designed to provide legal assistance to veterans (see S. 1042), [23MY]
———treat certain misfiled documents as motions for reconsideration of decisions by the Board of Veterans Appeals (see S. 939), [14MY]
———update basis for establishing Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program premium rates (see S. 1585), [28OC]
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [15JY]
———improve oversight of educational assistance (see S. 1717), [14NO]
Disabled: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [14FE]
———extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program (see S. 851), [25AP]
Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial: designate (see S. 59), [22JA]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Employment: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [10AP]
———improve coordination of Federal veteran job training services (see S. 140), [24JA]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
———require Federal agencies to hire veterans and require States to recognize military experience when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans (see S. 495), [7MR]
———require States to ensure that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses (see S. 492), [7MR]
Executive departments: require transparency in meeting Federal goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
Faber, Michael G.: relief (see S. 1605), [29OC]
Federal aid programs: exclude certain pension payments from consideration as income relative to certain housing assistance (see S. 1707), [14NO]
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Homeless: authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans (see S. 1058), [23MY]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
Income: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [7FE]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [14FE]
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Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Junction City, KS: designate (see S. 1434), [1AU]
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Memorial Day: encourage nationwide moment of remembrance with the playing of ''Taps'' (see S. Res. 291), [12NO]
———encourage nationwide observance of two minutes of silence (see S. 1648), [5NO]
Military and Veterans Caregiver Week: designate (see S. Res. 71), [7MR]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National cemeteries: provide authority to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery and disinter remains of Michael L. Anderson from Fort Custer National Cemetery (see S. 1471), [1AU]
National Desert Storm Memorial Association: authorize to establish National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in the District of Columbia (see S. 995), [21MY]
National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 169), [12JN]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [23MY]
Peralta, Rafael: award Medal of Honor posthumously (see S. Con. Res. 9), [19MR]
PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Dept. of Veterans Affairs Clinic, Colorado Springs, CO: designate (see S. 1606), [29OC]
SBA: increase Government-wide small business contracting level and the contracting goal for businesses owned by veterans, women, and economically disadvantaged individuals (see S. 196), [31JA]
Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 121), [25AP]
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———allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund (see S. 62), [22JA]
———allow veterans a deduction for certain travel expenses to Dept. of Veterans Affairs medical centers for examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities (see S. 1255), [27JN]
———extend the work opportunity credit for employers of recently discharged veterans (see S. 140), [24JA]
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———provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans (see S. 1367), [25JY]
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Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [19DE]
Budget: balance through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending (see S. 547), [13MR] (see S. 1436), [1AU]
———constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———ensure effective control over the congressional budget process (see S. 280), [12FE]
———establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [29OC]
———exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
———rescind certain Federal funds identified by States as unwanted and use such funds to reduce the Federal debt (see S. 692), [10AP]
Bureau of the Census: make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions (see S. 530), [12MR]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Committee To Investigate and Report on the Attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Facility and American Personnel in Benghazi, Libya (Joint, Select): establish (see S. Res. 225), [12SE]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Courts: modify the prohibition on recognition of certain rights relative to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names (see S. 647), [12SE]
———reallocate Federal judgeships for the courts of appeals (see S. 699), [24SE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: land exchange with Sabine River Authority, TX (see S. 1484), [1AU]
Dept. of Defense: declare the attack at Fort Hood, TX, a terrorist attack and ensure victims of such attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those killed or wounded in overseas combat zones (see S. 1500), [18DE]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [18JY]
———provide for proper reimbursement for assistance provided to nongovernmental entertainment-oriented media producers (see S. 1669), [7NO]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [18SE]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [31JA]
Dept. of HHS: award competitive grants to public and private entities to provide qualified sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents (see S. 13), [15MY]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [16MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: permit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recognition of a State court order amending an internationally adopted child's birth date or name (see S. 1614), [30OC]
Dept. of the Interior: limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [26SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE] (see S. 1740), [9DE]
———clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses of Armed Forces members who died in the line of duty (see S. 1039), [19JN]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [14MY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
English language: reaffirm as official language of U.S., establish uniform English language rule for naturalization, and avoid misconstructions of English language texts of U.S. laws (see S. 464), [11MR]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [6MR]
———amend the renewable fuel program to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production (see S. 251), [7FE]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [1AU]
———prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [14FE]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 1853), [18DE]
FAA: prevent an increase in flight delays and cancellations through spending flexibility (see S. 794), [25AP]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
FDA: ensure valid generic drugs may enter the market (see S. 504), [7MR]
Federal agencies and departments: provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law (see S. 15), [26FE]
Federal employees: limit circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee (see S. 1312), [17JY]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: set reasonable capital requirements, limit the government safety net to traditional banking operations, and provide regulatory relief to community banks (see S. 798), [24AP]
Flag—U.S.: constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration (see S.J. Res. 17), [13JN]
Foreign policy: prohibit contracting with enemies of the U.S. (see S. 675), [30JY]
FRS: ensure conduct of policies to ensure long-term price stability and a low rate of inflation (see S. 215), [4FE]
———provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [30OC]
———require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [4FE]
———require Senate confirmation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Inspector General (see S. 1310), [16JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: prohibit denial of coverage under Federal health care programs based on comparative effectiveness research data and ensure research accounts for advancements in health care and different treatment options (see S. 133), [24JA]
———reduce health care and insurance costs through medical malpractice tort reform (see S. 44), [5MR]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]
Insurance: preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [16MY]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [20DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———oppose development of nuclear weapons and possession of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities and provide relief from sanctions only upon complete abandonment of nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 269), [4NO]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [13MR]
IRS: make the Free File Program permanent (see S. 669), [8JY]
———prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]

———prohibit hiring of additional employees to implement, administer, or enforce health insurance reform (see S. 962), [15MY]
ITC: develop and recommend legislation for temporarily suspending duties (see S. 790), [23AP]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 204), [31JA]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Local Radio Freedom Act: support (see S. Con. Res. 6), [18JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: ensure continued access of beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services (see S. 623), [20MR]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [14FE]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 3), [23JA]
———prohibit receipt of pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which a concurrent budget resolution and regular appropriations bills have not been approved (see S. 124), [23JA]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Public Works Week: designate (see S. Res. 149), [20MY]
National security: prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [15AP]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
OMB: rescind certain unobligated discretionary appropriations (see S. 379), [26FE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [17SE]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [17DE]
———prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers (see S. 1726), [19NO]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———provide that the reinsurance program be applied equally to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (see S. 1724), [19NO]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19JN]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
———clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Power resources: achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land (see S. 1233), [26JN]
———clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [12JN] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [22JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [22JA]
———retain authority of Congress to borrow money on the credit of the U.S. and not cede this power to the President (see S. Res. 8), [7FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
SBA: require a study and report on the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations (see S. 535), [12MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Ships and vessels: extend exemption from fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line (see S. 1022), [22MY]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [30JY]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [15MY]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 490), [7MR]
———constitutional amendment to limit congressional power to impose a tax on failure to purchase goods or services (see S.J. Res. 16), [18JN]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———provide for logical flow of tax return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals and modify certain due dates and extension periods (see S. 420), [21MY]
———reduce tax on beer (see S. 958), [15MY]
———repeal estate and generation-skipping taxes (see S. 1183), [19JN]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [4MR]
Thatcher, Margaret: tribute (see S. Res. 98), [16AP]
Tobacco products: clarify FDA jurisdiction over certain tobacco products and protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cigars (see S. 772), [18AP]
Toxic Substances Control Act: reauthorize and modernize (see S. 1009), [22MY]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Vietnam: impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses against nationals of Vietnam or their families (see S. 929), [18DE]
———promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [18DE]
Voting: permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office (see S. 1336), [18JY]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]
Wildlife: prohibit import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species (see S. 1463), [1AU]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [15MY]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [15MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 107), [23JA] (see S. 163), [28JA]
Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]
Catholic Schools Week: recognize goals and honor contributions of Catholic schools (see S. Res. 22), [30JA]
Citizenship: constitutional amendment to restrict citizenship of individuals born in the U.S. to those with one parent that is a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or active member of the U.S. military (see S.J. Res. 4), [23JA]
Coastal zones: extend the seaward boundaries of certain States (see S. 681), [9AP]
Contraceptives: prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Contracts: ensure efficiency and fairness in awarding of Federal contracts in connection with natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 98), [23JA]
———preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
———provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to natural disaster reconstruction efforts (see S. 99), [23JA]
Corps of Engineers: establish program to evaluate cost-effectiveness and efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for civil works flood control and navigation construction projects (see S. 66), [23JA]
Dept. of HUD: authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance (see S. 1177), [18JN]
Dept. of Justice: prohibit Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funds from being used to restrict sending or receiving information on citizenship or immigration status (see S. 299), [13FE]
Dept. of the Interior: replace President Obama's proposed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program with a congressional plan that will conduct additional lease sales (see S. 176), [29JA]
———require Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote artificial reefs (see S. 1079), [23MY]
Dept. of the Treasury: terminate the U.S. Mint Presidential $1 Coin Program (see S. 94), [23JA]
Disasters: provide tax relief relative to Hurricane Isaac disaster area (see S. 93), [23JA]
EPA: clarify definition of accidental release under the Clean Air Act (see S. 1781), [9DE]
FCC: prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program (see S. 874), [7MY]
Federal-State relations: prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments (see S. 101), [23JA]
FEMA: delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [6JN]
Financial Stability Oversight Council: repeal authority to designate certain non-bank financial institutions as systemically important financial institutions (see S. 100), [23JA]

Fish and fishing: grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 747), [17AP]
FRS: provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau maintains on them (see S. 1667), [7NO]
GAO: conduct a full audit of hurricane protection funding and cost estimates associated with post-Katrina hurricane protection (see S. 105), [23JA]
Gulf of Mexico: authorize use of certain offshore oil and gas platforms for artificial reefs (see S. 96), [23JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 499), [7MR]
Health care professionals: impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 139), [24JA]
Immigration: clarify classes of individuals born in the U.S. who are nationals and citizens of the U.S. at birth (see S. 301), [13FE]
———impose a fine on international remittance transfers if the sender is unable to verify legal status in the U.S. (see S. 1176), [18JN]
———make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony (see S. 302), [13FE]
———prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 300), [13FE]
———provide for visas for certain advanced science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) graduates and eliminate the diversity immigrant program (see S. 303), [13FE]
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: authorizing appropriations (see S. 108), [23JA]
Members of Congress: constitutional amendment to limit terms (see S.J. Res. 2), [23JA]
———eliminate automatic salary adjustments (see S. 65), [23JA]
Mexico: reduce amount of financial assistance in response to illegal border crossings into the U.S. (see S. 102), [23JA]
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: authorize hunting under certain circumstances (see S. 89), [23JA]
Monuments and memorials: require congressional approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 104), [23JA]
NASA: establish, validate, and utilize an official set of data on historical temperature records ensure public access to such records (see S. 106), [23JA]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
NRC: ensure orderly conduct of actions (see S. 1519), [18SE]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: apply provisions to certain congressional staff and members of the Executive branch (see S. 902), [8MY]
———clarify that anti-kickback laws apply to qualified health plans, federally-facilitated marketplaces, and other plans and programs (see S. 1723), [19NO]
———provide for participation in health care exchanges by the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff and limit subsidies (see S. 1497), [12SE]
———repeal (see S. 499), [7MR]
———require Members of Congress to disclose determinations of official staff who will be required to obtain health insurance through an exchange (see S. 1629), [31OC]
Political action committees: prohibit authorized committees and leadership committees from employing immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee (see S. 64), [23JA]
Power resources: establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
Public debt: prioritize obligations on the debt held by the public and payment of Social Security benefits in the event that the debt ceiling is reached (see S. 92), [23JA]
Public welfare programs: require States to implement drug testing program for applicants and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (see S. 873), [7MY]
Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 88), [23JA]
———express support for prayer at school board meetings (see S. Res. 11), [23JA]
———require all public school employees and those employed in connection with a public school to receive FBI background checks prior to being hired (see S. 111), [23JA]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 1725), [19NO]
Small business: suspend fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations (see S. 97), [23JA]
Social Security: allow choice of benefit payment method relative to computation rule application to workers attaining age 65 between 1982 and 1992 (see S. 90), [23JA]
———establish a procedure to safeguard trust funds (see S. 110), [23JA]
Strategic Petroleum Reserve: suspend sales of petroleum products until certain conditions are met (see S. 167), [29JA]
Taxation: clarify eligibility for the child tax credit (see S. 91), [23JA]
———expand Coverdell education savings accounts to allow home schooling expenses, adjust contributions for inflation, and make expansion of such accounts permanent (see S. 86), [23JA]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———provide a Federal income tax credit for certain stem cell research expenditures (see S. 136), [24JA]
———provide deduction for itemizers and nonitemizers for home schooling expenses (see S. 87), [23JA]
U.N.: prohibit U.S. contributions until the U.N. formally retracts the Goldstone report on the Gaza conflict between Israel and the Palestinians (see S. 95), [23JA]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [27FE]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
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VOLUNTEER WORKERS *related term(s)* **COMMUNITY SERVICE**
Bills and resolutions
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Dept. of HHS: provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [15MY]
Dept. of Justice: establish a permanent background check system for youth-serving organization volunteers (see S. 1362), [25JY]
Employment: clarify that volunteers at children's consignment events are not employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act (see S. 1656), [6NO]
Feed America Day: designate (see S. Res. 306), [20NO]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Taxation: extend and increase exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders (see S. 501), [7MR]
———facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations (see S. 1368), [25JY]
———provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers (see S. 506), [7MR]
Wreaths Across America Day: designate (see S. Res. 320), [13DE]

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Public debt: establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt ceiling (see S. 57), [22JA]

VOTES IN SENATE *related term(s)* **SENATE**
Bills and resolutions
Public debt: establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt ceiling (see S. 57), [22JA]
Senate Rules: improve debate and consideration of legislative matters (see S. Res. 16), [24JA]
———improve debate and consideration of legislative matters and nominations (see S. Res. 15), [24JA]
———permit Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased (see S. Res. 7), [3JA]
———provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate (see S. Res. 5), [3JA]
———reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [3JA]
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Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act (S. 954): Cantwell amendment (allow Indian tribes to participate in certain soil and water conservation programs), [21MY]
———cloture motion, [6JN]
———Durbin amendment (limit crop insurance premium subsidies based on adjusted gross income of the producer), [23MY]
———enact, [10JN]
———Feinstein amendment (prohibit payment of crop insurance premiums for tobacco), [23MY]
———Gillibrand amendment (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program funding through reductions in crop insurance reimbursements to providers), [21MY]
———Hagan amendment (reduce fraud and maintain program integrity in the crop insurance program), [23MY]
———Inhofe amendment (repeal Dept. of Agriculture nutrition entitlement programs and establish food stamp block grant program), [22MY]
———Leahy amendment (establish a pilot program for ultra-high-speed Internet in rural areas), [10JN]
———Moran amendment (require research and development relative to crop insurance for alfalfa and report on results of such study), [3JN]
———Roberts amendment (improve and extend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), [21MY]
———Sanders amendment (allow States to require labels on any food, beverage, or other edible products sold that contain, or are produced with, a genetically engineered material), [23MY]
———Shaheen amendment (reform sugar price support program), [22MY]
American Family Economic Protection Act (S. 388): cloture motion on motion to proceed, [28FE]
Bipartisan Budget Act (H.J. Res. 59): cloture motion on House amendment, [17DE]
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Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act (H.R. 1911): enact, [24JY]
———Reed amendment (establish interest rate caps on student loans through surtax on individuals making over a certain amount), [24JY]
———Sanders amendment (set sunset date), [24JY]
Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S. 744): cloture motion, [27JN]

———cloture motion on Leahy amendment (prohibit granting of lawful permanent residence until deployment of border strategy and other conditions), [24JN]
———cloture motion on motion to proceed, [11JN]
———cloture motion on substitute amendment, [26JN]
———enact, [27JN]
———Heller amendment (include Nevada in Southern Border Security Commission), [19JN]
———Leahy amendment (prohibit granting of lawful permanent residence until deployment of border strategy and other conditions), [26JN]
———Leahy amendment (substitute), [27JN]
———Leahy motion to waive Budget Act, [26JN]
———Lee amendment (require fast-track congressional approval of border security strategies before processing certain immigrant applications), [19JN]
———Manchin amendment (limit taxpayer-funded salaries of Government contractors involved in border security), [19JN]
———motion to proceed, [11JN]
———Reid motion to table Cornyn amendment (develop a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the U.S.), [20JN]
———Reid motion to table Grassley amendment (granting of registered provisional immigrant status relative to effective control of borders), [13JN]
———Reid motion to table Paul amendment (prohibit granting of registered provisional immigrant status until certain requirements are met), [19JN]
———Tester amendment (Dept. of Homeland Security inclusion of tribal government officials on the Border Oversight Task Force), [18JN]
———Thune amendment (prohibit granting of registered provisional immigrant status until completion of Southern border reinforced fencing), [18JN]
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———Ayotte amendment (Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) funding), [22MR]
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———Coburn amendment (adjust Medicare wage index for certain hospitals), [22MR]
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———Cruz amendment (Dept. of Defense East Coast missile defense shield funding through reductions in foreign assistance to Egypt), [22MR]
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———Inhofe amendment (prohibit negotiation of U.N. Arms Trade Treaty if such treaty restricts the right to keep and bear arms), [22MR]
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———Lee amendment (provide point of order against budgets spending more on net interest payments on the debt than on national defense), [22MR]
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———Menendez amendment (adjust Medicare wage index determination for certain hospitals), [22MR]
———Murray amendment (provide tax relief for low- and middle-income families), [22MR]
———Murray amendment (substitute), [21MR]
———Paul amendment (Dept. of Transportation interstate bridge infrastructure projects funding through reductions in Dept. of Energy foreign assistance and loan guarantee programs funding), [22MR]
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———Warner amendment (repeal estate tax provided action would not result in an increase in the deficit), [22MR]
———Whitehouse amendment (impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide Federal deficit reduction, reduced Federal tax rates, and other direct taxpayer benefits), [22MR]
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———Coburn amendment (National Park Service visitors services and maintenance funding, including White House tours, through reductions in National Heritage Partnership Program funding), [20MR]
———Coburn amendment (prohibit FEMA Urban Areas Security Initiative funding for projects that do not improve homeland security), [20MR]
———Coburn amendment (temporarily freeze hiring of nonessential Federal employees), [14MR]
———Cruz amendment (prohibit Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act implementation funding), [13MR]
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Default Prevention Act (S. 1569): cloture motion on motion to proceed, [12OC]
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———Levin amendment (allow transfer of certain individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the U.S.,), [19NO]
———cloture motion, [21NO]
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Drug Quality and Security Act (H.R. 3204): cloture motion on motion to proceed, [12NO]
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———Baucus motion to table Toomey amendment (prioritize Government obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally), [31JA]
———Baucus motion to table Vitter motion to commit (require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts), [31JA]
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———Leahy motion to table Paul amendment (prohibit sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery to Egypt of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services), [31JA]
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———cloture motion on motion to proceed, [11AP]
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———Feinstein amendment (regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited), [17AP]
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———Coburn amendment (eliminate duplicative grant programs and use savings to eliminate backlog of DNA samples from rape, sexual assault, homicide, kidnapping and other criminal cases), [12FE]
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———Coburn amendment (eliminate subsidies for beach nourishment at water resources development projects), [15MY]
———Coburn amendment (ensure all water resources development projects are eligible for review for deauthorization), [15MY]
———Coburn amendment (ensure right of individuals to carry firearms at water resources development projects administered by the Corps of Engineers), [8MY]
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National Desert Storm Memorial Association: authorize to establish National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in the District of Columbia (see S. 995), [21MY]
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National security: require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [23MY]
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Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
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Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
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Budget: establish biennial budget and appropriations processes and enhance oversight and performance of the Federal Government (see S. 554), [30JY]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [15JY]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [15JY]
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Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
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Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 761), [15MY]
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Dept. of Commerce: produce, with other relevant agencies, a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investments (see S. 1023), [4NO]
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Dept. of Education: update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [9MY]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———require a criminal background check for a child care staff member of any child care provider in a State that receives funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (see S. 624), [24AP]
Dept. of Justice: provide incentives to States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at polls and simplify voter registration (see S. 85), [23JA]
Dept. of Transportation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1537), [23SE]
———provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 853), [25AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [15MY]
Diseases: support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [20NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Economy: jump-start economic recovery through formation and growth of new businesses (see S. 310), [13FE]
EPA: implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [20NO]
Federal agencies and departments: require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies (see S. 1173), [18JN]
Federal employees: provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [1OC]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [21MR]
———revise certain regulations governing financial assistance for swaps entities (see S. 474), [6MR]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
FRS: provide additional flexibility to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the business of insurance (see S. 1369), [11SE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
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Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [31JY]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]
Immigration: authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the U.S. and provide funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education (see S. 169), [29JA]
———establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [30JA]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [20MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [11MR]
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Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [10JN]
Mining and mineral resources: protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [19DE]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Guard: establish Cyber and Computer Network Incident Response Teams in each State to respond to cyber emergencies (see S. 658), [22MR]
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 240), [18SE]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [26JN]
National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 260), [24SE]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Teacher Appreciation Week: observance (see S. Res. 126), [6MY]
National Travel and Tourism Week: observance (see S. Res. 141), [14MY]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native Americans: extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy, Chickahominy-Eastern Division, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Monacan, and Nansemond Tribes (see S. 1074), [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1642), [18DE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [9DE]
Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 203), [30SE] (see S. 1842), [17DE]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Securities: provide end user exemptions for certain derivative sales (see S. 888), [7MY]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [16AP]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [12DE]
———provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate (see S. 862), [21NO]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9SE]
Veterans: ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [15AP]
———reauthorize Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, assist small businesses owned by veterans, and improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services (see S. 6), [22JA]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [28JA]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [19NO]
Women: remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [6JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Armed Forces: expand and enhance authorities on protected communications (see S. 1081), [23MY]
Business and industry: develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the U.S. and encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries (see S. 1615), [30OC]
Chesapeake Bay: require OMB to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the watershed and require EPA to develop and implement an adaptive management plan (see S. 1000), [21MY]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Dept. of Energy: provide incentives to assist energy policy innovation in States in order to double electric and thermal energy productivity by a certain date (see S. 1209), [20JN] (see S. 1218), [25JN]
Dept. of the Interior: include Lease Sale 220 in the Outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012–2017 and revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area (see S. 1024), [22MY]
Federal agencies and departments: establish Federal customer service standards and improve service provided by Federal agencies (see S. 760), [18AP]
———require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [21MY]
Hinduism: recognize the holiday of Diwali (see S. Res. 277), [30OC]
India: welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on U.S. visit and encourage progress on bilateral investments, civil nuclear cooperation, and economic reforms (see S. Res. 255), [24SE]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Medicare: provide for advanced illness care coordination services for beneficiaries (see S. 1439), [1AU]
National Center for Campus Public Safety: establish and operate (see S. 433), [28FE]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [13JN]
NATO: anniversary of Allied Command Transformation (see S. Res. 156), [23MY]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: exempt emergency services volunteers from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1798), [10DE]
Petersburg National Battlefield: modify boundary (see S. 1718), [18NO]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: provide exemptions from municipal advisor registration requirements (see S. 710), [11AP]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), [20NO], [21NO]
———authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [14NO]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
WARREN, ELIZABETH ***(a Senator from Massachusetts)***
Appointments
Acting President pro tempore, [14MY]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Adams Memorial Foundation, Inc.: extend legislative authority to establish a commemorative work in honor of John Adams and his legacy (see S. 1866), [19DE]
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23MY]
———restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by closing tax loopholes for offshore corporations (see S. 1844), [17DE]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park: establish and dedicate to John H. Chafee (see S. 371), [14FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Boys & Girls Clubs of America: tribute (see S. Con. Res. 13), [27SE]
Budget: replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 278), [6MY]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [5MR] (see S. 743), [18AP]
———ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees (see S. 1687), [18NO]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration,

and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [15JY]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [29JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [22MY]
Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [15JY]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Credit: address certain issues relative to the extension of consumer credit (see S. 172), [4MR]
———empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [26JN]
———prohibit creditors from discriminating on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit (see S. 1159), [8JY]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [27SE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [6MY]
Dept. of Defense: enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [22MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [22MY]
Dept. of Education: award grants to establish pediatric early literacy programs for health care providers and facilities (see S. 1126), [19JN]
———establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Master Teacher Corps program (see S. 358), [14FE]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [15MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———provide for institutional risk sharing in the Federal student loan programs (see S. 1873), [19DE]
Dept. of HHS: award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [30SE]
———establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with HIV (see S. 330), [13MR]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [19JN]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [23JY]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [26SE]
———reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [11FE]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [29OC]
———revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs (see S. 195), [7FE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [16AP]
———provide incentives to States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at polls and simplify voter registration (see S. 85), [6MY]
Dept. of Labor: provide grants for an Urban Jobs Program (see S. 655), [22MR]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: authorize certain major medical facility leases (see S. 412), [28FE]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [6JN]
———protect the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill from inappropriate or misleading marketing by entities targeting veterans (see S. 1211), [8JY]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [18SE]
Diseases: issue semipostal stamp to support Alzheimer's disease research (see S. 1091), [23JY]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [20MY]
Drugs: establish a commission to coordinate efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse (see S. 1277), [31JY]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Education: enhance entrance counseling and exit counseling for student borrowers (see S. 546), [13MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
———require certain protections for student loan borrowers (see S. 1803), [11DE]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [20NO]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
ERISA: require a lifetime income disclosure (see S. 1145), [12JN]
Families and domestic relations: prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave because of the death of a son or daughter (see S. 226), [25AP]
———allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 857), [9DE]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FDA: require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [4NO]
———strengthen regulation of compounding drugs by pharmacies (see S. 959), [16MY]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [29OC] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [26SE]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [15MY]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
Firearms: prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [31JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [16AP]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [20MY]
———require the President to establish guidelines for, and increase transparency of, foreign assistance programs (see S. 1271), [30JY]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Haiti: recognize anniversary of earthquake, honor victims and responders, and reaffirm support and assistance (see S. Res. 12), [24JA]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [21MY]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [6MY]
Health care professionals: build a stronger health care workforce (see S. 1152), [18JY]
Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 246), [19SE]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Housing: ensure housing finance reform by prohibiting an increase in the guarantee fee to offset other spending and the sale of preferred shares of Government-sponsored enterprises (see S. 563), [14MR]
———permanently protect interests of tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property and establish a right of action to enforce compliance with such protections (see S. 1761), [21NO]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [25FE]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [10JY]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [6JN]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [7MY]
IRS: permit issuance of prospective guidance clarifying employment status of individuals for purposes of

employment taxes and prevent retroactive assessments relative to such clarifications (see S. 1706), [9DE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [18MR]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [23MY]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [26FE]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 527), [12MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs (see S. 382), [13MR]
———count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [12SE]
———distribute additional residency positions (see S. 577), [18JY]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [11SE]
———establish pilot projects to provide incentives for home health agencies to furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures (see S. 596), [17JN]
———extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [12NO]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [17JY]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [18JN]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [29OC]
———reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [15MY]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [10AP]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Middle East: reaffirm support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (see S. Res. 203), [30OC]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: protect health care and pension benefits of miners (see S. 468), [6MR]
National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 256), [24SE]
National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: designate (see S. Res. 208), [31JY]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [31OC]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [1AU]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Work and Family Month: designate (see S. Res. 276), [29OC]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Older Americans Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 1028), [23MY]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [30OC]
Political campaigns: require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures (see S. 824), [20JN]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [4MR]
Privacy: reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [29OC]
Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor: redesignate as Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (see S. 702), [10AP]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [15MY]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [8MY]
———revise medical criteria for evaluating disability in a person with Huntington's disease and waive Medicare waiting period for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease (see S. 723), [30OC]
Taxation: deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations (see S. 1654), [19NO]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [17JN]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1476), [12DE]
———make equitable the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1116), [18DE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [6NO]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]
———reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [14FE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [20DE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [17JN]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 47), [23JA]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [25AP]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [10SE]
———provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [30OC]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [15MY]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Credit: prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
Dept. of Education: provide funds for student loans through the FRS and ensure that such loans are available at interest rates equivalent to that at which the Government provides loans to banks (see S. 897), [8MY]
Essex National Heritage Area: reauthorize (see S. 1186), [19JN]
Financial institutions: limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [11JY]
Cloture motions
Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [27SE]
———making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), motion to proceed, [23SE], [24SE]
———making continuing (H.R. 933), motion to proceed, [12MR]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (S. 1845), [20DE]
WASHINGTON COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
WASHINGTON (STATE)
Bills and resolutions
Alpine Lakes Wilderness: expand to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic (see S. 112), [23JA]

Dept. of the Interior: prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
Illabot Creek: designate segment as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 383), [26FE]
Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in Glacier Peak Wilderness (see S. 404), [28FE]
Native Americans: settle claims of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation concerning contributions to production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam (see S. 1448), [1AU]
San Juan Islands National Conservation Area: establish (see S. 497), [7MR]
Reports filed
Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 112) (S. Rept. 113–17), [22AP]
Illabot Creek Segment Designation as a Component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 383) (S. Rept. 113–30), [22AP]
WATER *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: authorize and implement water rights compact between Montana and the Blackfeet Indian Tribe (see S. 434), [4MR]
———participate in Hermiston, OR, water recycling and reuse project (see S. 693), [10AP]
———require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 1800), [11DE]
———transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District in New Mexico (see S. 284), [12FE]
Conservation of natural resources: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]
Corps of Engineers: modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 732), [16AP]
———prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
Crooked River: adjust boundary to provide water certainty for Prineville, OR (see S. 1771), [21NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: land exchange with Sabine River Authority, TX (see S. 1484), [1AU]
Dept. of Energy: modify efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters (see S. 1739), [20NO]
Dept. of State: require report on water sharing with Mexico (see S. 1125), [10JN]
Dept. of the Interior: authorize water rights settlement with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (see S. 1219), [25JN]
———convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, UT (see S. 510), [7MR]
———facilitate development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project (see S. 26), [22JA]
———settle water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community (see S. 1394), [30JY]
———use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects (see S. 715), [11AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: modify commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, NC, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water (see S. 529), [12MR]
Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: prohibit the taking of privately held water rights and uphold long-standing State water laws (see S. 1630), [31OC]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
———provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters (see S. 243), [7FE]
Energy and water development: making appropriations (see S. 1245), [27JN]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 1508), [17SE]
———clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
———establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Government regulations: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
———protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
GSA: improve energy and water efficiency of Federal buildings (see S. 52), [22JA]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Hazardous substances: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
———promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Idaho: authorize continued use of certain water diversions on National Forest System lands in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (see S. 1430), [1AU]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (see S. 276), [11FE]
———reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (see S. 275), [11FE]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Native Americans: ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (see S. 1818), [12DE]
New Mexico: make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements (see S. 1447), [1AU]
Oklahoma: clarify role of Cherokee Nation in maintaining the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam (see S. 513), [11MR]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Power resources: prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
Provo River Project Transfer Act: clarify certain property descriptions (see S. 211), [4FE]
Public works: provide financing assistance for qualified water infrastructure projects (see S. 335), [14FE]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 228), [4FE]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
South Dakota: facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System (see S. 684), [9AP]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [1AU]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 1237), [27JN]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Water Resources Research Act: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 970), [16MY]
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]
Cloture motions
Conservation of natural resources: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]
Motions
Conservation of natural resources: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [25AP]
Reports filed
American Falls Reservoir Hydroelectric Project Deadline for Commencement of Construction Reinstatement and Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 276) (S. Rept. 113–24), [22AP]
Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 26) (S. Rept. 113–16), [22AP]
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]
Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations (Senate) (S. 1245) (S. Rept. 113–47), [27JN]
Fort Sumner Project Title Conveyance Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 284) (S. Rept. 113–56), [27JN]
Hydropower Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 545) (S. Rept. 113–36), [3JN]
Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267), [13MY]
———Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 267) (S. Rept. 113–38), [3JN]
Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System Completion Facilitation: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 684) (S. Rept. 113–74), [15JY]

Provo River Project Transfer Act Clarification of Certain Property Descriptions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 211) (S. Rept. 113–52), [27JN]
Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE NOW PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (WIN P3) ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 566), [14MR]

WATER POLLUTION *related term(s)* **ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT; POLLUTION**
Bills and resolutions
Bureau of Reclamation: participate in Hermiston, OR, water recycling and reuse project (see S. 693), [10AP]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [14MR]
Dept. of Education: promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
EPA: clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 830), [25AP]
———establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure (see S. 1677), [12NO]
———establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels (see S. 1359), [24JY]
———exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
———implement guidelines for specification of certain dredged or fill material disposal sites (see S. 1470), [1AU]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
———provide guidance and clarification relative to issuance and renewal of coal mining permits for dredged or fill material (see S. 861), [6MY]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
———protect and restore (see S. 1232), [26JN]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Lake Tahoe: provide for environmental restoration and forest management activities in surrounding basin (see S. 1451), [1AU]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]
Mining and mineral resources: facilitate remediation of abandoned hardrock mines (see S. 1443), [1AU]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
NOAA: provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Pesticides: clarify authorized use of registered pesticides (see S. 175), [29JA]
Petroleum: establish Federal Oil Spill Research Committee and improve oil spill response plans (see S. 1483), [1AU]
Pipelines: express that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline promotes sound investment in infrastructure, energy security, and job creation (see S. Con. Res. 21), [31JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
———recognize primacy of States relative to regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1482), [1AU]
———require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 224), [4FE]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
Taxation: disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil (see S. 599), [18MR]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
Transportation: provide States certain authority to adopt air pollution reduction requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities (see S. 1435), [1AU]
Water: exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, solder, and flux that contain brass from prohibitions on leaded brass (see S. 1824), [13DE]
———exempt fire hydrants from prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux (see S. 1779), [9DE]
———prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
Reports filed
Address Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Through Research, Monitoring, and Mitigation To Help Communities Detect, Control, and Mitigate Such Events: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Senate) (S. 1254) (S. Rept. 113–121), [18NO]
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Corps of Engineers: expedite implementation of comprehensive Everglades restoration project plan (see S. 414), [28FE]
Oklahoma: clarify role of Cherokee Nation in maintaining the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam (see S. 513), [11MR]
Cloture motions
Enact (S. 601), [9MY]
———motion to proceed, [25AP]
Motions
Enact (S. 601), [25AP]
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]

WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 3080, provisions, [4NO]

WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH ACT
Bills and resolutions
Research: reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding water resources research and technology institutes (see S. 970), [16MY]

WATER RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1630), [31OC]

WATERWAYS *related term(s)* **WATER**
Appointments
Conferees: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
Bills and resolutions
Arctic regions: expedite development of Arctic deepwater ports (see S. 428), [28FE]
Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers: designate segments for study for potential addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 349), [14FE]
Bureau of Reclamation: require an infrastructure needs assessment report listing major repair and rehabilitation needs at water delivery system facilities (see S. 1800), [11DE]
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission: extend (see S. 476), [6MR]
Chesapeake Bay: require OMB to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the watershed and require EPA to develop and implement an adaptive management plan (see S. 1000), [21MY]
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network: reauthorize (see S. 1077), [23MY]
Corps of Engineers: establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of allowing non-Federal interests to carry out certain water infrastructure projects (see S. 566), [14MR]
———expedite implementation of comprehensive Everglades restoration project plan (see S. 414), [28FE]
———manage threat of Asian carp traveling up the Mississippi River in Minnesota (see S. 365), [14FE]
———modify criteria used to dredge small ports (see S. 732), [16AP]
———modify the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf of Mexico to Baton Rouge, LA, navigation project (see S. 574), [14MR]
———prohibit from taking action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam (see S. 421), [28FE] (see S. 982), [16MY]
———provide construction and major rehabilitation funding for projects located on inland and intracoastal waterways (see S. 407), [28FE]
———provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [14MR]
Crooked River: adjust boundary to provide water certainty for Prineville, OR (see S. 1771), [21NO]
Dept. of Agriculture: land exchange with Sabine River Authority, TX (see S. 1484), [1AU]
Dept. of HHS: conduct study on public health and environmental impacts of production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke (see S. 1388), [30JY]
Dept. of State: require report on water sharing with Mexico (see S. 1125), [10JN]
Dept. of the Interior: implement Agreement Between the U.S. and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 812), [25AP]
Disasters: provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters (see S. 243), [7FE]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 1508), [17SE]
———reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1253), [27JN]
Fish and fishing: develop a fishery management plan for Gulf of Mexico red snapper (see S. 1161), [13JN]
———grant exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States (see S. 747), [17AP]
Great Lakes: establish deadline for restricting sewage dumping and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges (see S. 571), [14MR]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]

Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Immigration: prohibit granting of temporary status or adjusting status of any unlawfully present individual until Dept. of Homeland Security certifies full implementation of US-VISIT system at every port of entry (see S. 300), [13FE]
Iuka, MS: approve transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties (see S. 212), [4FE]
Long Island Sound: amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to restoration and stewardship (see S. 1080), [23MY]
Missisquoi and Trout Rivers: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1252), [27JN]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day: designate (see S. Res. 204), [30JY]
Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor: reauthorize (see S. 1339), [23JY]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
———designate Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area and segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers (see S. 352), [14FE]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
Pesticides: clarify congressional intent regarding regulation of use of pesticides in or near navigable waters (see S. 802), [24AP]
Power resources: prohibit a national energy tax and revise regulations relative to discharge of pollutants by the coal industry into certain protected waters (see S. 1514), [17SE]
Provo River Project Transfer Act: clarify certain property descriptions (see S. 211), [4FE]
Sacramento, CA: authorize improvements to flood damage reduction facilities adjacent to the American and Sacramento Rivers (see S. 197), [31JA]
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 228), [4FE]
San Francisco Bay: establish a grant program to support restoration (see S. 224), [4FE]
San Juan National Forest: designate certain Hermosa Creek watershed lands as wilderness (see S. 841), [25AP]
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: designate certain lands and inland water as wilderness (see S. 23), [22JA]
Southeast Asia: promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea (see S. Res. 167), [10JN]
Taxation: facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency (see S. 1441), [1AU]
Transportation: provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries (see S. 125), [24JA]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (see S. 601), [18MR]
Cloture motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
———provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), motion to proceed, [25AP]
Motions
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [25AP]
Reports filed
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 476) (S. Rept. 113–64), [27JN]
Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 352) (S. Rept. 113–28), [22AP]
Oregon Caves Revitalization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 354) (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]
Oregon Treasures Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 353) (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]
Promote Peaceful and Collaborative Resolution of Southeast Asian Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 167), [25JN]
Provo River Project Transfer Act Clarification of Certain Property Descriptions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 211) (S. Rept. 113–52), [27JN]
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 23) (S. Rept. 113–14), [22AP]
Water Resources Development Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works (Senate) (S. 601) (S. Rept. 113–13), [22AP]
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 349) (S. Rept. 113–60), [27JN]

WAYNE COUNTY, TN
Bills and resolutions
Appalachian Regional Commission: add Hickman, Perry, and Wayne Counties, TN, to the Appalachian region (see S. 1646), [5NO]

WEAPONS *related term(s)* **BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS; CHEMICAL WEAPONS; NUCLEAR WEAPONS**
Appointments
Senate National Security Working Group, [11MR], [12MR], [10JN]
Bills and resolutions
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
BLM: provide for a land exchange with the Army to create a national security buffer for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss and preclude sale of certain lands to prevent incompatible development (see S. 753), [17AP]
Crime: reduce violence and protect citizens (see S. 2), [22JA]
Dept. of Defense: rescind amounts appropriated for the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) (see S. 680), [9AP]
Dept. of HHS: reauthorize certain programs to protect against pandemics and attacks from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons (see S. 242), [7FE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
Egypt: prohibit sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 201), [31JA]
———reform assistance (see S. 1857), [18DE]
———restrict sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F–16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services (see S. 207), [31JA]
EPA: reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works (see S. 67), [23JA]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
———strengthen enforcement of background checks relative to the use of explosive materials (see S. 792), [23AP]
Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [29JA]
———ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (see S. 649), [21MR]
———ensure that individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and require a background check for every firearm sale (see S. 374), [25FE]
———establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———establish minimum standards for States that allow carrying of concealed firearms (see S. 147), [24JA]
———facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
———improve effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by clarifying reporting requirements related to adjudications of mental incompetency (see S. 480), [6MR]
———limit amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain Federal agencies (see S. 843), [25AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms (see S. 729), [15AP]
———prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through straw purchasing and trafficking (see S. 730), [15AP]
———prevent gun trafficking (see S. 54), [22JA] (see S. 179), [30JA] (see S. 443), [4MR]
———prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
———prohibit purchase and possession by nonimmigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———provide that any executive action infringing on the Second Amendment has no force or effect and prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes (see S. 82), [23JA]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms (see S. 1774), [21NO]
———reauthorize ban on undetectable firearms and extend ban to undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines (see S. 1149), [12JN]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
———require face to face purchases of ammunition, licensing of ammunition dealers, and reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition (see S. 35), [22JA]
GAO: assess Army study on the combat vehicle industrial base (see S. 1727), [19NO]
Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [19DE]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [5MR]
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: prevent nuclear proliferation (see S. 298), [13FE]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park: establish (see S. 507), [7MR]
Middle East: ensure that Israel is able to adequately address an existential Iranian nuclear threat and support Israel's right to respond to the potential threat of a Syrian S–300 air defense system (see S. Con. Res. 27), [21NO]

Minuteman Missile National Historic Site: modify boundaries (see S. 459), [5MR]
National security: enhance security of chemical facilities (see S. 68), [23JA]
———prohibit use of drones to kill U.S. citizens within the U.S. (see S. 505), [7MR]
———require independent alternative analysis of the use of targeted lethal force against a particular, known U.S. person knowingly engaged in acts of international terrorism against the U.S. (see S. 1035), [23MY]
Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy: establish (see S. 1021), [22MY]
Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 164), [10JN]
Strategic Defense Initiative: anniversary (see S. Res. 82), [20MR]
Syria: call for Syria to become a signatory to, and comply with, the Chemical Weapons Convention and if such actions do not occur by a certain date, all elements of national power will be considered by the U.S. (see S.J. Res. 22), [10SE]
———impose sanctions and expand existing sanctions (see S. 1714), [14NO]
———restrict funds relative to escalating U.S. military involvement in Syria (see S. 1201), [20JN]
Transportation Security Administration: prohibit airplane passengers from bringing small knives aboard a passenger aircraft (see S. 1008), [22MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
Cloture motions
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Messages
Agreement Between NATO Members for Cooperation Regarding Atomic Information: President Obama, [18SE]
Motions
Armed Forces: authorize use against Syria in response to use of chemical weapons (S.J. Res. 21), [9SE], [10SE]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), [8AP], [9AP]
Reports filed
Armed Forces Use Against Syria in Response to Use of Chemical Weapons: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S.J. Res. 21), [6SE]
Assault Weapons Ban: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 150), [14MR]
Dept. of HHS Programs To Protect Against Pandemics and Attacks From Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (H.R. 307), [14FE]
Egypt Assistance Reform Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 1857), [18DE]
Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 507) (S. Rept. 113–65), [27JN]
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 459) (S. Rept. 113–32), [22AP]
North Korea Nonproliferation and Accountability Act: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 298), [14FE]
Protecting Responsible Gun Sellers Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 374), [12MR]
Stop Illegal Trafficking in Firearms Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54), [11MR]
———Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 54) (S. Rept. 113–9), [8AP]
Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 572) (S. Rept. 113–86), [9SE]

WEATHER
Bills and resolutions
Air pollution: prohibit regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions (see S. 107), [23JA] (see S. 163), [28JA]
Climate: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
———provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]
Corps of Engineers: provide for safe and reliable navigation of the Mississippi River (see S. 565), [14MR]
Dept. of Energy: reauthorize weatherization and State energy programs (see S. 1213), [20JN]
Dept. of Transportation: obligate funds for emergency relief projects arising from damage caused by severe weather events (see S. 1560), [30SE]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
EPA: award grants to water system owners or operators to increase resiliency or adaptability to any ongoing or forecasted changes to hydrologic conditions (see S. 1508), [17SE]
———impose carbon pollution fee and use proceeds to provide rebate to consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and regulate hydraulic fracturing (see S. 332), [14FE]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
Forests: provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
Hurricanes: provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy (see S. 803), [24AP]
NASA: establish, validate, and utilize an official set of data on historical temperature records ensure public access to such records (see S. 106), [23JA]
National Integrated Drought Information System: reauthorize (see S. 376), [25FE]
Philippines: accelerate income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan (see S. 1821), [12DE]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act: reauthorize (see S. 659), [22MR]
Typhoons: express condolences and support to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and support relief and reconstruction assistance (see S. Res. 292), [13NO]
Reports filed
Express Condolences and Support to Victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and Support Relief and Reconstruction Assistance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 292), [14NO]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act Reauthorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 659) (S. Rept. 113–73), [15JY]

WESLEY, CYNTHIA
Bills and resolutions
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [30JA]

WEST VIRGINIA
Bills and resolutions
Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 1641), [4NO]
Statehood: anniversary (see S. Res. 181), [21JN]

WETLANDS
Bills and resolutions
California Coastal National Monument: designate Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (see S. 61), [22JA]
Coast Guard: lease tidelands and submerged lands under control of the Coast Guard for periods longer than five years (see S. 1609), [29OC]
Dept. of the Interior: grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
———increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
Disasters: provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters (see S. 243), [7FE]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1660), [6NO]
Water: clarify definition of navigable waters relative to application of environmental protection regulations (see S. 890), [7MY]

WHISTLEBLOWING *related term(s)* **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**
Bills and resolutions
Antitrust policy: provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers (see S. 42), [22JA]
Employment: clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims (see S. 1391), [30JY]
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: designate (see S. Res. 202), [30JY]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Reports filed
Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) (S. 42), [31OC]

WHITE CLAY CREEK WILD AND SCENIC RIVER EXPANSION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 393) (S. Rept. 113–31), [22AP]

WHITEHOUSE, SHELDON ***(a Senator from Rhode Island)***
Appointments
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [24JA]
Conferee: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [4NO]
———S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
National Council on the Arts, [30JA]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Afterschool Alliance (organization): support goals and ideals of Lights on Afterschool! event (see S. Res. 274), [16OC]
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [16AP]
Armed Forces: enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses relative to mortgages (see S. 1593), [28OC]
———modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [11FE]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
ATF: establish incentives for law enforcement agencies to report all recovered crime guns to the National Tracing Center (see S. 1337), [23JY]
Bankruptcy: make privately issued student loans dischargeable (see S. 114), [23JA]
Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers: designate segments for study for potential addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 349), [14FE]

Best Buddies International, Inc.: provide assistance to support expansion and development of mentoring programs (see S. 475), [21MY]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park: establish and dedicate to John H. Chafee (see S. 371), [14FE]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boston Red Sox (baseball team): tribute (see S. Res. 287), [5NO]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [11DE]
Budget: reduce the deficit and protect important programs by ending tax loopholes (see S. 268), [11FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (see S. 336), [14FE] (see S. 743), [18AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
CERCLA: modify provisions relative to grants (see S. 491), [24JY]
CFTC: provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps (see S. 1802), [11DE]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [6MY]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [24JN]
Conservation of natural resources: establish more efficient and effective policies and processes for departments and agencies engaged in or providing support to international conservation (see S. 1005), [22MY]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Courts: prohibit exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 38), [22JA]
Credit: establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions (see S. 673), [9AP]
———prohibit distribution of checks or other negotiable instruments as part of a creditor solicitation to extend credit and limit consumer liability in conjunction with such solicitations (see S. 187), [30JA]
———prohibit use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions (see S. 1837), [17DE]
———provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]
Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [17DE]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [18AP]
Dept. of Defense: rescind amounts appropriated for the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) (see S. 680), [11AP]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [15MY]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (see S. 707), [11AP]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———promote environmental education (see S. 1306), [16JY]
———reauthorize and strengthen the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (see S. 1127), [10JN]
Dept. of HHS: authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs to implement a network of elder abuse prevention and response measures (see S. 1019), [22MY]
———award certain asthma-related grants to States that permit trained school personnel to administer epinephrine (see S. 1503), [12SE]
———establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [11AP]
———extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care (see S. 423), [9AP]
———improve and enhance research and treatments of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer (see S. 1251), [21NO]
———increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [9AP]
———issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [24JN]
———provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in insurance premium rates (see S. 482), [8AP]
———reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (see S. 1557), [27SE]
Dept. of HUD: reduce housing-related health hazards (see S. 290), [14FE]
Dept. of Justice: allow the denial of transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected terrorists (see S. 34), [22JA]
———extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [13MY]
———provide incentives to States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at polls and simplify voter registration (see S. 85), [23JA]
Dept. of State: authorize the transfer of certain funds to improve security at U.S. embassies and other diplomatic facilities worldwide (see S. 227), [4FE]
———enhance embassy security (see S. 980), [6JN]
Dept. of the Treasury: identify misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment (see S. 1114), [1AU]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the U.S. in Laos during the Vietnamese Conflict era (see S. 200), [18AP]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [18AP]
———require provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all departmental medical centers (see S. 422), [28FE]
Depts. of Labor and Commerce: establish Made In America Incentive Grant Program (see S. 63), [30JA]
Discrimination: prohibit housing and credit decision discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or source of income (see S. 1242), [27JN]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [30JY]
Drugs: establish a list of synthetic drugs known as analogues and prohibit most importation, amend sentencing for violations, and improve regulation relative to such analogues (see S. 1323), [18NO]
———focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [20NO]
———improve prosecution of the sale and distribution of synthetic drugs known as analogues (see S. 1322), [19DE]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [30JY]
Economy: prevent use of chained consumer price index (CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veteran benefits or to increase low- and middle-class tax burden (see S. Con. Res. 15), [24AP]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
———ensure clean and fair elections (see S. 9), [22JA]
Elementary and Secondary Education Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1094), [4JN]
Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [20MR]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
———strengthen enforcement of background checks relative to the use of explosive materials (see S. 792), [6MY]
Families and domestic relations: strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children (see S. 1291), [11JY]
Family and Medical Leave Act: allow leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent with a serious health condition (see S. 857), [6MY]
———anniversary (see S. Res. 139), [13MY]
FCC: allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide subscribers a la carte video programming, penalize broadcasters for downgrading services, and eliminate sports blackout rule (see S. 912), [12DE]
FDA: improve ability to study use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals (see S. 895), [17DE]
Federal agencies and departments: require accountability and transparency in Federal spending (see S. 994), [18NO]
Federal employees: provide certain benefits to domestic partners (see S. 1529), [29OC]
———provide for the compensation of furloughed employees (see S. 1567), [4OC]
Federal Helium Reserve: improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [9JY]
FEMA: delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [12DE] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [16MY]
———limit ability of banks to engage in certain risky activities and conflicts of interest and restore certain

provisions of law to separate investment banking from commercial banking (see S. 1282), [23JY]
Firearms: appropriately restrict sales of ammunition by requiring background checks (see S. 174), [30JA]
———establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
———prohibit possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence in a foreign court (see S. 261), [7FE]
———prohibit purchase and possession by non-immigrant aliens, including those from visa waiver countries, and reinstate residency requirement for gun purchases by non-U.S. citizens (see S. 903), [8MY]
———prohibit transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 33), [22JA]
———regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (see S. 150), [24JA]
———regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (see S. 691), [9AP]
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [25FE]
———provide assistance to Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation and restore forest levels (see S. 1548), [24SE]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: expand and support strong home care workforce and make long-term services and supports affordable and accessible for seniors and individuals with disabilities (see S. Res. 128), [6NO]
———prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [9AP]
Horne, Lena Calhoun: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 397), [4JN]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [20DE]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [26FE]
———establish employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish business in the U.S. (see S. 189), [31JA]
Information technology: secure against cyber attack, enhance competitiveness and create jobs in information technology industry, and protect identities and sensitive information of citizens and businesses (see S. 21), [22JA]
Interagency Council on Healthy Housing: establish (see S. 291), [14FE]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [13MR]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [14MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [11MR]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [23MY]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [8AP]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [14FE]
Liberia: adjust immigration status of certain nationals (see S. 527), [12MR]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: encourage adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics (see S. 1286), [11JY]
Medicare: count a period of outpatient observation in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services (see S. 569), [16MY]
———deliver a meaningful drug benefit and lower prescription drug prices (see S. 408), [28FE]
———ensure more timely access to home health services for beneficiaries (see S. 1332), [7OC]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [22MY]
———improve access to medication therapy management under part D (see S. 557), [9AP]
———increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to improve care and outcomes (see S. 709), [29OC]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [9AP]
———require drug manufacturers to provide rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the prescription drug benefit program (see S. 740), [16AP]
Medicare/Medicaid: curb waste, fraud, and abuse (see S. 1123), [11SE]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [16AP]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mueller, Robert S., III: tribute (see S. Res. 210), [31JY]
Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act: reauthorize (see S. 231), [10AP]
National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
National Month of the Military Child: observance (see S. Res. 107), [23AP]
National MPS Awareness Day: designate (see S. Res. 142), [15MY]
National Oilheat Research Alliance Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 913), [9MY]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [30SE]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 91), [6MY]
National Small Business Week: observance (see S. Res. 177), [19JN]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 14), [24JA]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Occupational Safety and Health Act: expand coverage, increase protections for whistleblowers, and increase penalties for violators (see S. 665), [22MR]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Oil Pollution Act: require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 828), [25AP]
Patents: promote transparency in ownership and improve the patent system (see S. 1720), [18NO]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [9MY]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [12OC]
Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [19DE]
Pipelines: establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines (see S. 1768), [21NO]
———require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce (see S. 1767), [21NO]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [14MY]
Professional Social Work Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [9MY]
Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [4MR]
Rare Disease Day: designate (see S. Res. 57), [26FE]
Recycled materials: support improvement in collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials (see S. Res. 309), [21NO]
Renewable energy: establish a Federal renewable electricity standard (see S. 1595), [31OC]
Rhode Island: add to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see S. 713), [11AP]
San Francisco, CA: tribute to Oracle Team USA for winning the America's Cup sailing competition (see S. Res. 286), [5NO]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [4JN]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [26FE]
Senate Rules: reform filibuster rules to improve daily process (see S. Res. 4), [22JA]
Sewage disposal: ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage (see S. 396), [27FE]
Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 313), [9DE]
Social Security: repeal Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (see S. 896), [4JN]
Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act: reauthorize (see S. 475), [21MY]
Supreme Court: promulgate a code of ethics for Justices (see S. 1424), [1AU]
Taxation: apply payroll taxes to remuneration up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of certain amounts (see S. 500), [7MR]
———establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [14FE]
———expand availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations (see S. 742), [20JN]
———expand denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration (see S. 1476), [19NO]
———extend and modify the American Opportunity Tax Credit (see S. 835), [25AP]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [24AP]
———impose a tax on certain trading transactions (see S. 410), [28FE]
———make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [1AU]
———make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions (see S. 526), [8AP]
———prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [5NO]
———provide for an investment credit relative to the production of electricity from offshore wind (see S. 401), [28FE]

———provide incentives for businesses to bring jobs and business activity back to the U.S. (see S. 337), [14FE]
———reform and enforce taxation of tobacco products (see S. 826), [19JN]
———repeal fossil fuel subsidies for large oil companies (see S. 307), [13FE]
———require responsible parties to pay full cost of offshore oil spills (see S. 827), [25AP]
———restrict use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation (see S. 1533), [19SE]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
———treat automatic fire sprinkler system retrofits under certain deduction guidelines and as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation (see S. 1163), [8JY]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 517), [13MR]
Terrorism: deter and provide justice for victims by ensuring foreign sponsors of terrorism are held accountable to their victims in U.S. courts (see S. 1535), [19SE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [24AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1747), [20NO] (see S. 1797), [11DE] (see S. 1845), [19DE]
Veterans: expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [11FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), [22JA] (see S. 47), [23JA]
Water pollution: require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and repeal the oil and gas industry exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act (see S. 1135), [11JN]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Wildlife: prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [26SE]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [11MR]
———ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [18AP]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [6JN]
World Social Work Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 78), [9MY]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [9AP]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [19JN]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Amtrak: propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain trains (see S. 1710), [14NO]
Budget: replace the sequester by eliminating tax loopholes (see S. 277, 278), [11FE]
Climate: provide communities with tools to respond to extreme weather and implement a strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources on which tourism and recreation jobs and local economies depend (see S. 1202), [20JN]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]
Credit: empower States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions (see S. 1229), [26JN]
Crime: reduce recidivism and increase public safety (see S. 1675), [7NO]
———save money and reduce tragedies through teen dating abuse prevention grants (see S. 129), [24JA]
Dept. of Education: provide grants to States to ensure that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors (see S. 708), [11AP]
Dept. of Transportation: reauthorize Projects of National and Regional Significance program to fund high-cost surface transportation projects (see S. 823), [25AP]
Federal employees: provide a corporate responsibility investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan (see S. 1746), [20NO]
Health: extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities (see S. 1517), [18SE]
Information technology: promote public awareness of cybersecurity (see S. 1638), [31OC]
National Endowment for the Oceans: establish (see S. 646), [21MR]
National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 263), [26SE]
National Middle Level Education Month: designate (see S. Res. 80), [19MR]
Patents: provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles (see S. 780), [23AP]
Taxation: reduce the Federal budget deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers (see S. 321), [13FE]
———repeal tax deferral on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property (see S. 561), [14MR]

Cloture motions

Appropriations: making continuing (H.J. Res. 59), [24SE], [15DE], [17DE]
Budget: limit sequestration by replacing certain spending cuts and eliminating tax loopholes (S. 388), motion to proceed, [26FE], [28FE]
Business and industry: empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), [24AP], [25AP]
———empower States to require online retailers to collect and remit State sales and use taxes (S. 743), motion to proceed, [18AP], [22AP]
Civil rights: prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (S. 815), [6NO], [7NO]
Dept. of Defense: authorizing appropriations for military activities, prescribing personnel strengths, and military construction (S. 1197), motion to proceed, [14NO], [18NO]
Dept. of Education: extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (S. 953), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Depts. of Transportation and HUD and related agencies: making appropriations (S. 1243), motion to proceed, [18JY], [23JY]
FDA: strengthen regulation of human drug compounding and drug supply chain security (H.R. 3204), motion to proceed, [7NO], [12NO], [14NO]
Firearms: ensure National Instant Criminal Background Check System is complete, require a background check for every firearm sale, prevent gun trafficking, and enhance school security (S. 649), motion to proceed, [9AP], [11AP]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), [21JN], [24JN], [26JN], [27JN]
———reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Insurance: condition provision of health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational (H.R. 2775), [16OC]
Public debt: temporarily suspend the public debt ceiling (S. 1569), motion to proceed, [10OC], [12OC]

WHITNUM, LEE

Bills and resolutions

Senate Legal Counsel: authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al. (see S. Res. 124), [25AP]

WICKER, ROGER F. ***(a Senator from Mississippi)***

Appointments

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, [28FE]
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]

Attendance

Present, [3JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

Abortion: investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [16MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Appropriations: provide for automatic continuing resolutions (see S. 29), [24JA]
Armed Forces: restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [19DE]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [9AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [19NO]
Budget: constitutional amendment to require balanced (see S.J. Res. 7), [13FE]
———exempt certain payments to States from sequestration (see S. 1676), [7NO]
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare Integrity Program to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors (see S. 1012), [23JY]
Charles W. Morgan (vessel): commemorate relaunching, commend preservation and reinterpretation as a vessel of scientific and educational exploration, and recognize as the ''Ambassador to the Whales'' (see S. Res. 183), [15JY]
Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 1530), [19SE]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
Civilian Property Realignment Commission: establish (see S. 1715), [14NO]
Columbia (space shuttle): commemorate anniversary of loss, express condolences to friends and family of astronauts who died, and reaffirm commitment to safe space flight (see S. Res. 24), [31JA]
Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 582), [19MR]
———require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [31JY]
Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 1392), [30JY]

Contracts: preserve open competition and neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (see S. 109), [23JA]
Corp. for National and Community Service: anniversary (see S. Res. 282), [31OC]
Crime: prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 369), [14FE]
Dept. of Agriculture: modify the definition of the term biobased product (see S. 463), [9AP]
Dept. of Defense: implement online computerized assessment to detect behaviors indicating suicide risk and other mental health conditions for Armed Forces members (see S. 810), [17JN]
Dept. of Education: allow States to opt out of certain programmatic requirements and combine certain Federal funds to improve academic achievement (see S. 1210), [20JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [28FE]
———provide flexibility to school food authorities in meeting certain nutritional requirements for the school lunch and breakfast programs (see S. 427), [19MR]
Dept. of Energy: enhance the energy security of U.S. allies by approving exports of natural gas to NATO countries, Japan, or any country found that such exports would enhance U.S. national security (see S. 192), [19MR]
Dept. of HHS: establish a National Pediatric Research Network (see S. 424), [28FE]
———provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (see S. 602), [19MR]
———provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers (see S. 955), [12JN]
———publish physical activity guidelines (see S. 531), [12MR]
———reauthorize grant programs for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted (see S. 1417), [19DE]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [13NO]
Dept. of State: establish Special Envoy To Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia (see S. 653), [12SE]
Dept. of the Interior: convey to Mississippi parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway (see S. 304), [13FE]
———limit authority to issue regulations before a certain date under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (see S. 831), [25AP]
———require Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote artificial reefs (see S. 1079), [19JN]
Dept. of Transportation: provide flexibility to transfer funds to prevent FAA furloughs (see S. 794), [24AP]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: clarify conditions under which veterans, their spouses, and children may be adjudicated mentally incompetent relative to their ability to purchase firearms (see S. 572), [14MR]
———require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies to requests for information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits (see S. 674), [9MY]
Disasters: convene an interagency working group to assess Federal activities relative to extreme weather resilience across key sectors and support State, local, and private sector resiliency efforts (see S. 904), [8MY]
Diseases: reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [13FE]
———support goals and implementation of National Alzheimer's Project Act and National Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease (see S. Res. 301), [19NO]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [12NO]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [27JN]
Economy: provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment (see S. 1826), [13DE]
Employment: expand the E-Verify program for employment eligibility confirmation and hold employers accountable (see S. 202), [31JA]
Endangered Species Act: establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements (see S. 19), [27FE]
EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [7MR]
———prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a Presidential memorandum relative to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect (see S. 1324), [31JY]
———provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation (see S. 1853), [18DE]
FAA: extend authority to provide third-party liability indemnification to space launch services companies (see S. 1753), [9DE]
Families and domestic relations: prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage (see S. 1808), [12DE]
Federal agencies and departments: codify and modify regulatory requirements (see S. 191), [31JA]
———exempt essential employees from furloughs required to achieve funding reductions due to sequester and allow funding flexibility to maintain essential services (see S. 724), [15AP]
FEMA: delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program, allow States and local governments to subsidize premiums, and reform flood mapping procedure (see S. 1098), [28OC]
———delay increases in flood insurance premium rates under the National Flood Insurance Program until completion of affordability study, provide certain reimbursements, and accurately determine flood risk (see S. 1610), [4NO] (see S. 1846), [17DE]
Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [30JY]
———require an empirical impact study on proposed rules relative to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements as they apply to community banks (see S. 731), [18JY]
Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 105), [23AP]
First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr., Post Office Building, Hazlehurst, MS: designate (see S. 1093), [27JN]
Fish and fishing: develop a fishery management plan for Gulf of Mexico red snapper (see S. 1161), [13JN]
Food: strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities relative to commercially-marketed seafood (see S. 520), [5NO]
Germany: anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass (see S. Res. 290), [12NO]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Health: make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (see S. 642), [9AP]
———repeal mandate that individuals purchase health insurance (see S. 40), [22JA]
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act: repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
Infrastructure Financing Authority: establish (see S. 1716), [14NO]
Insurance: preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (see S. 650), [23MY]
Iran: eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production (see S. 965), [15MY]
———impose sanctions (see S. 1001), [21MY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [5MR]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
———use parts of fines levied against companies that do business with Iran to establish a fund to pay claims to Americans held hostage in Iran and their families identified in a certain court case (see S. 559), [13JN]
IRS: prevent discriminatory misconduct against taxpayers by IRS officers and employees (see S. 941), [14MY]
Israel: strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [7JN]
Iuka, MS: approve transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties (see S. 212), [4FE]
Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day: designate (see S. Res. 257), [24SE]
Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 175), [19JN]
Korea, Republic of: recognize anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty, reaffirm importance of U.S.-Korea alliance, and congratulate Park Geun-hye on election as President (see S. Res. 136), [9MY]
Labor unions: protect the free choice of individual employees relative to participation in labor organizations (see S. 1712), [14NO]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Loyola University Chicago: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicaid: repeal enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (see S. 963), [21MY]
Medicare: extend Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and increase payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program (see S. 842), [24SE]
———extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions (see S. 323), [9MY]
———permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump (see S. 914), [9MY]
———provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [23MY]
———provide for fairness in hospital payments (see S. 183), [23MY]
———provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the prescription drug program, establish basic audit standards and transparency of payment methodology of pharmacies, and provide recoupment returns (see S. 867), [6MY]
———repeal outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps (see S. 367), [23MY]
Mental health: reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders (see S. 689), [24AP]
Mississippi State University: tribute to 1963 men's basketball team (see S. Res. 194), [10JY]
National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 294), [13NO]
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National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 207), [31JY]
National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 534), [12MR]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Crime Victims' Rights Week: support mission and goals (see S. Res. 120), [25AP]
National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [24JN]
———mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [28OC]

National Police Week: designate (see S. Res. 146), [16MY]
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 206), [30JY]
NLRB: permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees who are working under a union contract (see S. 1542), [24SE]
NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 1068), [23MY]
North American Wetlands Conservation Act: extend authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects (see S. 741), [16AP]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: delay implementation (see S. 1490), [23SE]
———delay implementation of the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate (see S. 1488), [12SE]
———delay implementation of the individual health insurance mandate until the American Health Benefit Exchanges are functioning properly (see S. 1592), [28OC]
———ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage (see S. 1617), [30OC]
———ensure that personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is secured with proper privacy and data security safeguards (see S. 1525), [18SE]
———prohibit funding to implement (see S. 1292), [11JY]
———repeal (see S. 177), [29JA]
———repeal annual fee on health insurance providers (see S. 603), [19MR]
———repeal certain limitations on health care benefits (see S. 610), [19MR]
———repeal if it is determined that the Act has resulted in more uninsured individuals than at the time of enactment (see S. 1894), [20DE]
———repeal provisions providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (see S. 351), [14FE]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Pensions: reform funding rules for cooperative associations and small charitable employers to ensure their ability to provide pension plans to employees (see S. 1302), [26SE]
Pharmaceuticals: clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers (see S. 1128), [24JY]
Power resources: clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State (see S. 1234), [26JN]
———establish and implement oil and gas leasing programs for the Outer Continental Shelf and the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and streamline regulation of other energy projects (see S. 17), [27FE]
———facilitate domestic energy production to reduce energy costs and spur economic growth and job creation (see S. 1401), [31JY]
Public debt: prioritize obligations if the debt ceiling is reached by treating public debt payments, Social Security benefits, and Armed Forces allowances equally (see S. 46), [28JA]
———require that any debt ceiling increase be balanced by equal spending cuts (see S. 43), [24JA]
Roads and highways: waive certain vehicle weight limitations on any segment of U.S. Route 78 in Mississippi that is designated as part of the Interstate Highway System (see S. 1289), [11JY]
Rural areas: recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities (see S. Res. 26), [27FE]
SBA: clarify collateral requirement for certain disaster-related loans (see S. 415), [4MR]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Science: establish a position of Science Laureate of the U.S. (see S. 899), [8MY]
Securities: determine a customer's net equity based on the customer's last statement, prohibit certain recoveries, and change how trustees are appointed (see S. 1725), [17DE]
Sports: recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [27JN]
Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [7MY]
———exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [20JN]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [9SE]
———oppose Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation (see S. Con. Res. 4), [28JA]
———permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, restaurant property, and retail improvement property (see S. 749), [17AP]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [7FE]
———repeal the employer health insurance mandate (see S. 399), [28FE]
Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [1AU]
U.N.: provide for an accounting of total U.S. contributions (see S. 988), [20MY]
U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [13MR]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]
Vicksburg National Military Park: authorize acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond, MS, for addition (see S. 305), [13FE]
Voting: improve ballot accessibility and voter registration opportunities, strengthen voting rights, and provide voter assistance to absent overseas uniformed services voters (see S. 1728), [19NO]
Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: repeal (see S. 20), [24JY]
Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 1006), [22MY]
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]
World Polio Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [12MR]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [27JN]
Bills and resolutions introduced
Abortion: prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Dept. of the Interior: grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
EPA: prohibit approval of the introduction of gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol (see S. 344), [14FE]
Gulf of Mexico: provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (see S. 1506), [17SE]
Medicare/Medicaid: delay implementation schedule of the reductions of disproportionate share hospital payments (see S. 1555), [26SE]
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day: designate (see S. Res. 87), [21MR] (see S. Res. 93), [8AP]
Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [6MY]
States: provide special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations issued in conjunction with the implementation of Federal laws (see S. 1632), [31OC]
Cloture motions
Budget: replace sequester and give the President the flexibility to make spending cuts (S. 16), motion to proceed, [27FE], [28FE]
Dept. of Education: reset interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans (S. 1003), motion to proceed, [4JN], [6JN]

WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Crooked River: adjust boundary to provide water certainty for Prineville, OR (see S. 1771), [21NO]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1253), [27JN]
Missisquoi and Trout Rivers: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1252), [27JN]

WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM
Bills and resolutions
Alpine Lakes Wilderness: expand to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic (see S. 112), [23JA]
Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers: designate segments for study for potential addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 349), [14FE]
Farmington River and Salmon Brook: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1253), [27JN]
Illabot Creek: designate segment as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 383), [26FE]
Missisquoi and Trout Rivers: designate segments as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1252), [27JN]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
White Clay Creek: designate additional segments and tributaries as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 393), [27FE]
York River: designate segments and associated tributaries for study and inclusion in National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (see S. 1520), [18SE]
Reports filed
Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 112) (S. Rept. 113–17), [22AP]
Illabot Creek Segment Designation as a Component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 383) (S. Rept. 113–30), [22AP]
Oregon Caves Revitalization Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 354) (S. Rept. 113–29), [22AP]
Oregon Treasures Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 353) (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]
White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic River Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 393) (S. Rept. 113–31), [22AP]
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 349) (S. Rept. 113–60), [27JN]

WILDERNESS AREAS
Bills and resolutions
Alpine Lakes Wilderness: expand to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic (see S. 112), [23JA]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area: designate (see S. 483), [6MR]
BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [18AP]
Chaffee County, CO: designate certain Federal land as a national monument and as wilderness (see S. 1794), [10DE]
Cherokee National Forest: designate as wilderness certain public lands (see S. 1294), [15JY]
Columbine-Hondo Wilderness: establish (see S. 776), [22AP]
Dept. of the Interior: designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, CO, as wilderness (see S. 341), [14FE]
———establish Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, designate certain lands as wilderness, and improve management of noxious weeds in Lewis and Clark National Forest (see S. 364), [14FE]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Douglas County, NV: establish a wilderness area, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development (see S. 1263), [27JN]
Gold Butte National Conservation Area: establish and designate certain wilderness areas (see S. 1054), [23MY]
Idaho: authorize continued use of certain water diversions on National Forest System lands in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (see S. 1430), [1AU]
Lyon County, NV: designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances (see S. 159), [28JA]
Montana: sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System (see S. 37), [22JA]
Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in Glacier Peak Wilderness (see S. 404), [28FE]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
———designate Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area and segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers (see S. 352), [14FE]
Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area: designate (see S. 342), [14FE]
Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area: establish in New Mexico (see S. 241), [7FE]
San Juan National Forest: designate certain Hermosa Creek watershed lands as wilderness (see S. 841), [25AP]
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: designate certain lands and inland water as wilderness (see S. 23), [22JA]
T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act: amend (see S. 611), [19MR]
Reports filed
Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 112) (S. Rept. 113–17), [22AP]
Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 352) (S. Rept. 113–28), [22AP]
Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 159) (S. Rept. 113–94), [10SE]
Oregon Treasures Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 353) (S. Rept. 113–100), [10SE]
Pine Forest Range Recreation Enhancement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 342) (S. Rept. 113–59), [27JN]
Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area Establishment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 241) (S. Rept. 113–54), [27JN]
San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 341) (S. Rept. 113–99), [10SE]
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 23) (S. Rept. 113–14), [22AP]

WILDLIFE
Bills and resolutions
American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 174), [18JN]
Animals: prohibit breeding and private possession of captive big cats except by accredited zoos and facilities and require registration of big cats currently in possession by private owners (see S. 1381), [29JY]
———prohibit import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species (see S. 1463), [1AU]
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
Dept. of the Interior: grant permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps (see S. 738), [16AP]
———increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (see S. 1865), [19DE]
Doña Ana County, NM: designate the Organ Mountains and other public lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and establish the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (see S. 1805), [12DE]
Endangered species: permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and threatened species (see S. 1731), [19NO]
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
Government regulations: establish improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent introduction and establishment in the U.S. of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites (see S. 1153), [12JN]
National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 254), [24SE]
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act: reauthorize and amend (see S. 51), [22JA]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]
NOAA: provide for equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data (see S. 1757), [21NO]
Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 1335), [18JY] (see S. 1660), [6NO]
———recognize heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on public lands and ensure continued opportunities for those activities (see S. 170), [29JA]
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts (see S. 1650), [5NO]
———protect farmers and hunters from fines due to taking of migratory birds on agricultural fields by clarifying distinction between normal agricultural practices and baiting (see S. 1634), [31OC]

WILDLIFE REFUGES
Bills and resolutions
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [13NO]
National Wildlife Refuge Week: designate (see S. Res. 296), [14NO]
Public lands: suspend collection of entrance fees at national parks and wildlife refuges (see S. 1742), [20NO]

WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Firearms: facilitate establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (see S. 1212), [20JN]

WILMINGTON, DE
Bills and resolutions
August Quarterly Festival: tribute (see S. Res. 199), [25JY]

WIRELESS CONSUMER CHOICE ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 481), [6MR]

WISCONSIN
Bills and resolutions
Oak Creek, WI: recognize anniversary and condemn shootings at Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and express condolences to victims' families and friends and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 209), [31JY]
Roads and highways: ensure currently-operating trucks can continue to use the future Interstate 41 in Wisconsin (see S. 1299), [16JY]

WOMEN
Bills and resolutions
Abortion: ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed relative to pain experienced by the unborn child (see S. 356), [14FE]
———investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices (see S. Res. 133), [8MY]
———limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
———prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 137), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex (see S. 138), [24JA]
———prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals and health care entities that refuse to recommend, refer for, cover, pay for, provide, perform, assist, or participate in abortions (see S. 143), [24JA]
———prohibit Federal funding of abortions (see S. 142), [24JA]
———prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (see S. 946), [14MY]
———protect lives of born and unborn persons (see S. 583), [14MR]
———protect pain-capable unborn children (see S. 1670), [7NO]
———protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia (see S. 886), [7MY]
Advisory Council on Human Trafficking: establish (see S. 121), [23JA]
AID: expand number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (see S. 120), [23JA]
Business and industry: ensure reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition (see S. 942), [14MY]
Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex, race, or national origin (see S. 168), [29JA]
Coast Guard: ensure victims of sexual assault are granted an expedited consideration and determination of a request for transfer away from the geographic location of their alleged assailant (see S. 1050), [23MY]
Colleges and universities: improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see S. 128), [24JA]
Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MY]

Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [27FE]
Constitutional amendments: ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [5MR]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9MY]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
———prohibit Federal family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions (see S. 135), [24JA]
Crime: clarify the range of conduct punished as sex trafficking (see S. 1354), [24JY]
———prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid State laws requiring parental notification of abortions (see S. 32), [22JA] (see S. 369), [14FE]
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: anniversary (see S. Res. 13), [24JA]
Dept. of Defense: afford crime victims in the military the same basic rights as civilians under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1041), [23MY]
———enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 871), [7MY]
———improve and enhance prevention and response to sexual assaults and sexual harassment (see S. 548), [13MR]
———improve prevention and response to sexual assaults through transition of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response positions to nominative or ''high visibility'' positions (see S. 992), [21MY]
———improve sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities (see S. 1775), [21NO]
———improve Uniform Code of Military Justice relative to sex-related offenses committed by members of the Armed Forces (see S. 1032), [23MY]
———modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [16MY]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [5NO]
———reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (see S. 1752), [20NO]
———review adequacy of training, qualifications, and experience of personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces (see S. 964), [15MY]
Dept. of Education: increase participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and industry (see S. 1796), [10DE]
Dept. of HHS: authorize additional funding for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (see S. 144), [24JA]
———raise awareness of, and educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options (see S. 931), [13MY]
———reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases by expanding comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools (see S. 372), [14FE]
———reduce preterm labor, delivery, and risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity (see S. 252), [7FE]
———require certain family planning projects and programs to provide pamphlets containing adoption center contact information (see S. 1539), [24SE]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: furnish case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam and certain Korean war veterans born with spina bifida or certain birth defects (see S. 832), [25AP]
———improve assistance provided to women veterans, facilitate research on long-term reproductive health of veterans, and modify child care assistance for certain veterans (see S. 131), [24JA]
———improve disability compensation evaluation procedures for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma (see S. 294), [13FE]
———provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to Armed Forces members, screen veterans for domestic abuse, and report on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse (see S. 1581), [28OC]
Diseases: provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes (see S. 907), [8MY]
Employment: provide reasonable break time at the workplace for nursing mothers (see S. 934), [13MY]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [23JA]
FTC: prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services (see S. 981), [16MY]
Health: condemn, prevent, and prosecute abusive, unsanitary, and illegal health care practices (see S. Res. 134), [8MY]
———ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [27FE]
———protect rights of conscience relative to requirements for coverage of specific items and services and prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities (see S. 1204), [20JN]
Health care professionals: impose admitting privilege requirements with respect to physicians who perform abortions (see S. 139), [24JA]
International Women's Day: support goals (see S. Res. 74), [11MR]
Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [14NO]
Motley, Constance Baker: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1150), [12JN]
National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day: designate (see S. Res. 87), [21MR] (see S. Res. 93), [8AP]
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 205), [30JY]
National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 117), [25AP]
National Stalking Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 14), [24JA]
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: ensure coverage offered under multi-State qualified health plans offered in exchanges is consistent with the Federal abortion funding ban (see S. 154), [24JA]
———require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [18DE]
Paul, Alice: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 457), [5MR]
Peace Corps: subject volunteers to same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as Peace Corps employees (see S. 813), [25AP]
SBA: increase Government-wide small business contracting level and the contracting goal for businesses owned by veterans, women, and economically disadvantaged individuals (see S. 196), [31JA]
Social Security: improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [28FE]
Taxation: allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles (see S. 490), [7MR]
———provide a credit for costs of certain infertility treatments (see S. 881), [7MY]
———rename the section of the Internal Revenue Code known as the spousal individual retirement account as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA (see S. 1221), [25JN]
Tubman, Harriet: establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, MD (see S. 247), [7FE]
———tribute (see S. Res. 56), [26FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), (see S. 47), [22JA]
World Refugee Day: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]

Motions
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (S. 47), [31JA]

Reports filed
AID Expansion of Number of Scholarships Available to Pakistani Women Under the Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. 120), [10OC]
Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 247) (S. Rept. 113–23), [22AP]
Reduce Preterm Labor, Delivery, and Risk of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Complications Due to Pregnancy, and Reduce Infant Mortality Caused by Prematurity: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 252), [14FE]
Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 131) (S. Rept. 113–106), [17SE]

WOMEN VETERANS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENTS ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Senate) (S. 131) (S. Rept. 113–106), [17SE]

WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1696), [13NO]

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Bills and resolutions
Minnesota Lynx (basketball team): tribute (see S. Res. 297), [14NO]

WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED PROTECTION ACT
Reports filed
Provisions: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 349) (S. Rept. 113–60), [27JN]

WOODS, TYRONE
Bills and resolutions
Congressional Gold Medal: award posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Business and industry: promote industry growth and competitiveness and improve worker training, retention, and advancement (see S. 1226), [26JN]
Colleges and universities: support community college and industry partnerships (see S. 1269), [8JY]
Dept. of Labor: authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training (see S. 1227), [26JN]
———provide grants for an Urban Jobs Program (see S. 655), [22MR]
———require certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential (see S. 453), [5MR]
———strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (see S. 1356), [24JY]
Education: increase access to adult education to provide for economic growth (see S. 1400), [30JY]
Employment: integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards (see S. 882), [7MY]

Motions
Dept. of Labor: strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth (S. 1356), [21NO], [9DE], [10DE], [11DE], [16DE], [17DE], [18DE], [19DE]
Enact (S. 1356), [21NO], [9DE], [10DE], [11DE], [16DE], [17DE], [18DE], [19DE]

Reports filed
Strengthen Workforce Development System Through Innovation and Alignment and Improvement of Em-

ployment, Training, and Education Programs and Promote Economic Growth: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Senate) (S. 1356), [12NO]

WORKING TO ADDRESS TREATY ENFORCEMENT RAPIDLY FOR TEXAS ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 1125), [10JN]

WORLD AIDS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 314), [10DE]
Reports filed
Support Goals and Ideals of World AIDS Day: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 314), [18DE]

WORLD BANK GROUP *related term(s)* **INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND**
Bills and resolutions
Antigua and Barbuda: suspend aid, cooperate with U.S. officials, transfer seized assets, make contributions to victims, and condition international loans relative to Stanford Financial Group fraud (see S. Res. 10), [23JA]

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 171), [13JN]

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
Bills and resolutions
World Malaria Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]

WORLD MALARIA DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 119), [25AP]

WORLD PLUMBING COUNCIL
Bills and resolutions
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]

WORLD PLUMBING DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]

WORLD POLIO DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goals and ideals: support (see S. Res. 270), [16OC]

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY
Bills and resolutions
Observance (see S. Res. 143), [16MY]
Reports filed
Observance: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 143), [22MY]

WORLD REFUGEE DAY
Bills and resolutions
Observance: support goals and ideals and reaffirm commitment to protecting women and girls (see S. Res. 184), [24JN]

WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY
Bills and resolutions
Goal and ideals: support (see S. Res. 78), [18MR]

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION
Bills and resolutions
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: notify World Trade Organization if members fail during consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (see S. 355), [14FE]

WORLD WAR I *related term(s)* **WAR**
Appointments
World War I Centennial Commission, [7FE], [15JY]
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]

WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL COMMISSION
Appointments
Members, [7FE], [14MR], [15JY]

WORLD WAR II *related term(s)* **WAR**
Appointments
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, [7FE]
Bills and resolutions
Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [18JN]
Capitol Building and Grounds: authorize use of Emancipation Hall for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers (see S. Con. Res. 25), [13NO]
Claims: ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]
Congressional Gold Medal: award to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [13FE]
———award to members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (see S. 1688), [13NO]
———award to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (H.R. 3658) (see S. 1862), [19DE]
———award to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [23AP]
Conway, Thomas M.: award Navy Cross posthumously (see S. Res. 197), [17JY]
Denmark: anniversary of rescue of Danish Jews from the Nazis (see S. Res. 227), [17SE]
Dept. of Defense: establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List (see S. 868), [7MY]
Dept. of HHS: provide preferences for certain services, designate an Administration on Aging individual responsible for support, and provide transportation services for holocaust survivors (see S. 999), [21MY]
Dept. of Homeland Security: accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II (see S. 1361), [24JY]
Dept. of the Interior: install in the area of the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or inscription with the words that Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (see S. 1044), [23MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for benefit purposes (see S. 690), [9AP]
———modify method of determining whether Filipino veterans are U.S. residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation (see S. 1559), [27SE]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [26FE]
Immigration: exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from numerical limitations on immigrant visas (see S. 461), [5MR]
Megellas, James: award Medal of Honor (see S. 993), [21MY]
Reports filed
Danish Jews Rescue From the Nazis During World War II Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations (Senate) (S. Res. 227), [30SE]

WOUNDED WARRIOR ACT
Bills and resolutions
Depts. of Defense and Veterans Affairs: establish a specific timeline to achieve interoperable electronic health records (see S. 1296), [15JY]

WOUNDED WARRIOR RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 521), [11MR]

WOUNDED WARRIOR WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT ACT
Bills and resolutions
Enact (see S. 522), [11MR]

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY
Bills and resolutions
Designate (see S. Res. 320), [13DE]

WYDEN, RON ***(a Senator from Oregon)***
Appointments
Committee on Taxation (Joint), [26FE]
Conferee: S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the Federal budget for 2013–2023, [16OC]
Congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to international conferences, meetings, and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements, [13MR]
Attendance
Present, [3JA]
Bills and resolutions cosponsored
Abortion: limit restrictions on the provision of abortion services to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy (see S. 1696), [13NO]
Agreement on Port State Measures To Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: implement (see S. 267), [11FE]
Agriculture: make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance (see S. 141), [9MY]
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (organization): anniversary (see S. Res. 299), [9DE]
Animal Welfare Act: provide further protection for puppies (see S. 395), [27FE]
Arbor Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 14), [25AP]
Armed Forces: modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [7FE]
———protect the privacy of servicewomen seeking abortions in cases of rape or incest and allow use of private funds for abortions at U.S. military facilities (see S. 777), [23AP]
———provide for enhanced reimbursement of National Guard and Reserve members for certain travel expenses (see S. 378), [25FE]
———require continuation of tuition assistance programs for members for the remainder of the fiscal year (see S. 614), [19MR]
Aviation: prohibit closing of air traffic control towers (see S. 687), [15AP]
Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 31), [13FE]
Boston, MA: commend heroism, courage, and sacrifice of victims recovering from attacks relative to Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt (see S. Res. 115), [25AP]
———condemn bombings at the Boston Marathon, express condolences to victims and their families, and commend medical personnel, first responders, and citizens that aided victims (see S. Res. 101), [17AP]
Capitol Building and Grounds: tribute to law enforcement, postal workers, and other Senate employees who detected and prevented poison threat to Members of Congress (see S. Res. 112), [24AP]
Chemicals: ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed (see S. 696), [10AP]
Children and youth: express that children trafficked in the U.S. be treated as victims of crime, and not as perpetrators (see S. Con. Res. 29), [21NO]
Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley honoring the 50th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing (see S. 186), [9MY]
———improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [23JA]
———prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (see S. 815), [7MY]
Colleges and universities: require institutions that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 216), [4FE]
Congo, Democratic Republic of the: call for an end to the ongoing conflict and support international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights (see S. Res. 144), [24JN]
Conservation of energy: promote energy efficiency and energy savings in residential buildings (see S. 1200), [20JN]
Contraceptives: establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of FDA-approved contraception (see S. 333), [14FE]
Contracts: establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses (see S. 878), [7MY]
Credit: provide for affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (see S. 249), [7FE]

Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [8AP]
———provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [19NO]
Crooked River: adjust boundary to provide water certainty for Prineville, OR (see S. 1771), [21NO]
Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [26JN]
Dept. of Agriculture: extend period during which Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are temporarily increased (see S. 1635), [12NO]
———promote local and regional farm and food systems (see S. 679), [9AP]
Dept. of Commerce: issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance existing loan funding the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (see S. 1275), [10JY]
Dept. of Defense: modify authorities relative to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by removing prosecution of serious crimes from the chain of command (see S. 967), [17JN]
———provide for auditable financial statements (see S. 1510), [17SE]
———reform investigative procedures under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prevent abusive treatment of alleged sexual assault victims in the Armed Forces (see S. 1644), [18NO]
Dept. of Education: add disclosure requirements to the institution of higher education financial aid offer form and make such form mandatory (see S. 1156), [13JN]
———collect information from coeducational elementary and secondary schools on equality in athletic programs (see S. 217), [4FE]
———extend reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans, expatriated entities, and the oil and gas industry (see S. 953), [6JN]
———extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (see S. 1238), [27JN]
———improve and expand geographic literacy among students by improving professional development programs for teachers offered through institutions of higher education (see S. 370), [18MR]
Dept. of Energy: improve high-end computing research and development program (see S. 733), [16AP]
———replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 552), [13MR]
Dept. of HHS: issue regulations to make available a searchable Medicare claims and payment database (see S. 1180), [18JN]
Dept. of Justice: increase authorization for Children's Advocacy Centers (see S. 1799), [19DE]
———provide with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity (see S. 706), [11AP]
———require disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, orders, or opinions that include certain significant legal interpretations unless such disclosures are classified (see S. 1130), [11JN]
Dept. of State: develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly (see S. 579), [21MY]
Dept. of the Interior: prohibit oil and gas leasing activities on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (see S. 45), [22JA]
———provide further self-governance by Indian tribes (see S. 919), [9MY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: deem certain service in Reserve components as active service for purpose of certain administered laws (see S. 629), [20MR]
———provide for certain requirements relative to immunization of veterans (see S. 1165), [13JN]
———repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [28OC]
District of Columbia: condemn Navy Yard shootings, express condolences to victims, support for those impacted, and gratitude to responders to the shootings (see S. Res. 265), [4OC]
Doherty, Glen: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 381), [18NO]
Ecology and environment: address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate such events (see S. 1254), [1AU]
Education: improve early education (see S. 519), [11MR]
———improve early learning opportunities for prekindergarten children (see S. 1697), [13NO]
Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [18JN]
Explosives: limit use of cluster munitions (see S. 419), [28FE]
Families and domestic relations: increase reliability of child support for children (see S. 1877), [19DE]
———prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status of any prospective parent or the child involved (see S. 1069), [23MY]
———reauthorize and restructure adoption incentives payments (see S. 1876), [19DE]
Federal agencies and departments: develop public access policies relative to research conducted by that agency or from funds administered by that agency (see S. 350), [14FE]
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act: reauthorize (see S. 368), [14FE]
Financial institutions: advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities (see S. 968), [20JN]
Firearms: establish background check procedures for gun shows (see S. 22), [22JA]
Fish and fishing: establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties to enforce the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes (see S. 269), [11FE]
Foreign aid: prohibit application of restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations based on provision of certain health services (see S. 119), [13FE]
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: create two additional judge positions and modify procedures for appointment of judges (see S. 1460), [1AU]
Forest Service: designate national forest acreage as disease and insect infestation treatment areas (see S. 745), [17AP]
Grams, Rod: tribute (see S. Res. 267), [9OC]
Grand Ronde Reservation Act: technical corrections (see S. 416), [28FE]
Greece: independence anniversary (see S. Res. 84), [20MR]
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: ensure that amounts credited are used for harbor maintenance (see S. 218), [4FE]
Hathaway, William D.: tribute (see S. Res. 189), [26JN]
Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [28OC]
Hydroelectric power: improve (see S. 545), [13MR]
Immigration: allow U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for U.S. residence (see S. 296), [25AP]
Infrastructure: create jobs and strengthen the economy by rebuilding infrastructure (see S. 4), [22JA]
Insurance: increase maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program (see S. 325), [4MR]
Intelligence services: enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (see S. 1452), [1AU]
Iran: condemn persecution of Baha'is and continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, impose sanctions for such violations, and call for release of religious prisoners (see S. Res. 75), [8AP]
———impose sanctions relative to certain transactions in foreign currencies (see S. 892), [17JY]
———support full implementation of U.S. and international sanctions on Iran and urge the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation (see S. Res. 65), [28FE]
———support political reform (see S. Res. 154), [10JN]
Israel: improve U.S.-Israel energy cooperation (see S. 1491), [10SE]
———strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 462), [6MR]
Korean Peninsula: recognize historic importance of Korean War and U.S. alliance with South Korea, honor service of U.S. forces, end nuclear proliferation by North Korea, and encourage peace and reunification (see S. Con. Res. 20), [25JY]
Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [14FE]
Lautenberg, Frank R.: tribute (see S. Res. 161), [4JN]
Law enforcement: prohibit racial profiling (see S. 1038), [4JN]
Mandela, Nelson R.: tribute (see S. Res. 321), [13DE]
Medicare: reduce incidence of diabetes among beneficiaries (see S. 452), [5MR]
Mental health: expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care (see S. 264), [16AP]
Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [28JA]
Minimum wage: increase, and index future increases to the consumer price index (see S. 460), [5MR]
Mining and mineral resources: promote domestic production of critical minerals and materials (see S. 1600), [29OC]
National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 147), [16MY]
National Kids to Parks Day: designate (see S. Res. 148), [16MY]
National Mentoring Month: designate (see S. Res. 9), [23JA]
National Native American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
National Park Service: mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1158), [20JN]
National Public Health Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 91), [22MR]
Native American Heritage Day: observance (see S. Res. 305), [20NO]
Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act: clarify certain provisions relative to fundraising and location of the memorial (see S. 1046), [17JN]
Native Americans: anniversary of restoration of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (see S. Res. 304), [20NO]
NOAA: limit maritime liens on fishing licenses (see S. 542), [8AP]
———provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities to address marine debris impacts of 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami (see S. 1162), [13JN]
Office of the Special Advocate: establish (see S. 1467), [1AU]
Postal Service: recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations, eliminate Retiree Health Benefits Fund prefunding requirement, restrict closure of facilities, create innovation incentives, and maintain level of service (see S. 316), [13FE]
Privacy: prohibit employers from requiring employees to provide access to personal online accounts (see S. 1426), [1AU]
———reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 1599), [5NO]
———require specific evidence for access to business records and other tangible things and provide appropriate transition procedures (see S. 1182), [18JN]

———strengthen privacy protections, accountability, and oversight relative to domestic surveillance (see S. 1215), [24JN]
———strengthen transparency and oversight of domestic surveillance, protect privacy, and improve due process procedures relative to intelligence community and law enforcement information sharing (see S. 1701), [14NO]
Schiappa, David J.: tribute (see S. Res. 212), [1AU]
Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [23AP]
———end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [4JN]
Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [25FE]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1878), [19DE]
———improve quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (see S. 425), [14MY]
Sports: improve integrity and safety of interstate horseracing (see S. 973), [6JN]
Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [7MR]
———make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (see S. 1839), [19DE]
Taxation: exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in U.S. real property interests (see S. 1181), [18JN]
———expand technologies through which a vehicle qualifies for the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (see S. 906), [8MY]
———extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit (see S. 411), [28FE]
———extend exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to certain employee designated beneficiaries (see S. 728), [25AP]
———provide for deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations (see S. 1280), [11JY]
———reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [9MY]
———strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [25AP]
Treaties and agreements: seek inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements (see S. 1788), [10DE]
U.S. Intelligence Professionals Day: designate (see S.J. Res. 13), [18AP] (see S. Res. 200), [25JY]
Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1845), [18DE]
Veterans: allow certain veterans with service-connected disabilities to travel on military aircraft (see S. 346), [14MR]
———ensure education and training received by Armed Forces members and veterans better assists them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses (see S. 700), [6MY]
———expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay or combat-related compensation with service-connected disability benefits and eliminate phase-in period for such benefits (see S. 234), [13FE]
Violence Against Women Act: reauthorize (see S. 5), (see S. 47), [23JA]
Voting: modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for disabled individuals, and protect the right to vote (see S. 123), [7MY]
Weather: improve resilience to extreme weather events and prevent worsening of extreme weather conditions (see S. 7), [22JA]
Women: constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 10), [9OC]
———ensure access to contraception, preventive services, accurate health care information, cancer screenings, and affordable insurance for pregnancy-related needs and reduce health disparities (see S. Res. 60), [18AP]
———remove deadline for ratification of constitutional amendment to ensure equal rights (see S.J. Res. 15), [9OC]
Woods, Tyrone: award Congressional Gold Medal posthumously (see S. 1587), [28OC]
World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 73), [7MR]
World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to members of the Civil Air Patrol (see S. 309), [13FE]
———award Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force (see S. 789), [25AP]
———ensure that U.S. courts provide a forum for claims brought against any railroad arising from the deportation of individuals to Nazi concentration camps (see S. 1393), [30JY]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Armed Forces: require the use of only human-based methods for training members in the treatment of severe combat injuries (see S. 1550), [24SE]
Bureau of Reclamation: participate in Hermiston, OR, water recycling and reuse project (see S. 693), [10AP]
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate): authorizing expenditures (see S. Res. 55), [26FE] (see S. Res. 231), [17SE]
Computers: clarify definition of ''access without authorization,'' eliminate redundant laws allowing charges to be brought for violations of such access, and reform penalties for violations (see S. 1196), [20JN]
Controlled Substances Act: exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana (see S. 359), [14FE]
Dept. of Education: update reporting requirements for institutions of higher education and provide for more accurate and complete data on student retention, graduation, and earnings outcomes (see S. 915), [9MY]
Dept. of Energy: promote alternative fuel vehicle deployment and infrastructure development (see S. 1230), [26JN]
Dept. of HHS: increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [21MR]
Dept. of the Interior: convey certain Federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (see S. 1414), [31JY]
———convey certain Federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (see S. 1415), [31JY]
———implement Agreement Between the U.S. and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico (see S. 812), [25AP]
———release reversionary interest in certain land conveyed to Oregon for establishment of Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (see S. 1437), [1AU]
———withdraw and reserve certain public land for military uses (see S. 1309), [16JY]
Dept. of Veterans Affairs: consider resources of pension applicants recently disposed of by the applicants for less than fair market value when determining eligibility for such pensions (see S. 748), [17AP]
Elections: require disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity (see S. 791), [23AP]
EPA: exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements (see S. 971), [16MY]
Federal Helium Reserve: complete privatization in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting taxpayer interests (see S. 1513), [17SE]
———improve stewardship by ensuring market stability for end-users and ensure a fair return on helium assets (see S. 783), [23AP]
Fish and fishing: allow fishermen who hold capital construction fund accounts to make a penalty-free withdrawal from such accounts without requiring reinvestment in the fishing industry (see S. 551), [13MR]
Forests: improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands by emphasizing both forestry and conservation (see S. 1784), [9DE]
———provide for wildfire suppression and prevention operations (see S. 1875), [19DE]
Hydroelectric power: promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies research, development, and demonstration (see S. 1419), [1AU]
Information technology: specify circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information through an electronic communications device (see S. 639), [21MR]
Israel: include in the visa waiver program (see S. 266), [7FE]
Medicare: cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services (see S. 562), [14MR]
———establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health (see S. 1228), [26JN]
———modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers (see S. 1137), [11JN]
———provide payment for anesthesia services by anesthesiologists in certain rural hospitals in the same manner as for services by anesthesiologist assistants and certified registered nurse anesthetists (see S. 1444), [1AU]
———strengthen and protect hospice programs (see S. 1053), [23MY]
Northern Mariana Islands: convey certain submerged lands (see S. 256), [7FE]
Nuclear Waste Administration: establish (see S. 1240), [27JN]
Oregon: designate certain land as wilderness and make additional wild and scenic river designations (see S. 353), [14FE]
———designate Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area and segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers (see S. 352), [14FE]
———provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe (see S. 402), [28FE]
———restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests (see S. 1301), [16JY]
Oregon Caves National Monument: modify boundary and designate certain rivers and creeks as components of the Wild and Scenic River System (see S. 354), [14FE]
Palau: approve an agreement between the U.S. and Palau (see S. 1268), [27JN]
Power resources: authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting right to develop geothermal resources (see S. 363), [14FE]
Privacy: prohibit bulk collection of business records and warrantless searches of communications and reform surveillance authorities and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (see S. 1551), [24SE]
Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act: reauthorize (see S. 659), [22MR]
Social Security: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking (see S. 1118), [7JN]
Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [1AU]
———promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and services (see S. 1364), [25JY]
———provide an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid (see S. 1030), [23MY]
Technology: allow consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices for interoperability purposes (see S. 467), [5MR]

Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [26JN]
Territories: improve administration of programs in the insular areas (see S. 1237), [27JN]
Transportation: provide new infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation (see S. 1250), [27JN]
Cloture motions
Dept. of Education: extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans through Tax Code modifications relative to pension plans (S. 1238), motion to proceed, [8JY], [10JY]
Immigration: reform (S. 744), motion to proceed, [6JN], [11JN]
Water: provide for conservation and development of water and related resources and authorize Corps of Engineers to construct various projects to improve rivers and harbors (S. 601), [9MY]
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Activities During the 112th Congress: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. Rept. 113–4), [21MR]
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Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 112) (S. Rept. 113–17), [22AP]
American Falls Reservoir Hydroelectric Project Deadline for Commencement of Construction Reinstatement and Extension: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 276) (S. Rept. 113–24), [22AP]
Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 447) (S. Rept. 113–63), [27JN]
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park Establishment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 371) (S. Rept. 113–62), [27JN]
Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 26) (S. Rept. 113–16), [22AP]
Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 225) (S. Rept. 113–53), [27JN]
Bureau of Reclamation Participation in Hermiston, OR, Water Recycling and Reuse Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 693) (S. Rept. 113–75), [15JY]
Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 678), [13MY]
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Carson National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 312) (S. Rept. 113–58), [27JN]
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Clarify That Uncertified States and Indian Tribes Have Authority To Use Certain Payments for Noncoal Reclamation Projects and Acid Mine Remediation Programs: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 222) (S. Rept. 113–20), [22AP]
Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (H.R. 316) (S. Rept. 113–69), [27JN]
Denali National Park Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 157) (S. Rept. 113–19), [22AP]
Dept. of the Interior Pilot Project Offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project Modification: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Senate) (S. 244) (S. Rept. 113–22), [22AP]
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